

# 2021-22 Voter's Guide

## Okaloosa County



Paul Lux, Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections

[www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov)

## **Voter's Bill of Rights and Responsibilities**

[Section 101.031(2), Florida Statutes]

### **Each registered voter in this state has the right to:**

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

### **Each registered voter in this state should:**

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

Dear Voter,

I know I am not alone at being happy to see 2020 in the rearview mirror! It was, to say the least, a tumultuous year; between the global pandemic, election security concerns, and keeping our poll workers and voters safe, all while still making voting as accessible as we could. I am happy to present this Voter's Guide for 2021 – 2022!

The back pages of this guide have an up-to-date list of all of your federal, state, county, and judicial officers for easy contact. If an issue is important to you, call, email, or write the appropriate elected official; they DO want to hear from you.

As is usual in an election year, changes to the election laws were minimal last year. Also normal after a big election year, however, is the expectation of very active sessions in both US Congress and the Florida Legislature this year – particularly as it relates to election reforms. If there are any changes that impact elections in 2022, we will be sure you know about them!

We continue to add to and update the content on our website, **[www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov)**, as well as the mobile version of the site. Whether you are checking your registration status, updating your address, requesting to vote by mail, or even looking for a sample ballot, there is no better resource for you than our website! You can also find your polling place, search the campaign finance reports of candidates, and even look up election results as far back as the 1922 Primary Election!

If you cannot find what you need in this booklet or on our website, never hesitate to call the office. My staff and I are here to serve you! We are always happy to answer any questions or solve your problem.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Lux'.

Paul Lux, CERA  
Supervisor of Elections

## Registering to Vote

### Who can register and vote?

A legal resident of Florida with a valid residence address in Okaloosa County, who fulfills all the following conditions, is eligible to register to vote in Okaloosa County:

- A citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age (may pre-register as early as 16, but must be 18 to vote)
- Not have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting without having civil rights restored
- Former convicted felons who were **not** convicted of murder or sexual offenses. Please see FAQ #31.

### When can I register to vote?

You can register to vote at any time; however, registration books for any election close **29 days prior to Election Day**. A person registering to vote when the books are closed will not be eligible to vote in the upcoming election, but will be eligible for future elections.

### How can I register?

If you go to the Supervisor of Elections Office in Crestview or Shalimar, your application process begins immediately. Our office is the best source for providing new voters with information.

If you go to one of the mandated agencies (see FAQ #1), you can apply to register there at the same time as taking care of other business, such as driver's license, etc. The application must be processed through the Supervisor of Elections Office.

NOTE: The Florida Voter Registration Application (FVRA) may be used for any record change as well as a new registration. **Name and party changes require a signature and should be made on the FVRA (see FAQ #7 & 8).**

### Online Voter Registration

Register to vote online at [www.registertovoteflorida.gov](http://www.registertovoteflorida.gov). A Florida Driver's License or state-issued Identification Number and Social Security Number required to complete online registration.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Where can I go to register to vote?

- Supervisor of Elections Office  
*North:* 302 N Wilson St, Suite 102, Crestview, FL 32536  
*South:* 1250 Eglin Pkwy, Suite 103, Shalimar, FL 32579
- Driver's License Offices - Tax Collector Offices (Crestview, Destin, Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, Niceville, and Shalimar)
- Public Libraries (Crestview, Destin, Ft. Walton Beach, Mary Esther, Niceville, and Valparaiso)
- Children & Family Services Centers in Crestview and Fort Walton Beach that provide public assistance and food stamps (WIC, AFDC, Medicaid, and Public Health)
- Department of Labor Offices serving persons with disabilities
- Armed Forces Recruiting Offices
- Military Voting Assistance Officers
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

All of the above agencies are required to accept your completed form and forward it to our office within five days for processing. Every application received is acknowledged in writing with a Voter Information Card verifying eligibility or a letter requesting more information.

## 2. Can I pick up or download a form and mail it in?

Complete a form on our website [www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov), print, sign, and mail it to us. Call (850) 689-5600 or (850) 651-7272 to have an application mailed to you.

Anyone who registers by mail and has never previously voted in Florida and does not hold a current and valid Florida driver's license, Florida ID card, or a Social Security number, must provide a copy of a current and valid identification or fit one of the exemptions listed below. Such identification or exemption may be provided when registering or at any time prior to voting for the first time in the state. Acceptable ID includes a valid U.S. Passport, Military ID, Student ID, Public Assistance ID and others; contact the elections office for additional information. Certain persons are exempt:

- Persons 65 years of age or older
- Voters with a temporary or permanent physical disability
- Uniformed Services on active duty and their dependents, who, by reason of member's active duty, are absent from the county on Election Day
- Merchant Marine members and their dependents, who, by reason of member's service in the Merchant Marine, are absent from the county on Election Day
- Civilians residing outside the U.S. who are eligible to vote in Florida

## 3. Do I have to re-register (a) if I haven't voted in a long time, or (b) every time I move?

(a) Failure to vote or contact our office in four years may result in being removed from the voter list.

