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St. Johns County

Citizen's Guide to the

Presidential Preference Primary Election

March 19, 2024

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Important Dates for the Presidential Preference Primary Election

Deadline to Register to Vote or Change Party Affiliation
February 20, 2024

Early Voting
March 9 through March 16, 2024
9 AM to 6 PM daily at all locations

Election Day
March 19, 2024
Polls Open 7 AM to 7 PM

a message from

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St. Johns County Voters,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024! With three elections scheduled this year, it's going to be an exciting time for voters to take part in the political process and make an impact in our community and across the country. The Presidential Preference Primary Election, scheduled for March 19, 2024, only occurs once every four years and is the first important step in a process that allows U.S. Citizens to participate in electing their next President. **Please review this publication carefully, as Florida is a closed primary state and voter eligibility is carefully explained.**

This guide will provide the information you need to register to vote, participate in the election, and cast your ballot. This is also a good time to make sure your voter information is current, and you are up to date on any recent changes in election laws and processes. Hopefully, you will find this guide helpful and informative. If you need additional information or have questions about the Presidential Preference Primary Election in March, please visit www.votesjc.gov or contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at 904-823-2238.

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what is the PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION?

The Presidential Preference Primary Election is part of the presidential nominating process for Florida's two major political parties. Voters registered with those parties express their preference for the presidential candidate they would like to represent their party on the General Election ballot in November.

After the Presidential Preference Primary Election, designated political party delegates from Florida formally nominate the preferred presidential candidate at the respective party's national convention. These national conventions are typically held in July or August. Based on rules governing delegate voting procedures, each party decides at the convention which presidential candidate will represent them in the November General Election.

what is the difference BETWEEN A PRIMARY AND A GENERAL ELECTION?

Primary Election - August 20, 2024
The Primary Election precedes the November General Election and is the nominating process by which the political parties choose their preferred candidates to fill national, state, multicounty, county, or district offices, and where all voters, regardless of party affiliation, vote for nonpartisan offices and in universal primary contests.

General Election - November 5, 2024
The General Election is held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, in even numbered years, to fill national, state, and county offices, and for voting on constitutional amendments and local referenda. In a general election, you may vote for the candidates of any party, regardless of your political party affiliation.

who can vote in the PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION?

Florida holds closed primary elections, which means that you must be registered with one of Florida's major political parties in order to be eligible to vote. In the March 19, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary Election, only one Democratic candidate was submitted, and therefore, only registered Republicans are eligible to vote.

Local nonpartisan elections may be held at the same time as the Presidential Preference Primary Election. In this election, there will be a City Charter Amendment for voters living within the City of St. Augustine. All eligible City of St. Augustine voters, regardless of party affiliation, can vote on the charter amendment; however, their ballots will not have a Presidential candidate unless they are registered Republican. No other jurisdiction in St. Johns County will have anything local on the Presidential Preference Primary Election ballot.

Presidential Preference Primary Election

CANDIDATE LIST

Republican Party

- Ryan L. Binkley
- Chris Christie
- Ron DeSantis
- Nikki R. Haley
- Asa Hutchinson
- Vivek Ramaswamy
- Donald J. Trump

**Candidates listed in order by last name.*

NOTE: Due to Florida's closed primary laws, voters who are registered with no party affiliation (NPA) or a minor political party are not eligible to vote in this election.

Democratic Party

- Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

NOTE: Since Joseph R. Biden, Jr. is the only name submitted by the Democratic Party of Florida for their Presidential Preference, there will not be a Democratic ballot in this election.

February 20, 2024

The deadline to vote or change your party affiliation for this election.



early voting LOCATIONS

During the early voting period, March 9 through March 16, 2024, eligible registered voters can visit any early voting location to cast a ballot. All locations will be open from 9 AM to 6 PM daily.

Julington Creek Annex
725 Flora Branch Blvd, St. Johns, FL 32259

Supervisor of Elections Office
4455 Avenue A, Suite 101, St. Augustine, FL 32095

Southeast Branch Library
6670 US 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32086

Ponte Vedra Branch Library
101 Library Blvd, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

St. Augustine Beach City Hall
2200 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080

Hastings Branch Library
6195 S. Main St, Hastings, FL 32145

election day POLLING PLACES

Some Election Day polling places have changed since the last election.

If your polling place has changed, you will receive notification in the mail.

Check your polling place before heading out to vote by visiting our website at www.votesjc.gov and clicking Find My Polling Place.



vote-by-mail INFORMATION

Plan to vote-by-mail? Due to recent changes in State law, vote-by-mail requests now expire after each general election and must be renewed prior to the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election.

Any registered voter can request a ballot and vote-by-mail. To request a vote-by-mail ballot for the 2024 election cycle:

- Call 904-823-2238
- Visit www.votesjc.gov

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed is March 7, 2024, at 5 PM.
- Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7 PM on Election Day to be counted.
- When requesting a vote-by-mail ballot, you will be required to provide your name, address, birthdate, and Florida Driver License number, Florida ID number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

Questions?

Call 904-823-2238 anytime Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

2024 #ElectionReady CHECKLIST

Make sure you are ready for the upcoming election by taking the steps below!

- **Check your voter status.**
  Are you registered to vote?
- **Verify your voter information is current.**
  Has your name, address, or signature changed?
- **Make a voting plan.**
  Will you be voting by mail, early, or on Election Day?
- **Know where to get trusted information.**
  Visit www.votesjc.gov for trusted election information.

visit www.votesjc.gov to:

- Register to vote
- Update your address, name, or party affiliation
- Check your voter status
- Verify your polling location
- Request a vote-by-mail ballot
- Track the status of your vote-by-mail ballot
- Find information on current elected officials
- View candidate list and campaign reports
- View past election results
- View district and precinct maps

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