Hello To All!

The Department of Elections is currently in “Maintenance Mode 2013”. In a concentrated effort, we are archiving materials used in the 2012 election, processing and updating voter rolls and educating ourselves on legislative changes that affect Departments of Elections state-wide.

I am sure everyone has seen the press regarding the November 6, 2012 General Election. I believe the issue is the results were so close that the press could not call the election. That does not mean Florida got their results in any later than any other state. There have been some legislative changes that will greatly affect our jobs. A summary of those changes is included in the newsletter.

Locally, three cities in Volusia County will hold elections in the fall of 2013. On that note, we are also planning to purchase new equipment to replace the optical scan voting units by 2014. It has been a workhorse, but Dominion Voting System is no longer making the units.

A major goal of mine is to expand online training for poll workers as well as full time employees. In addition, there needs to be a slight adjustment to the number of precincts and polling places in certain areas of the county.

Words cannot express my thanks to all who have stepped forward year after year to help me deliver fair and transparent elections. Thank you so very much!

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Voter Registration Totals:

(Figures shown are active voters as of 5/15/2013)

Democrats ....... 122,717
Republicans ....... 110,503
Other ................. 88,441

2013 Municipal Election Dates

Municipalities Scheduled for Elections:
DeBary, Lake Helen, Ponce Inlet
(Playing municipalities may change after the candidate qualifying period.)

Municipal Primary Election: August 13, 2013
Deadline to Register to Vote: July 15, 2013

Municipal General Election: November 5, 2013
Deadline to Register to Vote: October 7, 2013

Attention: Current Poll Workers

We need your email address in order to send important poll worker updates!

Para recibir una copia en Español, favor de llamar al (386) 736-5930.
**2013 Florida Legislative Session Update**

**Election Reform**

With the closing of the legislative session and the passage of HB 7013 (or the Election Reform Bill), there have been several positive changes affecting voters in the 2014 election cycle and beyond.

**Address Changes** -
- Effective January 1, 2014, voters who make Election Day address changes from other Florida counties will no longer be required to vote a provisional ballot in counties which use electronic poll books.

**Early Voting** -
- The bill provides for flexibility in the hours, dates and locations of early voting sites allowing supervisors to customize early voting to meet the needs of their county voters.
- Early voting is still required to be 8 hours a day and no more than 12 hours, however the bill provides more options in securing early voting sites which are more centrally located to populated areas and convenient for voters.

**Vote-By-Mail (Absentee Voting)** -
- In regards to vote-by-mail ballots (absentee voting), a voter who forgets to sign their ballot will have until 5:00 pm the day prior to the election to “cure” their ballot by completing an affidavit. (Prior to this, a vote-by-mail ballot with an unsigned certificate was not tabulated.)
- The new law also permits signatures to be updated from precinct registers so that recent signatures are available for verification of vote-by-mail ballots during the canvassing process.

**Sample Ballots** -
- HB 249 allows sample ballots to be sent via email at great savings to taxpayers.
- Sample ballots will still be published and mailed for those who don’t have email addresses.

**Email Addresses** -
- The new law also amends Section 97.0585, Florida Statutes, by exempting email addresses on voter registration records from public disclosure, thus securing voter confidentiality with respect to registration correspondence and emailed sample ballots.

**Campaign Finance/Ethics** -
- HB 569, which proposes changes to Florida Statutes 106, Campaign Finance, and SB 2, which amends Florida Statutes 112 on Ethics.

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**2012 General Election Interesting Facts**

**Election Summary: Countywide**

Registered Voters: 332,556  Voted: 235,463  Turnout: 70.8%

**Preferred Method of Voting:**
- Early Voting: 25.95%
- Absentee Voting: 27.10%
- Election Day: 46.95%

**Early Voting - Total Votes Cast Per Site (5 Sites):**

- Daytona Beach City Island Library: 14,516
- New Smyrna Beach Regional Library: 12,633
- Deltona Regional Library: 12,476
- Ormond Beach Regional Library: 11,241
- DeLand Department of Elections: 9,565
Do you ever wonder what goes on in the Department of Elections after an election? Below are some of the activities performed by the Department year to year.

- Election officials are required to update the entire voter list at a minimum of each odd-numbered year, no later than 90 days before any federal election. This process continues year-round as the Supervisor of Elections office receives mail returned undeliverable from the Post Office or receives address updates from third-party sources such as the U.S. Postal Service, Jury Notice lists from the Division of Elections, and Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles driver license lists.

- Voter registration applications, which are permanent records are scanned into the database.

- Polling locations are reviewed for availability to accommodate upcoming elections. Phone lines are tested in preparation to transmit election results.

- Upgrades to the voting equipment are performed along with maintenance and diagnostic testing.

- Voting booths are repaired and cleaned.

- Web site and printed materials provided by the Department to the public are reviewed and updated.

- Manuals and training materials used to train Poll Workers, Elections staff and temporary employees are reviewed and updated to accommodate changes in legislative laws.

- To better enhance poll worker training, class and online training programs are currently being reviewed.

- Voter Registration Drives and SGA Elections are conducted at various high schools and universities.

- Department tours and presentations are conducted as time permits.

- The Department also assists nursing homes, assisted living facilities and retirement centers with voter registration, updates to voter records and absentee ballot requests for residents and staff.

- Poll Workers perform a valuable community service by assisting voters at the polling sites on Election Day.

- For more information on becoming a Poll Worker, contact the Training Team.
UPDATE VOTER INFORMATION

Not only is it important to register to vote and exercise that right; it is just as important to maintain your voter information up to date.

ADDRESS CHANGE WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Simply notify the Department of Elections by

- Phone, fax, mail, email, in person or by submitting a Florida Voter Registration Application Form.
- Email requests must include the voter’s date of birth or voter registration number.
- Written correspondence must include the voter’s date of birth or voter registration number and signature.

NAME OR PARTY CHANGE WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Simply notify the Department of Elections by

- Fax, mail, email, in person or by submitting a Florida Voter Registration Application Form.
- Email requests must include the voter’s date of birth or voter registration number.
- Written correspondence must include the voter’s date of birth or voter registration number and signature.

SIGNATURE UPDATE

It is very important to update your signature on record, as it may change throughout the years.

- Signatures on file are used to verify signatures on petitions, absentee ballots and provisional ballots.
- If your signatures do not match, your petition or ballot will not count.
- Update your signature, by submitting a Florida Voter Registration Application Form.

DATES TO REMEMBER - 2014 ELECTIONS

Primary Election: August 26, 2014
Deadline to Register to Vote: July 28, 2014

General Election: November 4, 2014
Deadline to Register to Vote: October 6, 2014