



St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections

*2026-2027
Budget Information*



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Board of County Commissioners
St. Johns County
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Dear Commissioners:

Pursuant to Section 129.03(2), Florida Statutes, I respectfully submit the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for the Office of the Supervisor of Elections.

Justifications for the required expenditures for the operation of the Supervisor of Elections Office and for the November 3, 2026, General Election are also included.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Vicky C. Oakes
Supervisor of Elections

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SOE Office Budget and Justifications – Department 0121

0121-51100	Salaries, Fixed – Set by State Law	\$193,600
0121-51200	Regular Salaries	\$1,329,810
0121-51400	Overtime Employees	\$20,000
0121-52100	FICA/Medicare Taxes	\$118,071
0121-52200	Retirement Contributions	\$334,548
0121-52300	Life & Health Insurance	\$305,836
0121-52400	Workmen's Compensation	\$893
0121-53120	Contractual Services – Threat detection, managed service provider, GeoElections support, communications, consultant & legal fees, website maintenance & hosting fees	\$371,641
0121-53130	Software Fees – VR Systems license fees, VR Web Focus, GeoElections, ARC/GIS, firewalls and anti-threat, all support services and license fees	\$153,298
0121-54000	Travel & Per Diem – Elections workshops, FSE yearly conference, Election Center classes, mileage reimbursement for employees on county business	\$22,640
0121-54100	Communications – Telephone and internet primary and backup services, office cell phones	\$47,712
0121-54110	Postage – Annual Mail Meter Permits, UPS, Certified Mail, List Maintenance postage and OECS notices postage	\$62,300
0121-54400	Lease/Rental of Equipment – Postage meter lease, folder lease, printer/scanner/fax/copier multifunction device leases, phone system lease	\$31,368
0121-54500	Insurance – General liability on office and all equipment, coverage on all office vehicles	\$16,580
0121-54601	Equipment Maintenance – Maintenance on tabber machine, mail openers, phone system maintenance, and UPS	\$10,750
0121-54602	Vehicle Maintenance – Maintenance on all office vehicles	\$4,500
0121-55100	Office Supplies – All paper and office supplies, voter information cards, educational and informational materials, and printer supplies	\$255,000
0121-55201	Gas, Oil & Lubricant – For office vehicles	\$2,500
0121-55401	Training – Online training courses and registration fees for election workshops and conferences	\$19,140
0121-55405	Dues & Memberships – FSE (2% of SOE Salary), Election Center, FLGISA	\$4,972

Department 0121 - SOE Budget Expenditure

Item	Description	Actual Expenditures FY 2025	Adopted Budget FY 2026	Estimated Expenditures FY 2026	Department Requested FY 2027
51100	Salaries, Fixed	\$177,952	\$188,180	\$188,180	\$193,600
51200	Regular Salaries	\$1,036,915	\$1,212,397	\$1,212,397	\$1,329,810
51400	Overtime Employees	\$34,823	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$20,000
52100	FICA/Medicare	\$93,819	\$108,483	\$108,483	\$118,071
52200	Retirement Contributions	\$289,090	\$311,523	\$311,523	\$334,548
52202	OPEB Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
52300	Life & Health Insurance	\$200,964	\$288,010	\$288,010	\$305,836
52400	Workmen's Compensation	\$970	\$936	\$936	\$893
52500	Unemployment Compensation	\$1,448	\$0	\$0	\$0
53120	Contractual Services	\$249,230	\$376,396	\$376,396	\$371,641
53130	Software Fees	\$102,607	\$182,328	\$182,328	\$153,298
54000	Travel & Per Diem	\$44,165	\$24,500	\$24,500	\$22,640
54100	Communications	\$30,369	\$42,912	\$42,912	\$47,712
54200	Postage	\$0	\$51,300	\$51,300	\$62,300
54400	Lease/Rental of Equipment	\$13,735	\$21,653	\$21,653	\$31,368
54500	Insurance	\$14,042	\$15,072	\$15,072	\$16,580
54600	Building Maintenance	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
54601	Equipment Maintenance	\$11,883	\$11,850	\$11,850	\$10,750
54602	Vehicle Maintenance	\$1,636	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
54801	Special Events	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
54900	Advertising	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
55100	Office Supplies	\$271,884	\$245,000	\$245,000	\$255,000
55103	Computer Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
55200	Operating Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
55201	Gas, Oil and Lubricants	\$1,071	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
55304	Federal Grant Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
55401	Training	\$0	\$7,440	\$7,440	\$19,140
55405	Dues and Memberships	\$4,316	\$4,652	\$4,652	\$4,972
56400	Equipment	\$0	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0
56401	Office Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
56403	Computer Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
56415	Capital Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total		\$2,580,919	\$3,136,132	\$3,136,132	\$3,305,159
Minus Federal Grants:		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Budget without Grants:		\$2,580,919	\$3,136,132	\$3,136,132	\$3,305,159
Departmental Summary:					
Personnel Services		\$1,834,533	\$2,127,029	\$2,127,029	\$2,302,758
Operating Expenses		\$744,938	\$998,103	\$998,103	\$1,002,401
Capital Improvements		\$0	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0
Total		\$2,579,471	\$3,136,132	\$3,136,132	\$3,305,159

Elections Budget and Justifications – Department 0122

0122-51300	Other Salaries – Part-time Elections staff including Voting Techs, Front Office Staff, Poll Worker Assistant, Vote-By-Mail Staff, Supervised Voting Staff and Poll Worker Class Trainers	\$165,430
0122-51301	Poll Worker Salaries – Election Day and Early Voting poll workers for the 11/03/26 General Election	\$329,335
0122-51400	Overtime Employees	\$8,000
0122-52100	FICA/Medicare Taxes	\$38,462
0122-52400	Workmen’s Compensation – Percentage of salaries set by law	\$291
0122-53120	Contractual Services – Phone Bank (staffing agency), ES&S staff support and training fees, Poll Worker module, Clear Ballot support, Canvassing Board legal fees and security/law enforcement officers	\$164,500
0122-53130	Software Fees – EViD System license fee, EViD stations software fees, ES&S Electionware fees, Ballot on Demand Printer software fees, DS300, DS850, and ExpressVote fees, annual software fee for Spanish translation on ExpressVotes, Clear Ballot software fees	\$176,310
0122-54000	Travel & Per Diem – Mileage for Voting Technicians	\$4,000
0122-54100	Communications – Countywide EViD communication	\$12,185
0122-54113	Transportation Charges – Delivery of voting equipment and election supplies to all polling locations and early voting sites for the election	\$31,000
0122-54200	Postage – Vote-by-mail, sample ballots, polling location changes, UPS & miscellaneous correspondence	\$83,200
0122-54401	Lease/Rental of Building – Rental charges for Election Day polling places	\$4,500
0122-54500	Insurance – General liability on voting booths, DS300 tabulators, BOD printers, EViDs, ADA ExpressVotes, and DS850 tabulators	\$35,167
0122-54601	Equipment Maintenance – Annual hardware maintenance on EViDs, DS300s, ADA ExpressVotes and DS850 vote-by-mail ballot reader	\$90,000
0122-54900	Advertising – Legal and informational advertising required by Florida Statutes (notice of election, book closing ads, polling locations), voting information (vote-by-mail and early voting dates, times, and locations)	\$35,000
0122-55213	Election Supplies – Ballots (test, provisional, sample, vote-by-mail, early voting, precinct), precinct supplies, spare BOD printers, and all supplies necessary to conduct the General Election, all material in English and Spanish languages	\$238,600

