IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT
In accordance with Florida Statute 101.5612, notice is provided that there will be a public, pre-election test of the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used at precinct and early voting locations during the Special Primary Election that will occur on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 for State Senate District 6 and State Representative District 24. The public test will be held at 9:00 am on Friday, January 16, 2015 at the Department of Elections Warehouse, 2550 W. Highway 44, Building 14, Deland, Florida.

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS
In accordance with Florida Statute 101.5614, the Volusia County Canvassing Board will convene on January 16, 2015 for an organizational session and from day to day thereafter until the election results are certified.

Canvassing Board Meeting Schedule:

- January 16, 2015  9:00 am  Department of Elections Warehouse - Logic & Accuracy Testing
- January 20, 2015  10:00 am  Department of Elections Office
- January 22, 2015  10:00 am  Department of Elections Office
- January 26, 2015  10:00 am  Department of Elections Office
- January 27, 2015  10:00 am  Department of Elections Office - Election Day
- January 28, 2015  2:00 pm  Department of Elections Office - If necessary
- January 29, 2015  5:01 pm  Department of Elections Office
- January 30, 2015  9:00 am  Department of Elections Office
- January 31, 2015  9:00 am  Department of Elections Office - If necessary
- February 6, 2015  1:00 pm  Department of Elections Office - Official Results; Begin Manual Audit
- February 9, 2015  9:00 am  Department of Elections Office - Continue Audit (if necessary)

The public is welcome to attend the Canvassing Board meetings, and to be present during the processing of ballots. Challenges to absentee ballots will be processed in accordance with F.S. 101.6104. If any elector present for the canvass of votes believes that any ballot is illegal due to any defect apparent on the voter’s certificate, the elector may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of such ballot, specifying the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. No challenge based upon any defect on the voter’s certificate shall be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the return mailing envelope.

The Canvassing Board will review provisional ballots to determine if the ballot can be counted beginning on January 28, 2015 at 2:00 pm. The Canvassing Board will consider the information provided by the voter on the provisional ballot voter’s certificate in making its determination. The voter has until 5:00 pm on January 29, 2015 to provide information to the Department of Elections office regarding a provisional ballot that is recommended for rejection.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES
In order to vote in an election in Volusia County, persons must be registered 29 days before an election. The voter registration rolls closed on December 29, 2014 in advance of the Special Primary Election that will occur on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. The voter registration rolls will close on March 9, 2015 in advance of the Special General Election that will occur on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

NEED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?
If you would like to vote by absentee ballot, you may request the ballot in person, by mail, phone, fax, email or online. You must provide your name, residential street address, date of birth, and your signature (if written request). If your request is to have the absentee ballot mailed to an address other than the one on file, a signed written request must be submitted. A request for an absentee ballot to be mailed to a voter must be received no later than 5:00 pm on the 6th day (January 21) before the election. Voters may verify the status of their absentee ballot by accessing the Department of Elections office website: www.volusiaelections.org.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOTE EARLY?
Beginning January 17, 2015 and ending January 24, 2015 you may cast a ballot prior to Election Day, if you are a registered voter in State Senate District 6 or State Representative District 24. Early voting will be conducted at the Supervisor of Elections office in DeLand. Hours of operation are as follows: Saturday through Saturday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

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