- Inform the elections office of any change of address within the county or state.
- Respond to any request for Address Confirmation in order to keep your record current as an active voter.

**Note:** It is suggested that a voter make some form of contact at least every two years to ensure active status.

(b) You do not have to re-register, but you do have to notify the elections office of your new address. Your address determines your precinct.

## 4. Do I have to choose a political party?

No, it is not required. If you do not choose a party, you will be registered as "No Party Affiliation." Voters registered as No Party Affiliation or in a minor party may not vote for party (Democrat and Republican) candidates in a primary election (see FAQ #5 & #6), but may vote on nonpartisan candidates and issues. Party affiliation does not matter in the general election.

## 5. Does being "No Party Affiliation" or minor party mean I can vote for anyone in a primary?

No, Florida is a *closed primary state*. Usually, only the two major parties (Democrat and Republican) have primaries, which are nominating elections. Florida Statute 101.021 states, "It is unlawful for any elector to vote in a primary for any candidate running for nomination from a party other than that in which such elector is registered." However, all voters may vote in a primary for nonpartisan races, such as school board members, judges, and referenda. The only other exception is for a Universal Primary Contest.

## 6. What is a Universal Primary Contest?

If, in any race, only candidates of one party have qualified, and there are no minor party, No Party Affiliation, or write-in candidates for the general election, that race will be on the primary ballot for ALL registered voters of the jurisdiction, regardless of party registration.

## 7. How do I change my political party?

Submit a party change on any Florida Voter Registration Application to our office with the signature of the voter, on a signed personal note containing name and date of birth, through the Driver's License Office, or complete the record change through Online Voter Registration at [www.registertovoteflorida.gov](http://www.registertovoteflorida.gov). Party Changes **will not** be processed while the registration books are closed 29 days prior to a primary election.

## 8. If my name has changed (marriage, divorce, other legal act), how do I change my name on your records?

Submit a name change on any Florida Voter Registration Application, affidavit at the polls, on a signed personal note containing name and date of birth, through Driver's License Office, or complete the record change through Online Voter Registration at [www.registertovoteflorida.gov](http://www.registertovoteflorida.gov). Please include the former name on the application or note.

## 9. How do I change my address?

*My address change is within Okaloosa County* - Use our online form for address changes within Okaloosa County. Address changes within the county of registration can also be made in writing, by email, fax, telephone, or just about any contact with the elections office.

*I am moving into Okaloosa County from another Florida county* - Use our online form for address changes if you are moving into Okaloosa County from another Florida county. Or you may call our office and change your address over the telephone.

*I have moved OUT of Okaloosa County into another Florida county* - Use the Florida Voter Registration Application form to change your address or call the elections office in your new county. Our office can provide the phone number.

All address changes can also be made through Online Voter Registration at [www.registertovoteflorida.gov](http://www.registertovoteflorida.gov).

## 10. What identification do I need to vote?

Voter Information Cards are not a valid form of identification when voting. Be sure to bring a **current and valid** photo ID for precinct and early voting. *If the photo ID does not contain your signature, an additional ID that includes your signature **shall** be required.* If you do not bring any ID, you will be allowed to vote; however, you will be asked to vote a provisional ballot. Approved forms of photo ID are:

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida ID Card issued by the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles
- Military ID
- U.S. Passport
- Debit/Credit Card
- Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Veteran health identification card issued by the US Department of Veterans Affairs
- Concealed carry license
- Employee identification card issued by the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality

## 11. How do I get a replacement Voter Information Card?

Voters may request a duplicate Voter Information Card from the Supervisor of Elections with a signed, written request, through our website form at [www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov), or through Online Voter Registration at [www.registertovoteflorida.gov](http://www.registertovoteflorida.gov).

## 12. I've moved since the last time I voted, and I forgot to change my address. Do I go to my old precinct to vote?

No! Call the Supervisor of Elections Office to change your address over the telephone and find your new precinct and polling location. It is a felony to vote in a precinct in which you do not live.

**13. If it is not convenient to go to the polls for an election, how can I vote?**

You may vote by mail or vote early before Election Day. To vote by mail, request a vote-by-mail ballot by telephone, mail, email, fax, website form or in person. Or, you may vote early at any one of our early voting sites. For early voting dates, times, and locations, please visit [www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov).

**14. Can someone pick up or return a vote-by-mail ballot for me?**

You may name, in writing, a designee to pick up a ballot for you, no earlier than nine days before an election, and provide certain required information. The designee for pick-up must provide identification. You can also have someone else return your ballot.

**15. Does Power of Attorney apply when voting?**

Power of Attorney cannot be used to vote or sign another voter's registration form. [F.S. 709.2201(3)(c)].