Department 0122 - Elections Budget Expenditure

Item	Description	Actual Expenditures FY 2025	Adopted Budget FY 2026	Estimated Expenditures FY 2026	Department Requested FY 2027
51200	Regular Salaries	\$974	\$0	\$0	\$0
51300	Other Salaries	\$124,008	\$184,066	\$184,066	\$165,430
51301	Poll Worker Salaries	\$437,676	\$220,375	\$220,375	\$329,335
51400	Overtime Employees	\$3,432	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
52100	FICA/Medicare	\$17,900	\$31,552	\$31,552	\$38,462
52400	Workmen's Compensation	\$442	\$273	\$273	\$291
52500	Unemployment Compensation	\$7	\$0	\$0	\$0
53120	Contractual Services	\$72,459	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$164,500
53130	Software Fees	\$126,043	\$177,394	\$177,394	\$176,310
54000	Travel & Per Diem	\$3,970	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
54100	Communications	\$20,355	\$12,185	\$12,185	\$12,185
54113	Transportation Charges	\$49,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$31,000
54200	Postage	\$0	\$83,200	\$83,200	\$83,200
54400	Lease/Rental of Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
54401	Lease/Rental of Building	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,500
54500	Insurance	\$32,773	\$40,658	\$40,658	\$35,167
54601	Equipment Maintenance	\$67,372	\$86,300	\$86,300	\$90,000
54900	Advertising	\$37,821	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
55103	Computer Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
55213	Election Supplies	\$354,867	\$223,025	\$223,025	\$238,600
55304	Federal Grant Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
55402	Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
56400	Equipment	\$901,692	\$56,100	\$56,100	
56403	Computer Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total	\$2,254,791	\$1,257,128	\$1,257,128	\$1,415,980
	Minus Federal Grants:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Budget without Grants:	\$2,254,791	\$1,257,128	\$1,257,128	\$1,415,980
	Departmental Summary:				
	Personnel Services	\$584,432	\$444,266	\$444,266	\$541,518
	Operating Expenses	\$768,660	\$756,762	\$756,762	\$874,462
	Capital Improvements	\$901,692	\$56,100	\$56,100	\$0
	Total	\$2,254,784	\$1,257,128	\$1,257,128	\$1,415,980

Supervisor of Elections Overview

The Supervisor of Elections budget varies annually depending upon the number and type of elections contained in each budget cycle, as well as anticipated voter turnout. The November 3, 2026, General Election, is contained in this budget. Significant factors that greatly impact this year's budget are:

- **2026 General Election**
 - Election Day is November 3, 2026, where polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM at 42 polling places throughout the county
 - Anticipated voter turnout of 70%
 - Eleven days of early voting at 10 locations from 8 AM to 6 PM daily
 - Increased staffing and additional poll workers needed
- **Continued Growth in St. Johns County**
 - Population continues to increase daily which translates directly into an increase in registered voters. Accommodating overgrown precincts, those that have reached over 8,000 voters, will be the priority of the Elections Office throughout the 2026/2027 budget year, following the 2026 General Election. In order to adapt to growth and to provide added accessibility for the 2028 elections, increases may include adding:
 - Three to four Election Day polling places
 - One additional early voting location
 - Additional poll workers
- **Increasing Operation Costs**
 - The cost of postage will increase on July 12, 2026, as well as a 4.8-6.8% increase in mailing services product prices. This increase will greatly affect the cost of all required mailings for the November 3, 2026, General Election and all general correspondence, such as vote-by-mail ballots, sample ballots, voter information cards, list maintenance notices, and more.
 - All vendors increase their pricing year to year, directly increasing the cost of doing business. Paper product prices have also risen in 2026, affecting the cost of sample ballots, vote-by-mail ballot kits, early voting ballots, Election Day ballots, and more.

Budget Summary

	FY 2027 Requested	Percentage Change from FY 2026
SOE Office – Dept 0121	\$3,305,159	+5.38% increase (\$169,027)
Elections – Dept 0122	\$1,415,980	+12.63% increase (\$158,852)
Total Requested Funds:	\$4,721,139	+7.46 % increase (\$327,879)

Duties of the Supervisor of Elections



The Supervisor of Elections is the official designated by Florida law to administer voter registration and elections in St. Johns County. The primary duties of the Supervisor include:

Voter Registration

- Register eligible voters and issue voter information cards
- Maintain accurate voter registration rolls by conducting list maintenance
- Remove voters who have moved out of Florida, are deceased, or for any reason are no longer eligible to vote in Florida
- Update voter registration records when a request is received (name, address, party affiliation)
- Maintain and provide registration statistics and demographics

Elections

- Ensure the safety and security of our elections
- Conduct federal, state, county, municipal, special district, and community development district elections in St. Johns County
- Maintain, program and test voting equipment for elections
- Acquire, equip, and staff polling places
- Maintain precinct information, including an accurate street index
- Maintain and provide election results and voting history
- Hire and train poll workers including bilingual workers who speak English and Spanish
- Send a notice of election to all overseas and military voters prior to each election cycle
- Provide election dates and voting information according to election laws in English and Spanish
- Accept vote-by-mail ballot requests. Send, receive, and verify vote-by-mail ballots

Candidates and Petitions

- Qualify candidates for county, municipal, special district offices, and community development district offices
- Receive candidate campaign finance reports for all candidates and make them available to the public
- Verify petition signatures for constitutional amendment petitions and candidate qualifying petitions

Voter Education

- Provide voter outreach education and information in English and in Spanish
- Conduct annual voter education programs in all public/private county high schools and nursing/assisted living homes
- Conduct high school student government elections
- Publish election and voter information in local media in English and in Spanish

The Florida Voter Registration System (FVRS)

The Department of State (DOS) is responsible for the security and integrity of the Florida Voter Registration System (FVRS) and continues to upgrade FVRS to state-of-the-art hardware, software, and firewalls to safeguard voter information. FVRS serves as the “official” voter registration list for conducting all elections for federal, state, and local offices in Florida.



