

How to Vote

Escambia County's primary voting method is optical scanners with paper ballots.

Optical Scan

- To vote, simply mark your ballot by completely darkening the oval to the LEFT of your choice, as illustrated.
- For write-in candidates, if applicable, darken the oval to the LEFT of the words "Write-in", and write the qualified write-in candidate's name on the line.
- After reviewing your ballot, insert it into the optical scan tabulator.



Escambia County also has at least one touchscreen available at each polling place and early voting location. While primarily intended for persons with disabilities, any voter may choose to vote on the touchscreen, which has an audio ballot feature.

Touchscreen

- A poll worker will activate your electronic ballot.
- Make your selection by touching your choice on the screen.
- Touch "Next Page" to page through the ballot.
- Review your selections by touching "Review Ballot."
- Push the red flashing VOTE button at the top of the screen to cast your ballot.




The ultimate voting machine is YOU.

2008 Elections

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

Primary Election: August 26, 2008
Registration books close July 28, 2008

General Election: November 4, 2008
Registration books close October 6, 2008

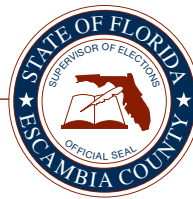
Early voting begins two weeks prior to each Election Day.
See inside for locations.

CITY OF PENSACOLA ELECTIONS

General Election: November 4, 2008
Registration books close October 6, 2008

Run-Off (if needed): November 25, 2008
Registration books close October 27, 2008

Note: You must be registered on or before the book closing date to be eligible to vote in an election. Party changes must also be completed before the book closing date.



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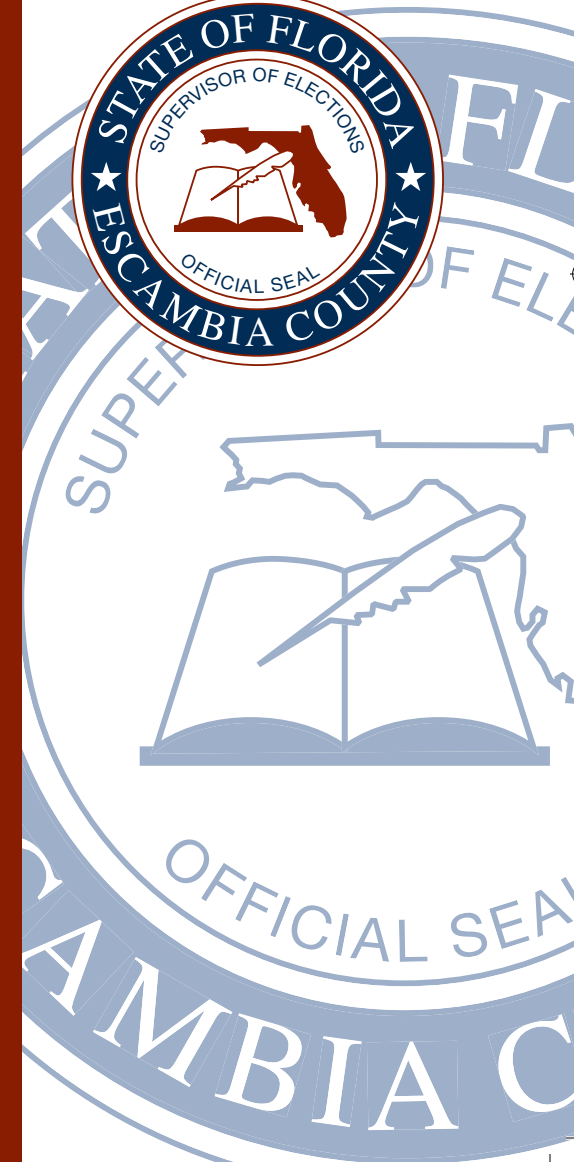
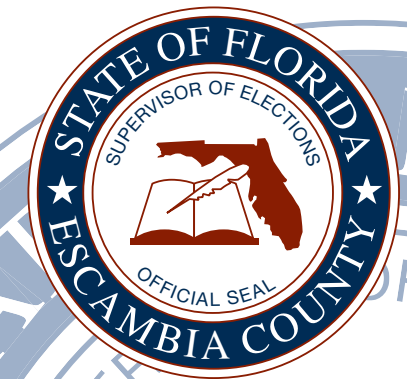
On the Web:
EscambiaVotes.com

2008 VOTER GUIDE

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OUR MISSION:

"To ensure that all qualified citizens are free to exercise their fundamental right to vote in open, impartial, and secure elections."



Voter's Bill of Rights

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

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

Voter's Responsibilities

Each registered voter in this state should:

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

Note to voter: *Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.*

REGISTRATION AND VOTING INFORMATION

Voter Registration

Registering to vote is a very simple process. You may register or update your voter information at Public Libraries, Florida Driver's License Offices, Centers for Independent Living, and WIC and Florida Department of Children and Families Offices, Armed Forces Recruitment Offices, any Elections Office, and several other public agencies. Voter Registration Applications are also available online at EscambiaVotes.com, at several locations throughout Escambia County, or an application can be mailed to you. If you register by mail, you may be required to provide additional identification prior to voting for the first time.

You may register to vote if:

- You are a U.S. citizen.
- You are at least 18 years of age (17-year-olds, and 16-year-olds with a valid driver's license, may preregister).
- You are a legal resident of the Florida county in which you wish to be registered.

Persons NOT entitled to register to vote:

- Anyone convicted of a felony or adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting, and who has not had his or her right to vote restored.
- Anyone who is not a U.S. citizen.

A registered voter may update his or her signature, address, name, or party affiliation using a registration application available through any voter registration agency and submitting it to a voter registration official.

Voter Information Card

Once registered, a Voter Information Card will be mailed to you. This card provides your precinct number and location as well as other district information. You are not required to present the card to vote on Election Day.

Be sure to keep the Supervisor of Elections informed of any updates or corrections to your voter information.

Three Ways to Vote

Voting in Florida has never been easier. In most elections, you can choose one of three ways to cast your ballot:

1. Early

Qualified voters may vote early at any one of four locations in Escambia County during the two weeks before Election Day: 1) Supervisor of Elections Main Office, 2) Lucia M. Tryon Branch Library, 3) Southwest Branch Library, and 4) Supervisor of Elections Cantonment Annex. Check with our office or website for exact times and dates.

2. By Mail

You may request an absentee ballot by contacting our office by mail, phone, fax, e-mail, or through our website. Requests for a ballot to be mailed must be received no later than the Wednesday before a Tuesday election, and voted ballots must be received no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Absentee ballots may not be forwarded, so make sure your address is correct.

3. At Your Precinct

You may vote in person at your polling location (printed on your Voter Information Card) on Election Day. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. — you must vote in the precinct in which you live.

Photo and Signature ID Requirement

If you choose to vote in person, whether by early voting or at your precinct on Election Day, you must present photo and signature identification. Acceptable forms of photo ID are: Florida Driver's License, Florida ID card issued by the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles, U.S. Passport, Debit/Credit Card, Military ID, Student ID, Retirement Center ID, Neighborhood Association ID, and Public Assistance ID. If you fail to present proper identification at the polls, you must vote a provisional ballot.