Palm Beach County Voter Notice: Recent Changes to Florida Election Code

Florida Senate Bill 90 was signed into law on May 6, 2021. The new law took immediate effect, revising specific sections of Florida's Election Code that affect voters and voting access.

Learn how Senate Bill 90 may affect you!

Voter Registration

- ▶ Voter name and party affiliation change requests must be made by submitting a voter registration application.
- ▶ Additional voter information is required when updating your residential address, including your Date of Birth AND the last four digits of Social Security Number or FL Driver License/ID (whichever may be verified by our office).

Vote-by-Mail (VBM)

- ▶ One request for a vote-by-mail ballot will cover all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next scheduled general election. Existing "all elections" vote-by-mail requests on file are valid through the end of 2022. A request to receive a vote-by-mail ballot through 2024 must be made after the November 8, 2022 General Election.
- ▶ A voter requesting a vote-by-mail ballot for themselves must provide their name, address, date of birth and Florida Driver License/ID or the last four digits of their social security number, whichever may be verified by our office. When making a written request, the voter's signature is also required.
- ▶ If you are making a request for a vote-by-mail ballot on behalf of another voter, you must now also provide the voter's FL Driver License/ID or their Social Security Number, your relationship to the voter (you must be their legal guardian or immediate family member, including grandchild), as well as your FL Driver License/ID or Social Security Number, if available, and your signature.
- ▶ The check box to extend a vote-by-mail request will no longer appear on the vote-by-mail return envelope. Voters must call, email or submit a written request, and provide the requisite information to receive a vote-by-mail ballot.
- ▶ New restrictions regarding vote-by-mail drop boxes will affect access and availability. Drop boxes will be available at Early Voting locations during Early Voting hours, and at each of our four offices. All drop box hours of operations and locations will be published on our website at least 30 days prior to each election, and all drop boxes will be monitored by elections personnel during hours of operation.
- ▶ Physically possessing more than two vote-by-mail ballots per election in addition to your own ballot or a ballot belonging to an immediate family member is committing a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Third-Party Voter Registration Organizations

- ▶ There are new notification requirements for organizations soliciting voter applications.
- ▶ There are new restrictions and penalties regarding the submission of registration applications.
- ▶ Please contact our office if you have any questions about how these changes affect your organization.

No-Solicitation Zones

- ▶ Adds vote-by-mail drop boxes to locations protected by the 150 ft. no-solicitation zone.
- ▶ Redefines the term "solicit" to include "engaging in any activity with the intent to influence or effect of influencing a voter." However, this does not prohibit Supervisor of Elections personnel from providing non-partisan assistance within the nosolicitation zone.

Have questions or want to know more?

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