FVRS IS:

- Administered by the Department of State who delegates voter registration duties and records maintenance activities to the local Supervisor of Elections
- Contains the name and registration information of every registered voter in the state
- Coordinates with other agency databases including: the Department of Health, the Clerk of the Circuit Courts, United States Attorney's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Board of Executive Clemency, Department of Corrections, and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles



ELECTIONS OFFICIALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Acting as the official custodian of voter registration documents at the county level
- Accepting voter registration applications and updating voter information
- Entering new voter registrations
- Scanning documents into the system
- Ensuring that list maintenance duties are conducted in accordance with Section 98.065 and 98.075, Florida Statutes
- Mailing voter information cards following an update to a voter's information, or any time changes are made to precincts or polling locations
- Entering and maintaining requests for vote-by-mail ballots
- Verifying candidate and constitutional amendment petitions
- Entering voter history following each election



ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION:

Online voter registration is convenient, secure, and available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. **Register to Vote Florida.gov** is mobile friendly and accessible through our website **www.votesjc.gov** by clicking “Register to Vote”.

To submit a registration online, applicants must have a Florida Driver License or Florida Identification (ID) card and the last four digits of their Social Security number. Once the individual's identity is verified and the application is deemed complete, a voter information card will be issued by the Elections Office. The online application can be used by new voters registering as well as existing voters to update their address, make name and party changes, or request a replacement voter information card.

The online voter registration system also incorporates:

- Load testing and stress testing to ensure that the system has sufficient capacity to accommodate foreseeable use, including during specified periods of high volume
- Screening of computers and networks used to support the system for malware and other vulnerabilities
- Evaluation of database infrastructure in order to fortify defenses against cyberattacks
- Identification of any anticipated threats to the security and integrity of data collected, maintained, received, or transmitted by the system

Voter Registration Services

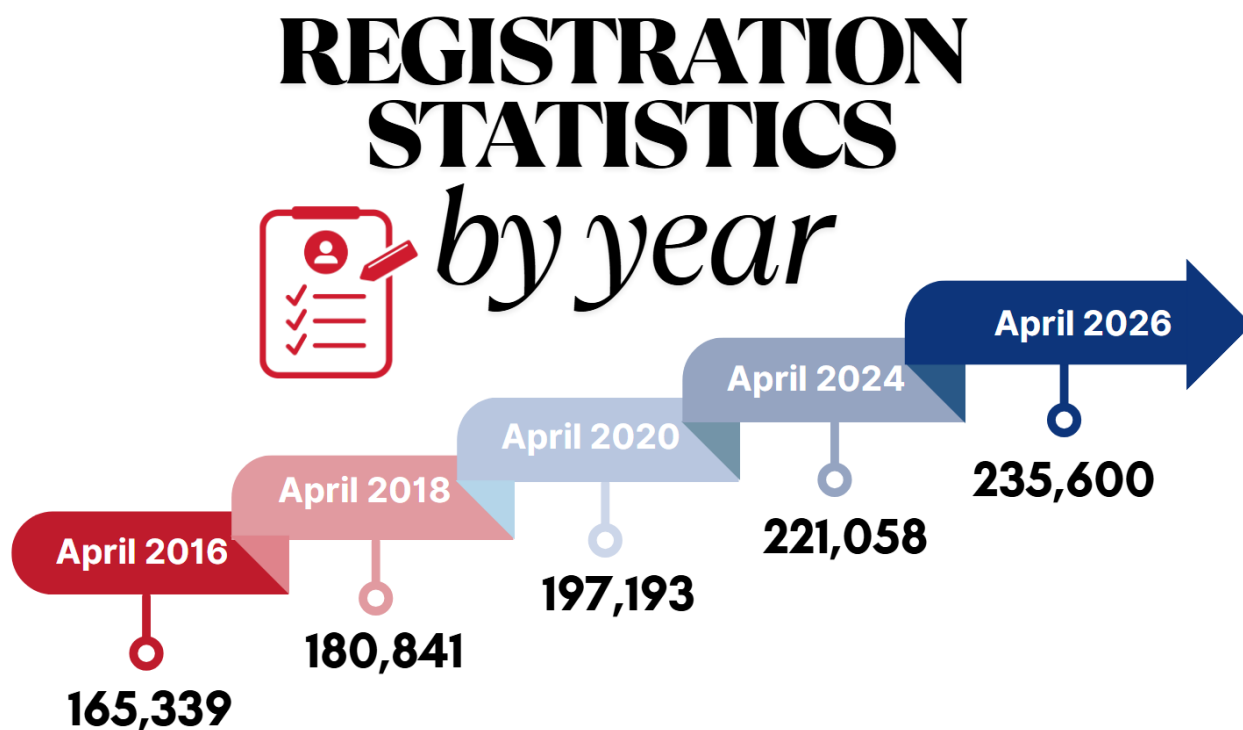
The Supervisor of Elections Office operates at one facility located at 4455 Avenue A, Suite 101, in St. Augustine. Under current law, voter registration services are also provided for in a number of locations throughout St. Johns County.

Section 97, Florida Statutes, designates specific locations as voter registration agencies where voters may register to vote or make changes to their voter record in person. Utilizing these locations is critical to the operations of the Elections Office and negates the need for Branch Office locations.

These locations include:

- St. Johns County Tax Collector Offices, which issue driver licenses at Ponte Vedra, Julington Creek, St. Augustine, and DuPont Center
- St. Johns County Public Libraries: Anastasia Island Branch, Bartram Trail Branch, Hastings Branch, Main Branch in St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra Beach Branch, Southeast Branch, as well as a bookmobile which travels around the county
- Offices that provide public assistance or serve persons with disabilities
- Armed forces recruiting offices consisting of four offices within St. Johns County

For voters unable to visit any of the locations listed above, all services provided by the Supervisor of Elections Office are available on our website, www.votesjc.gov, ensuring that our services are accessible at all times.



List Maintenance Activities

List maintenance programs are conducted to protect the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring the maintenance of accurate and current voter registration records. List maintenance is a daily, ongoing process as the Supervisor of Elections receives:

- Mail returned undeliverable from the Post Office
- Updates from other agencies:
 - Weekly felony convictions, mentally incapacitated rulings, and jury notice lists from the St. Johns County Clerk of Courts
 - Department of State notifications of felony convictions, mentally incapacitated, or identified as noncitizens through the SAVE database
 - Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles driver license lists
 - Address updates
 - Voters who obtain a driver license in another state
 - Deceased voters
 - Department of Health daily deceased notifications
 - Requests from voters to be removed from rolls
 - Biannual mailings to voters who have not voted in the last two General Elections

In order to keep St. Johns County voter rolls as accurate as possible, our voter rolls are sent to match against the National Change of Address (NCOA) every 60 days. Any address change information received for a voter by the post office triggers a mailing to the voter and request to update their voter request or cancel their registration if they have moved to another state. Under Florida law, list maintenance activities are frozen 90 days before an election.

All list maintenance activities are tracked and submitted to the Division of Elections twice a year. On January 31 and July 31, the Supervisor of Elections is required to certify the list maintenance activities conducted during the six months prior.

