

Highlands County, Florida Polling Locations

<i>Where to Vote</i>	
<i>Precinct</i>	<i>Name and Address</i>
1	Avon Park Community Center 310 W. Main St., Avon Park
2, 2N	Avon Park City Hall Council Chambers 123 E. Pine St., Avon Park
3	Community Bible Church 1400 CR 17A N., Avon Park
4, 4A, 4D	Sun 'N Lake Community Center 3500 Edgewater Dr., Sebring
5	Sebring Hills Clubhouse 200 Lark Ave., Sebring
6	Highlands Shrine Club 2604 SR 17 S., Avon Park
7	Sebring Elks Lodge 2618 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring
8	Jack Stroup Civic Center 355 W. Center Ave., Sebring
9, 9N	Boys and Girls Club 111 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Sebring
10	Sebring Recreation Club 333 Pomegranate Ave., Sebring
11, 11S	Old Desoto City Hall 6305 CR 17 S., Sebring
12	Lorida Community Bldg 1909 Blessings Ave., Lorida
13, 13L	Genesis Center 218 E. Belleview St., Lake Placid
14	Venus Clubhouse 41 Clubhouse Rd., Venus
15, 15S	Bible Fellowship Church 3750 Hammock Rd., Sebring
16, 16A	Avon Park Lakes Clubhouse 2714 Nautilus Dr., Avon Park
17, 17L	American Legion Bldg 1490 US 27 N., Lake Placid
18	Brighton Baptist Church 24050 SR 70 W., Okeechobee
19, 19L	Sun 'N Lakes South Clubhouse 4400 S. Sun N Lakes Blvd., Lake Placid
20, 20N	Spring Lake Community Center 209 Spring Lake Blvd., Sebring
21	First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine 111 Lake Josephine Dr., Sebring
22	Maranatha Village 3945 Arbuckle Creek Rd., Sebring
23	Francis II MHP Clubhouse 2800 Real McCoy Dr., Sebring
24	Sebring Falls Clubhouse 2100 Caribbean Rd., Sebring
25, 25D	Church of Christ 3800 Sebring Pkwy., Sebring

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A Note from the Supervisor

Election Day is quickly approaching and it is an exciting time here in the Elections Office. I take the trust you have placed in me very seriously and try diligently to operate this office in a nonpartisan manner. The Election team strives to treat each voter with respect and provide a friendly and helpful atmosphere.

Elections are vitally important in the success of America, therefore it is equally important that voters take the time to research candidates and issues, then fill out their ballot and be a part of this great right we have as Americans: the right to vote.

Our office is available if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or stop by the Elections office.

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2026 Election Cycle Upcoming Elections

★ **August 18th** Florida Primary Election. Deadline to register in order to vote in this election is July 20, 2026.

★ **November 3rd** Florida General Election. Deadline to register in order to vote in this election is October 5, 2026.

Voter's Bill of Rights

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration is in question.
6. If his or her registration is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from election officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by election officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

Voter Responsibilities

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current address. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
3. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
4. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
5. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
6. Respect the privacy of other voters.
7. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
8. Ask questions, if needed.
9. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

Assistance in Voting

If you need assistance in voting you may bring someone with you to the polling place, however, the voter must first complete an affidavit to secure assistance. If you need assistance and have no one, you may request assistance of the poll workers. If this happens, two poll workers from opposite parties will assist you.

Want to be a Poll Worker?

We are always looking for nonpartisan and competent poll workers. If you are interested in becoming a poll worker and doing your part in the election process, please contact us by calling 863-402-6655.

Highlands County Voting Systems

Highlands county uses an optical scan voting system. This means that, upon verification of your eligibility, you will be presented with a paper ballot printed with the candidates/issues that you are eligible to vote on. You will go to a voting booth and mark your ballot in secret with the pen provided by filling in the oval next to your choice. Once you are finished marking your ballot, you will place it into a machine that reads and records your votes.

Optical Scan

The “Golden Rule” when Voting an Optical Scan Ballot:
Darken in the Oval



ExpressVote Voting Method

Each precinct and early voting site will have an ExpressVote Voting unit for use. The ExpressVote is a universal voting system designed for use by all voters. Voters can use the touchscreen to make their ballot choices. Headphones and a tactile keypad are available for voters who require an audio ballot. Voter assistance is always available when you go to vote.

