

Citrus County Supervisor of Elections

2019 FIRST
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WELCOME 2019

The November 6th 2018 General Election was an historic election in that we had a very high turnout for a Gubernatorial General Election of 65.36% turnout.

Registered Voters	109,388	
Voter Turnout	71,494	
Vote by Mail	25,958	36.54%
Early Voting	20,177	28.10%
Election Day	25,293	35.24%
Provisional	56	.12%

After Election Day, recounts were called in three State races which was historic; U.S. Senate, Governor, Agriculture Commissioner. First a machine recount of all the ballots was required because the difference between the top two candidates was less than 1/2 of 1 percent. After the machine recount was completed, there were two races which the differences were less than 1/4 of 1 % and a manual recount of the overvotes and undervotes was required in the U.S. Senate and Agriculture Commissioner races.

There were days of counting, recounting and recounting again. Many people were involved in the process and we thank them all. Our great election staff and poll workers made it all happen! Members of both parties, attorneys, candidates and staff were all involved. The process is slow and laborious and we appreciate everyone being patient as we verified the results.

We can most likely look forward to close elections in the future because of Florida's demographic make-up. A recount is not something bad that happens. It means the results are so close that the results need to be verified by a recount.

We are already preparing for the three elections to take place in 2020; the Presidential Preference Primary in March, the Primary in August and the General Presidential Election in November 2020.



SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY

April 2, 2019

**Homosassa
Special Water
District
Election**

**Precincts 302.2
and 305.2 (only)**

Office phone:
(352) 341-6740

Elections Office Moves to Meadowcrest

The Supervisor of Elections Office will be moving in October 2019. The office will be located in the West Citrus Government Center at Meadowcrest in Crystal River where the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser have their west side offices.

Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill will maintain an office in Inverness at the Courthouse Annex with the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser. Voters can register to vote at the Tax Collector's Office.

At the new location in Meadowcrest, the Supervisor of Elections Office will be able to house the elections office, a training room, early vote site and warehouse at the same location. Supervisor Gill and the staff are anxious to have everything under one roof and are looking forward to the move in preparation for an active 2020 Presidential Election.

Voter Registration Information

Citrus County elections office experienced a vast amount of activity from voters in 2018. There were 9,308 new registered voters to our county that include over 3,000 that came here from another Florida county. There were 558 pre-registered voters that turned 18 last year.

After registering to vote or updating your record, each voter is mailed a voter information card. Your card reflects the information in your voter record. Once registered it is the responsibility of the voter to keep their registration information current. Voters can update signature, name, address and political party affiliation by visiting www.votecitrus.com.

Party changes in 2018 were 3,776

SOE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS DATES

Jan. 19-20: Manatee Festival

Jan. 21: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 2: Rotary Highland Craft Brew Festival

Feb. 8: Realtors Association Leadership

Feb. 14: Military Officers Association of America

Feb. 18-22: High School Voter Education/Registration Program

Feb. 24: Black History Month Read In

Feb. 28: BOCC Citizens Academy Constitutional Day

Mar. 2-3: Strawberry Festival

Mar. 20: Inverness Middle School Civics and Education

Homosassa Special Water District Special Election

A Special Election was called for Seat 4 of the Homosassa Special Water District with a vacancy due to the passing of Winston Perry. The special election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Voters who are in the Homosassa Special Water District are the only voters allowed to vote in this election. This election is for precinct 302.2 located at the Elks Club on Grover Cleveland Blvd Homosassa and 305.2 located at the Christian Center Church on W. Green Acres Street Homosassa. Voters receive water bills from the district. If you have a question on whether you are eligible to vote in the district election, you can call the Homosassa Special Water District at 628-3740.

Voters may request a vote-by-mail ballot (VBM) by calling the elections office at 341-6740 or go online to request a VBM ballot.

The candidates for this election are Phyllis Dixon and Rosemary Rendueles.

Amendment 4

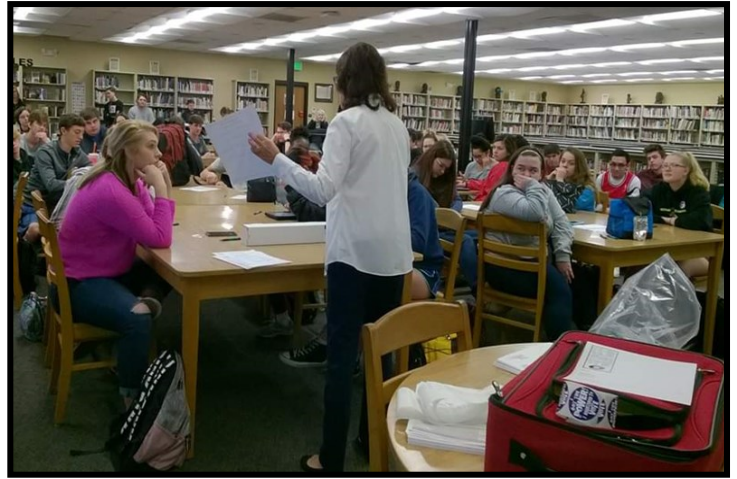
The Citrus County Supervisor of Elections office enacted Amendment 4 - Voting Restoration Amendment passed by Florida voters that took effect January 8, 2019.

This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after completion of all terms of their sentence including parole, probation and restitution. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who could continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis. Newly eligible voters who have previously been removed from the voter rolls due to felony convictions must re-register.

Persons with their rights restored by Amendment 4 may register in person at the Inverness Elections Office, online at www.registertovoteflorida.gov or visit the Driver's License Bureau, state agencies that provide public assistance, libraries or county government office to complete a form or take one to mail in to the Inverness Office at 120 N Apopka Ave Inverness, FL 34450.

For those with felony convictions who need additional information as to whether they have completed the necessary requirements to register to vote, it is advised that they contact the State of Florida Corrections Department located at 601 S US Highway 41 Inverness, FL 34450 - telephone number 352-560-6000.





SOE visits Our Schools

The elections office goes into our schools to visit and present an education presentation to students about the election process.

We visit our future voters by visiting elementary students showing what the voting process looks like. A mock election is conducted using the machines. They vote on the book that will be read during the summer. They get to vote for their favorite book they read or want to read.

When we visit high school students they can pre-register to vote and once they turn 18 their voter cards are mailed to them.



Primary School visits the SOE