In 2025 , St. Johns County conducted list maintenance activities. As a result:	In 2026 , from January 1 st – May 15 th , list maintenance activities included:
- 2,283 Deceased voters were removed from the Florida Voter Registration System - 69 Voters who listed a residence that is not his or her legal residence addresses were removed - 134 Convicted felons were removed from the Florida Voter Registration System - 13 Adjudicated mentally incapacitated were removed - 1,349 Address Confirmation Requests were sent - 7,005 Address Change Notices were sent - 18,066 Address Confirmation Final Notices were sent. Of which, 1,691 registered voters responded - 15,907 Registered voters were placed on <u>Inactive</u> status	- 925 Deceased voters were removed from the Florida Voter Registration System - 92 Voters who listed a residence that is not his or her legal residence addresses were removed - 46 Convicted felons were removed from the Florida Voter Registration System - 1 Adjudicated mentally incapacitated were removed - 337 Address Confirmation Requests were sent - 3,807 Address Change Notices were sent - 2,702 Address Confirmation Final Notices were sent. Of which, 634 registered voters responded - 1,881 Registered voters were placed on <u>Inactive</u> status

Voter Education and Outreach

The Supervisor of Elections relies on a variety of tools that have proven most useful and accessible to voters. These include the office website, direct mail—such as voter information cards, sample ballots, the St. Johns County Citizen’s Guide to Registering and Voting (being mailed in June 2026), polling place change notices, and list maintenance correspondence—as well as newspaper articles and advertisements in community publications. Additional outreach efforts involve radio interviews and advertising, social media platforms like Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, and Instagram, and GTV. The Elections Office also engages the community through public speaking presentations, voter education programs in St. Johns County high schools, St. Johns River State College, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, office tours, and poll worker orientation classes.

The Supervisor of Elections Office website remains the primary resource, offering 24/7 access to voter and election information on all devices. A GIS Map Portal allows users to create and download custom maps tailored to their specific needs.



2026 Legislative Changes

CS/HB 991 was signed into law on April 1, 2026, and introduces significant changes to voter registration and verification rules, with a strong focus on U.S. citizenship. This bill was passed with an effective date of January 1, 2027, meaning none of its provisions will apply to the 2026 elections. This delayed implementation allows state and county election officials time to update systems and procedures.

Statutory changes include:

- Updated voter ID requirements for voting in person: Acceptable forms of identification will include a Florida driver license or ID card, U.S. passport or passport card, military or Merchant Marine ID, Veteran Health ID, concealed weapon license, and government-issued employee IDs (excluding student IDs).
- Citizenship verification at registration: Voter registration applications must verify citizenship through DHSMV records when available. If unverifiable, applicants may need to provide documentation, which will be recorded in the voter system.
- Documentary proof of citizenship: Establishes a defined list of acceptable documents when registering to vote (e.g., birth certificate, passport, naturalization certificate).
- Voter list maintenance: Clarifies and expands procedures for identifying and reviewing potentially ineligible voters due to non-citizenship, while maintaining the current review process.
- Expanded data matching: The Department of State will use additional data sources, including DHSMV and federal court records, to identify potential ineligibility.

New Mandated Requirements for Supervisors of Elections:

- Provide notice to voters identified as potentially ineligible and allow them to submit approved proof of citizenship
- Maintain detailed records of citizenship verification, including the type of documentation provided
- Review and process additional data from state and federal sources to determine voter eligibility
- Follow updated statutory procedures for handling and resolving eligibility challenges

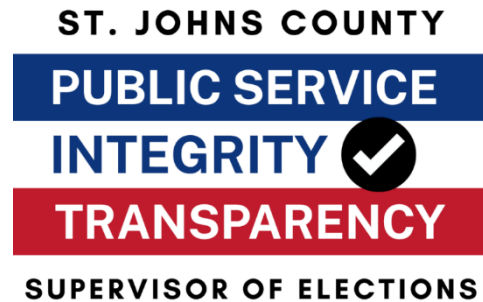
New Actions for Supervisors of Elections:

- Implement system and procedural updates before the January 1, 2027, effective date
- Coordinate with the Department of State on enhanced data matching and eligibility reviews
- Process and track citizenship verification documentation within voter registration systems
- Administer updated candidate qualification requirements, including:
 - Disclosure of fines over \$250, dual citizenship status, and (for federal candidates) stock trading intentions
 - Enforcement of a 365-day party affiliation or no-party status requirement
 - Managing candidate eligibility challenges, including ballot removal or public notice if a candidate is deemed ineligible

2026 Election Schedule

2026 Primary Election – August 18, 2026
Election occurs during fiscal year 2025/2026

2026 General Election – November 3, 2026
Election occurs during fiscal year 2026/2027



General Election (F.S. 100.031) – November 3, 2026

A general election shall be held in each county on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year, to choose a successor to each elective federal, state, county, district and local officer whose term will expire before the next general election, and for voting on constitutional amendments.

Timelines	
April 20-24, 2026	<i>Qualifying for U.S. Senator, Judicial, State Attorney, and Public Defender</i>
June 8-12, 2026	<i>Qualifying for U.S. Representative*, State Senator, State Representative, County Offices, Special Districts, Municipalities, and Community Development Districts</i> <i>*Due to redistricting</i>
September 19, 2026	<i>Mailing of Vote-by-Mail Ballots Begins</i>
October 5, 2026	<i>Voter Registration Deadline</i>
October 21-October 31, 2026	<i>Early Voting Period - Polls Open 8 AM to 6 PM Daily</i>
November 3, 2026	<i>Election Day - Polls Open 7 AM to 7 PM</i>

Municipal Elections

Voters residing within a municipality in St. Johns County are entitled to vote on their City Commissioners. Separate voter registration is not required. All municipal elections are held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled primary and general elections. The municipalities included are the City of St. Augustine and the City of St. Augustine Beach.

Special District Elections

The independent special districts located solely within St. Johns County have also adopted resolutions which provide for the Supervisor of Elections to conduct their elections. Those districts are as follows:

- St. Johns County Airport Authority
- Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County
- St. Augustine Port, Waterway, and Beach Commission
- Municipal Service District of Ponte Vedra Beach

Community Development Districts

Community Development District elections are also conducted by the Elections Office in accordance with Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. During the 2026 election cycle, a total of thirty

CDD elections will be conducted by the Supervisor of Elections Office. All Community Development District and Special District elections, with the exception of the Municipal Service District of Ponte Vedra Beach, appear on the general election ballot.

Each municipality, special district, and community development district is billed for the proportionate share of the cost of their elections. The revenues are deposited into the county general fund.

Constitutional Amendments

The following two constitutional amendments will appear on the November 3, 2026, General Election ballot. A potential third constitutional amendment may be added by state legislators this summer.