Information

You May Register to Vote if:

- You are a U.S. citizen,
- You are 18 years of age (you may pre-register at 16, but must be 18 to vote), and
- You are a legal resident of the Florida county in which you wish to register.

Anyone convicted of a felony or declared mentally incompetent with respect to voting, may not register or vote until their civil rights or competency has been restored.

Use a mail-in **Florida Voter Registration Application** completing all required blocks per instructions. The forms are available online, at some governmental offices, public assistance offices, libraries, and driver license offices or upon request by calling the Highlands County Supervisor of Elections Office at 863-402-6655. You may also register in person at the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Changes in your Registration:

It is the responsibility of the voter to keep his or her address current with the Election Office. Be sure you notify us if you have a name change, party affiliation change, or an address change. A new voter information card will then be mailed to you. If you move to another county or state, you must contact the Voter Registration Office in your new location.

Polling Places

On Election day polling places are open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until all voters who are in line to vote at 7:00 p.m. have voted. Your precinct number and polling location are listed on your voter information card. **You will not be permitted to vote at a precinct where you are not assigned.**

Photo and Signature Verification

You are required to present picture and signature identification at the polls when voting. It can be one form of identification or two separate forms of identification. If you do not have proper identification you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. **The following forms of ID are allowed by law.**

Valid Florida driver license
Florida ID card
United States passport
Debit or Credit card
Military ID
U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs Health Id card

Concealed Weapon License
Government employee ID
Retirement ID
Student ID
Neighborhood association ID
Public assistance ID

Early Voting

Early Voting will be conducted at various locations throughout Highlands County prior to election day. You may call our office at 863-402-6655 to find the location nearest to you. Locations and times will be published and available on our website.

Update of Voter Signature

Has your signature changed? When you return an absentee ballot or sign a petition, your signature is verified against the signature we have on file. If the signatures do not match, your absentee ballot may not be counted or your petition may not be accepted. Voters may update their signature by completing a voter registration application. If you need an application, please call 863-402-6655 and we will send one to you.

Important Reminder

Per Florida Statutes, you must vote in the precinct where you are living on Election Day. If you vote in a precinct which does not include your permanent home residence address, you commit a crime. If your address changes before Election Day (even if it is across the street), be certain to notify your Supervisor of Elections. The Elections Office will inform you if you have a new precinct number and polling location.

Florida is a Closed Primary State

In a Florida Primary (unlike in municipal, general and special elections), you may only vote for candidates of the political party in which you are registered. (For example, only persons registered as Republican may vote for Republican candidates and only persons registered as Democratic may vote for Democratic candidates.) There is only one exception - if all candidates running for an office have the same party affiliation, and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, then all registered voters may vote on that race in the primary. It is important to know that in a primary, if there are nonpartisan candidates (such as judicial, or school board candidates) or issues (such as local referendums) on the ballot, all voters may vote on these regardless of party. In general elections, all registered voters may vote on all races and issues.

Voting Absentee

How to Obtain a Vote-by-Mail Ballot

Any registered and qualified voter may vote a vote-by-mail ballot. A ballot may be requested for a specific election or for all elections in the current calendar year. The request can be made in person, by mail, online, or by telephone. Only the voter or a designated member of the voter's immediate family or legal guardian can request a vote-by-mail ballot for the voter. Immediate family means the voter's spouse or the parent, child, grandparent, or sibling of the voter or of the voter's spouse. A ballot request must be done in writing when the ballot will be mailed to an address not already on file with the Elections Office.

A request for a vote-by-mail ballot must include the name of the voter, the voter's address, the voter's date of birth, the voter's signature (if written request) and voter's driver license number or last four digits of their social security number. If the voter has designated an immediate family member to request the ballot for him or her, the designee must also provide his or her own name, address, driver license number or last four digits of their social security number, relationship to the voter and signature (written request only).

Vote-by-mail ballots must be received in the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Military

Military personnel may register to vote or request vote-by-mail ballots with a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) which may be obtained from the Unit Voting Officer.

NOTE: Spouses and dependents are considered to be of the same category of absentee voter as military members and generally should follow the same rules.

U.S. Embassies and Consulates can assist in completing and mailing FPCA forms, vote-by-mail ballots and other election materials. Federal portions of general election and presidential preference primary ballots voted by persons outside the U.S. are counted if postmarked no later than election day and received within 10 days of the election. Additional military election information is available from:

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