No. 1 Constitutional Amendment Article III, Section 19
Budget Stabilization Fund Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the amount of funds that may be retained in the budget stabilization fund from 10% to 25% of general revenue collections, require the legislature to transfer the lesser of \$750 million or the amount required to reach 25% of the general revenue collections each year unless certain conditions are met, and allow the legislature to withdraw funds for critical state needs. Yes No

No. 2 Constitutional Amendment Article VII, Section 3 and Article XII
Exemption of Tangible Personal Property on Agricultural Land from Taxation Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to exempt tangible personal property habitually located or typically present on land classified as agricultural, used in the production of agricultural products or for agritourism activities, and owned by the landowner or leaseholder of the agricultural land from ad valorem taxation. If approved this amendment would first apply for tax years beginning January 1, 2027. Yes No

2026 Offices Scheduled for Election

Federal

- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress - Districts 5 & 6

State

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Chief Financial Officer
- Commissioner of Agriculture
- State Representative - Districts 18, 19 & 20
- Circuit Judges - 7th Judicial Circuit
- Justices, Supreme Court of Florida (only those whose terms expire January 2027)
- Judges, District Courts of Appeal (only those whose terms expire January 2027)

County

- County Commissioners – Districts 2 & 4
- School Board Members – Districts 1, 3 & 4

Municipalities

- City of St. Augustine – 3/Mayor, 4 & 5
- City of St. Augustine Beach – Seats 3, 4 & 5

Special Districts

- Anastasia Mosquito Control District – Seats 2 & 4
- St. Johns County Airport Authority – Groups 1, 2 & 3
- St. Johns Soil & Water Conservation District – Groups 1, 3 & 5
- Municipal Service District of Ponte Vedra Beach – Seats 1, 3, 5 & 7

Community Development Districts

There are 30 districts up for election. For a complete list of CDDs, visit www.votesjc.gov.

Constitutional Amendments

There will be 2 constitutional amendments on the 2026 General Election ballot. View them on the previous page, your sample ballot, or at www.votesjc.gov.

Additional Ballot Proposals

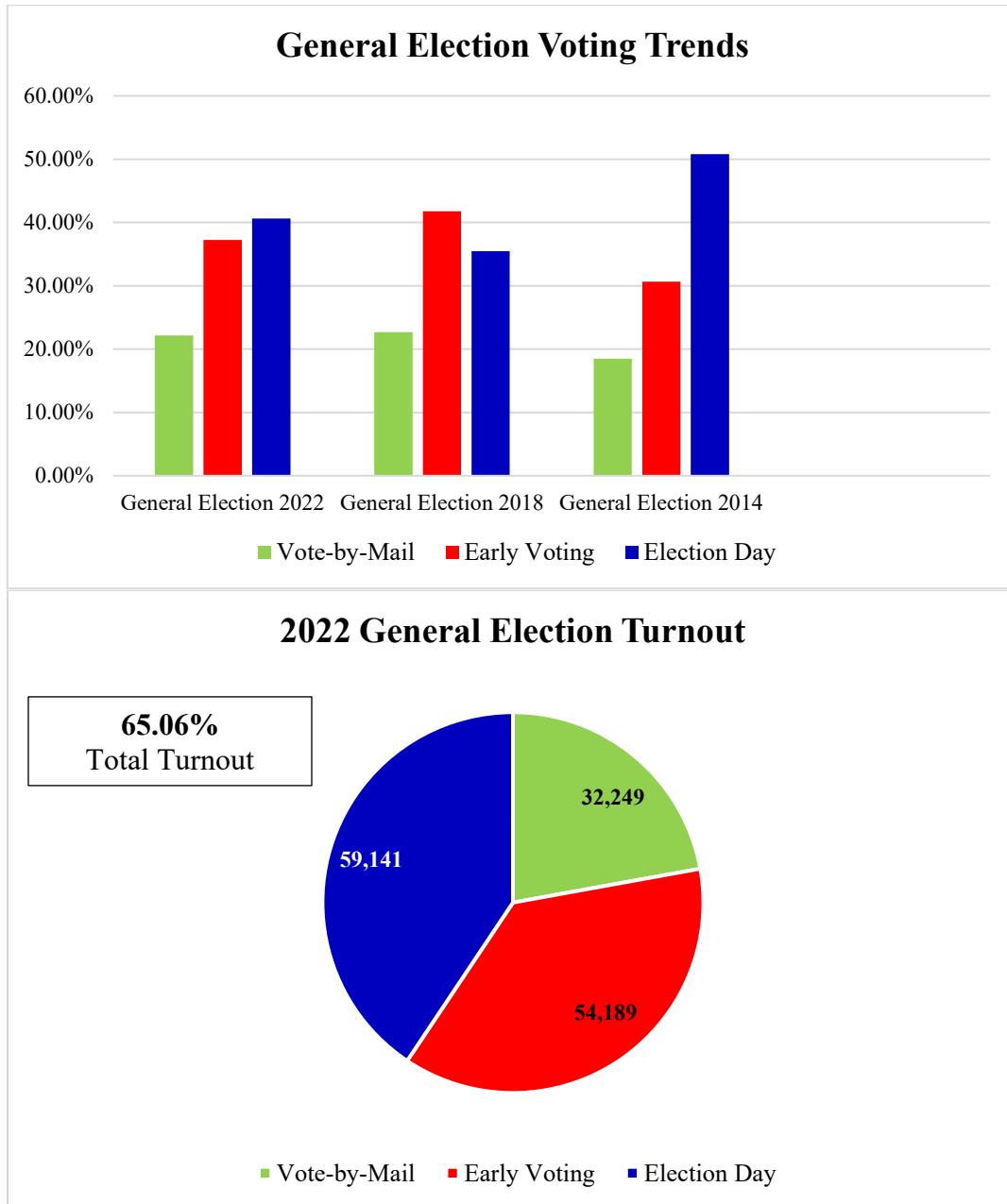
A potential third constitutional amendment may be placed on the November 3, 2026, General Election ballot if approved through a special session this summer.



Voting Trends

For the 2026 election cycle, we expect to see voters continue to vote in the way they find most convenient. Florida law provides multiple ways for voters to cast their ballots. Many factors affect whether a voter will vote-by-mail, early, or on Election Day.

For the purpose of the 2026/2027 FY budget, we are anticipating a 70% voter turnout for the November 3, 2026, General Election. The following chart shows trends and voter turnout in St. Johns County Gubernatorial General Elections:



Vote-by-Mail

Vote-by-mail ballots can be requested in person at the Supervisor of Elections Office, by calling 904-823-2238, online at www.votesjc.gov, or by completing a statewide vote-by-mail ballot request form. Any registered voter can request a vote-by-mail ballot. Under Florida law, vote-by-mail requests are valid through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled general election. When making a request, the voter's name, address, date of birth, and Florida driver license number or ID number, or the last four digits of their Social Security number are required. Elections Office staff compare this information with the voter's information on their voter record to confirm their identity. The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed is no later than 5 PM on the 12th day before an election. In order to be counted, vote-by-mail ballots must be returned to the Elections Office by 7 PM on Election Day.

Supervised Voting

Supervised voting is made available for St. Johns County voters residing in assisted living and nursing home facilities, and is regulated by section 101.655, Florida Statutes. Visits are coordinated with the administrator of the facility. Bipartisan supervised voting teams who are employees of the Elections Office bring vote-by-mail ballots to the facility for voters who have requested them and assist the voters when requested. Completed ballots are returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office by the supervised voting team, but voters are also given the option to keep their ballot to be returned later, or to seek assistance from whom they choose before mailing their ballot back. All eligible facilities will be contacted to offer this service for the 2026 Primary and General Elections.

Enhanced Voting



The Enhanced Voting system provides an accessible vote-by-mail solution that is consistent with Florida law for use by voters identifying as having a disability. This system also provides ballots for UOCAVA (military and overseas) voters. Enhanced Ballot is a state-of-the-art electronic ballot delivery system that allows the voters the ability to access their precinct-specific ballot, mark, and download it. The voter must return their voted ballot to the Elections Office by the statutory deadline. Civilian voters may return their ballots by mail, and overseas voters have the option to fax their voted ballots if needed. Electronic return of a voted ballot is strictly prohibited by law. All ballot return instructions are provided to the voter through the system.

Enhanced Ballot is an accessible vote-by-mail system that has full comparability with personal assistive devices and screen readers without sacrificing voter privacy and security. It also provides a built-in means to increase font-size and alter contrast ratios for voters with impaired sight.

Early Voting

Early voting is a very popular method of voting due to the convenience it affords the voter. Trends reflect voters prefer to vote when it's convenient for their schedule, rather than on a specific date and at a specific location during the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM.

For the November 3, 2026, General Election, there will be eleven days of early voting, from Saturday, October 21, to Saturday, October 31, including two Saturdays and one Sunday. Ten early voting locations will be open from 8 AM to 6 PM daily. This schedule provides St. Johns County voters with flexibility to vote when it fits their schedule. Voters are also able to vote at any early voting location, rather than being limited to their home precinct like on Election Day.

Voters can check out the Election Dates section of our website to learn information as it becomes available about dates and voting times.

Voting at the Polls on Election Day

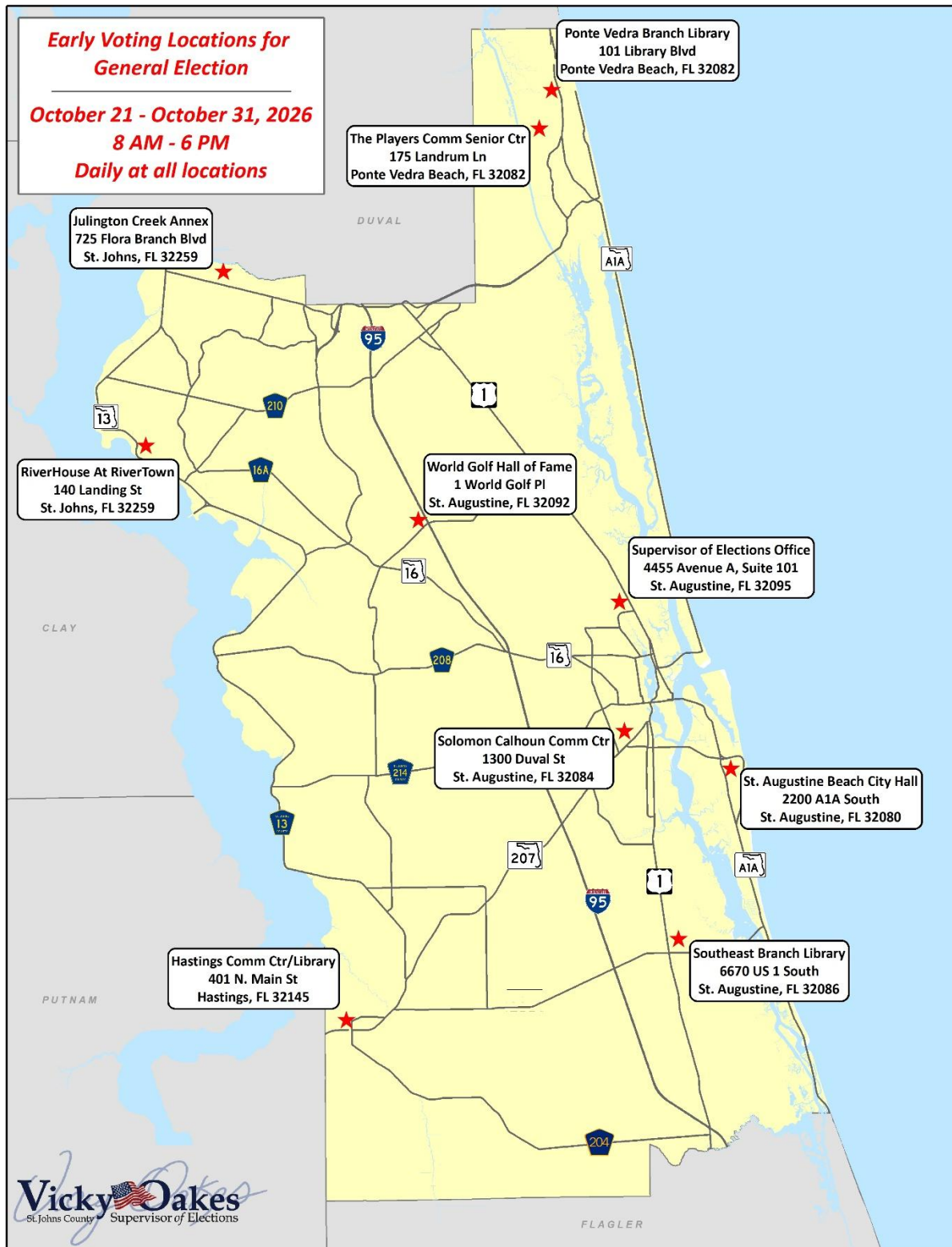
Some voters still prefer to vote in the traditional way and cast their ballot at their polling place on Election Day. Polls are open 7 AM to 7 PM. Voters are required to vote at their assigned polling location on Election Day, which is determined by their residential address.

We provide many options for voters to learn their assigned Election Day polling place. In an election year, we mail our "Citizen's Guide to Registering and Voting" to all residences in St. Johns County. Voters are mailed sample ballots that are personalized for their polling location. If a voter prefers, they can request a sample ballot to be sent via email, rather than by regular mail. Voters can visit our website at www.votesjc.gov to look up their voting location using our "Find My Polling Place" tool. When a polling place changes, voters are mailed new, updated voter information cards, information is posted on our website, and signage is placed at the old precinct to direct voters to the new polling location. Additionally, we also advertise in local and community newspapers to reach more voters and distribute the information through all social media.

Access to convenient, safe polling locations is a priority for the Elections Office. In 2025, two precincts were added to accommodate significant population growth in two areas of the county. To better serve voters in these areas, adjustments have been made to precinct boundaries and polling locations. This increased the total number of precincts to 55.



2026 General Election Early Voting Map



Elections Staffing

The day-to-day operations of the Supervisor of Elections Office differs from the workload brought on by an election. We will transition from a staff of 18 full-time employees to approximately 700 employees, including 35 part-time temporary workers, who are required to conduct a successful election. Due to continued growth of voters and service demands on the office, we plan to hire and train fifty more poll workers for the 2026 election cycle than we did in 2024.

To complete our work force, we rely on:

- Part-time, temporary employees
- Poll workers
- Contractual workers

Outsourcing has also become a great use of our resources, improving the efficiency of our office during busy times.

Poll Workers

We have great elections in St. Johns County because of dedicated individuals who serve their community proudly as poll workers. It takes a large team to ensure that each and every voter is afforded the opportunity to cast their ballot. For the upcoming 2026 election cycle, we anticipate hiring and training approximately 650 poll workers.

Poll workers are temporary employees of the Supervisor of Elections Office hired to work at voting locations during early voting and on Election Day. Based on skills and experience, poll workers are assigned to one of the following positions:

- Clerk
- Assistant Clerk
- Equipment Inspector
- Poll Deputy



Training Classes

Florida law requires all poll workers to attend mandatory training classes for each election. Sensitivity and conflict resolution is a highly important, required part of the training sessions. Additional training is also required regarding assisting voters, issuing ballots, and materials that are available at all voting locations.

Online training has become a very useful tool in educating our workers and helps reduce the amount of time spent on the in-person training classes. Some of the required training is now provided online, and we continue to pursue the best tools available to train our poll workers. By offering part of the poll worker training online, poll workers can take the preliminary class at their own convenience before attending in-person training that focuses on hands-on equipment instruction.

Voting Equipment

Whether voting by mail or in person, Florida voters cast their ballots using the safest system that exists: A paper ballot! St. Johns County voters have been voting on paper ballots since 1994, and all of Florida transitioned to paper ballots in 2008.

Florida law requires that a county must use an electronic or electromechanical precinct-count tabulation voting system (F.S. 101.5604). Our voting equipment is federally and state certified. To be used in any election in Florida, the voting system must be approved by the State. The State is required to test and determine that the hardware and software meet the standards set in law.

In 2024, the Elections Office purchased new precinct tabulators, the ES&S DS300, to be used in the 2026 election cycle which replaced our aging fleet of DS200s. In 2025, significant system upgrades were made to both our ExpressVote machines and tabulation system.

DS300 (Replacing the DS200 for the 2026 Election Cycle)

The DS300 is ES&S' newest precinct tabulator. Like other ES&S products, the DS300 is designed to meet the latest and ever-evolving standards in security, accuracy, and reliability.

DS300s maintain the highest level of physical and digital security controls. Each DS300 is paired with an encrypted card containing the firmware inside the unit. This technology ensures the card cannot be taken out of the machine and altered, viewed, or changed. If the DS300 unit detects a counterfeit card, it will not boot up. Only approved and certified USB flash drives are accepted by the tabulator to prevent unauthorized data transfers or uploads.

The DS300 also offers improved stability during transport, and overall faster processing speeds.

Like the DS200, the DS300 is a paper ballot tabulator that will be used at all early voting sites and Election Day polling locations to count ballots. Voters receive a paper ballot, mark their ballot by filling in an oval to the left of each of their choices, and feed the ballot into the DS300 for immediate tabulation. Voters are notified of improperly marked ballots and given an opportunity to review their ballot and obtain a replacement when necessary.

ADA Voting Equipment

Federal and State requirements that meet ADA guidelines for people with disabilities require that voting systems allow the same opportunity for all voters at every voting location.

An ExpressVote allows blind and visually impaired voters to vote privately without assistance. People who are visually impaired may access the system's audio feature. Once a voter has made their selections, the ExpressVote prints an abbreviated paper ballot that is inserted into the DS300 by the voter for tabulation.



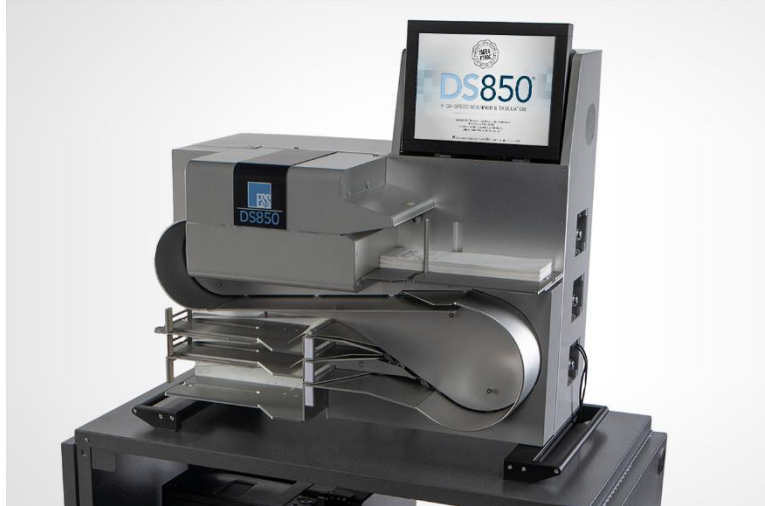
Ballot on Demand Printers

The use of ballot on demand printers has proven to be cost effective and allows the greatest flexibility for providing ballots to voters during early voting, and at some precincts on Election Day. The systems ease of use, flexibility and durability make it an effective solution for printing test ballots, over the counter vote-by-mail ballots, and early voting ballots.

DS850 High Speed Vote-by-Mail Tabulator

The high-speed vote-by-mail ballot tabulator completes the suite of tabulation equipment. The ES&S DS850 high-speed, digital scan ballot tabulator has a processing rate of up to 300 ballots per minute.

Results from early voting, Election Day precincts, and vote-by-mail ballots are combined at the Elections Office. After the polls close on Election Night, election results are released to the public and posted on our website.



Electronic Voter Identification System (EViDs)

The EViDs (electronic poll books) are one of the best tools we have to combat voter fraud, along with Florida law which requires photo and signature ID when voting in person. When a voter checks in, their voting history is updated almost immediately, which prevents a voter from voting twice.

EViDs allow us to conduct successful elections by streamlining the voter check-in process. During early voting and Election Day operations, each EViD communicates securely with the Elections Office to maintain up-to-the-minute accuracy on its voter file. Features of the EViDs include:

- Access to voter database assures that only valid registered voters are eligible to cast a ballot and have it counted
- Voters who move and have not updated their address can have their address updated quickly and vote the correct ballot
- The EViD provides the correct location and prints instructions for a voter who checks in at the wrong precinct on Election Day
- Voters whose registration is questionable must vote a provisional ballot
- The number of voters checking in at each voting location is updated in almost real time and updated on our website for public viewing of daily voter turnout by location

Elections Integrity

Florida has become the platinum standard in conducting elections. No perfect system exists; however, over the years our state legislators have been proactive in updating our laws to improve the accuracy of our voter rolls, allowing for processing vote-by-mail ballots in advance of Election Day in order to provide timely results while maintaining a balance of open and transparent elections.

	• Photo and signature ID are required when voting in-person
	• Every voter in Florida casts their ballot using a paper ballot • E-pollbooks automatically update the voter record when a ballot is cast by mail or in person, which prevents a voter from voting twice
	• Florida law ONLY allows a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a voter upon request ◦ Identifying information is required to make a request, confirming a voter's identity ◦ Voter's name, birthdate, FL driver license number or ID number, or last four digits of Social Security number must be attached to voter record for verification
	• Signature verification of every vote-by-mail ballot • Secure Ballot Intake Stations inside early voting locations are monitored at all times by Supervisor of Elections staff and are only available during voting hours
	• Florida law allows processing of vote-by-mail ballots prior to Election Day • Poll watchers are present at early voting and Election Day precincts to watch and observe the process
	• Chain of Custody logs at Election Day precincts, and daily at early voting sites • Canvassing Board processes are open to the public ◦ Public test of voting equipment before each election ◦ Equipment certified counting accurately prior to being used in an election ◦ Canvassing - opening and counting of vote-by-mail ballots ◦ Election night receipt of ballots and materials, review, and audits
	• Certification of election results • 100% post-election audits • Ballots are retained for 22 months

Election Security



Florida continues to make investments in election security and enhanced collaboration between the Florida Department of State and Florida's 67 local Supervisors of Elections.

Joint Election Security Initiative

The Joint Election Security Initiative (JESI) created a framework enabling all 67 counties to tightly control access to sensitive and classified information with the Florida Department of State on security policies and any attempted breaches. JESI reflects a historic level of collaboration with Supervisors of Elections, strengthening efforts to protect and preserve the integrity of Florida's elections.

Cybersecurity

Maintaining the security and integrity of St. Johns County's elections and voter data remains our highest priority. We take proactive and vigilant approaches, working closely with state, federal, and non-governmental partners to help address cybersecurity challenges and the ever-growing demands on our systems. Their continued support is essential to anticipating potential threats and managing the ongoing pressures on election infrastructure.

Florida Has Open – Transparent Elections

The Canvassing Board is established in Section 102.141, Florida Statutes. The Board consists of the following members:

- County Judge and an alternate
- Supervisor of Elections
- County Commissioner and an alternate

The duties of the Canvassing Board are to oversee the following:

- Public test of the voting equipment (L&A Testing)
- Canvass of vote-by-mail ballots
- Canvass of provisional ballots
- Certify unofficial election results
- Conduct recounts
- Canvass 10-day overseas vote-by-mail ballots
- Certify official election results
- Conduct post-election audit



Florida continues to have open, transparent elections. All meetings of the Canvassing Board are open to the public, candidates, political party representatives, members of the press and anyone who wishes to attend. Canvassing Board meeting dates are provided to candidates and political parties, placed on our website, and posted at the Elections Office.

Post-Election Audits

Post-election audits have been conducted in Florida since 2007 in every election with the exception of when a manual recount occurs. New technology is now available specifically for post-election audits. This new technology along with recent law and Division of Elections rule changes now allow for supervisors in Florida to conduct a 100% audit on their entire election to confirm the accuracy of the results.

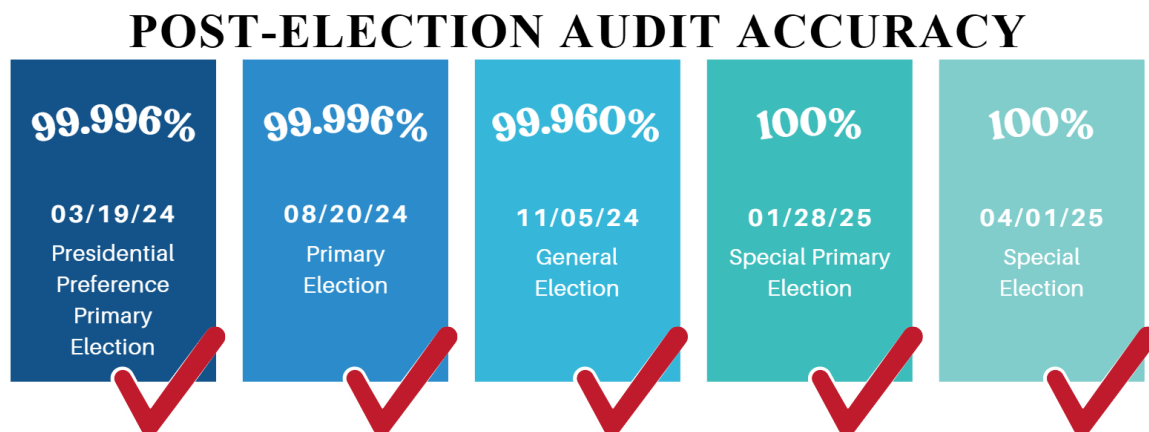
Florida law states that an automated audit shall consist of a public automated tally of the votes cast across every race that appears on the ballot. The tally sheet shall include Election Day, vote-by-mail, early voting, provisional, and overseas ballots. This independent report is then compared to the tabulated totals at a publicly noticed Canvassing Board meeting. Audit results are to be posted on each Supervisor's website and reported to the Division of Elections. Year after year, election after election, our post-election audits confirmed the accuracy of our voting equipment.

Clear Ballot System

In July 2023, the Florida Division of Elections approved the Clear Ballot ClearAudit system for results verification. This system provides a 100% audit independent from our tabulation system, giving voters increased confidence in St. Johns County election results. Thirty-eight counties in Florida now use the ClearAudit system for full audits following each election.

The Clear Ballot audit system offers independent auditing and results verification. The ClearAudit system quickly tabulates ballots with its high-speed scanners and performs results verification separately from our tabulation system. The scanning technology reads pen ink of any color and produces the highest resolution ballot images available. The Clear Ballot system provides voters with increased confidence in the election results.

Beginning with the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election, 100% audits have been conducted following every election in St. Johns County. It is important voters have confidence in our voting system – that their vote has been counted accurately, while independently confirming the accuracy of our voting machines.



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Our Mission: As a public servant, the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections provides voter education, encourages citizen participation, and conducts safe, secure, transparent, and accurate elections.