**16. When does my vote-by-mail ballot have to be returned to your office?**

The ballot must be in either one of our two offices by 7:00 pm Central Time on Election Day in order to be counted. However, if you are overseas and voting in a federal election, your ballot must be dated and/or postmarked by the date of the election, and we must receive it within 10 days of the election for it to be counted.

**17. Where else can I return my voted vote-by-mail ballot?**

Voted Okaloosa County vote-by-mail ballots can also be returned via drop box at any of our early voting sites, during early voting hours only. A secured ballot drop box will be located at all early voting sites for the convenience of the voter. Early voting locations and hours may vary depending on the election. Visit [www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov) or call one of our offices for more information.

**18. How do voters' names get removed and/or re-instated?**

(a) If a voter moves to another county in Florida and registers there, the statewide Florida Voter Registration System will notify our office of the change and that voter will be listed as "Moved" from our county.

(b) If a voter registers in another state and indicates a prior registration in Florida, we will be notified, in most cases, and the Florida registration will be canceled.

(c) If we receive notification from the post office that a voter's address has changed, we will send an Address Confirmation card to the new address for the voter to verify the change on his/her registration. If that, or any other piece of First-Class mail, comes back to the office as Returned Undeliverable, we send an Address Confirmation Final Notice, and if we receive no response within 30 days, or if the Final Notice comes back Undeliverable as well, the voter will be placed on Inactive status.

(d) Voters on the Inactive list can be re-instated by updating their voter registration, appearing to vote, or requesting a vote-by-mail ballot. However, after two general (federal) elections from the date the final notice was sent, all Inactive voters who show no activity will be removed from the registration records and must register again in order to vote.

**19. If I'm not currently registered, what is the registration deadline for an election?**

The registration deadline is **29** days prior to any election.

**20. Do the courts get prospective jurors' names from voter registration rolls?**

The county courts obtain their prospective jurors' names from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Federal courts obtain their prospective jurors' names from the voter registration rolls.

### **21. I've never voted before. Will someone show me what to do?**

Yes. Our Greeter/Voter Education Inspector will offer you a demonstration on how to mark your ballot when you arrive at the polling place. Also see "How to Mark a Paper Ballot" on page 13.

### **22. If I'm physically impaired in some way, can I bring someone with me to help me vote?**

Yes, but you are not required to. If you need assistance, two of our poll workers from different political parties will assist you as needed. We also have one accessible voting device in each polling place capable of allowing most voters with disabilities to vote secretly and independently without any assistance. See "Assistance in Voting" on page 10.

### **23. What happens if I make a mistake on my ballot?**

Tell the poll workers you have made a mistake, and you will be issued a new ballot in exchange for your "spoiled" ballot, which is sealed in an envelope and never opened. You may be issued up to, but no more than, three ballots.

### **24. What happens if I forget to bring my ID with me to the polls?**

Even if your name is in the precinct register, the law requires you to vote a provisional ballot.

### **25. What is a provisional ballot?**

A provisional ballot is a conditional ballot, the validity of which is determined by the canvassing board. A voter has until 5:00 pm on the 2nd day after the election to provide proof of eligibility, if necessary, for the canvassing board to validate a ballot.

### **26. What hours are the polls open?**

The polls are open 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Election Day. Anyone in line by 7:00 pm will be allowed to vote.

### **27. Can I turn my voted vote-by-mail ballot in at my polling place?**

No, your voted vote-by-mail ballot must be turned in to one of our two offices (see FAQ #16).

### **28. Can I bring my children with me to the polling place?**

Yes, you may bring your children with you; we ask only that they behave appropriately. We have sample ballots designed especially for children. Involving children helps to educate them on the importance of voting. However, children cannot handle your official ballot.

### **29. How do I find out where I need to go to vote?**

Your Voter Information Card includes your precinct and polling information. You can also go to our website, [www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov) and use the *Voter Lookup Tool* to find out where to vote on Election Day. If we change your precinct or polling location for any reason, we will send you a new Voter Information Card.

### **30. Can I change my political party at the polls on election day?**

Registration books close **29** days before a primary election. Party changes must be made prior to the book closing date in order to be in effect for that election. Party affiliation does not apply to municipal or general elections.

### **31. Can I bring my marked sample ballot to the polls?**

Yes, as long as you do not display it for others to see and do not leave it in the polling place. We encourage you to use the sample ballot.

### **32. Can I still vote if I've been convicted of a felony?**

As of Amendment 4 effective date, January 8, 2019, those convicted of a felony (excluding murder or sexual offenses) are able to register to vote after they have completed all terms of their sentence, including probation and parole.



Those convicted of murder or sexual offenses must go through the current clemency process.

### **33. How do I find out if my civil rights have been restored?**

Individuals unsure of their status should contact the Clerk of Circuit Court in the county where they were sentenced or the Florida Commission on Offender Review. More information can be found through the Florida Commission on Offender Review at <https://www.fcor.state.fl.us>.

### **34. How do I apply for clemency?**

Individuals may search or apply for Restoration of Civil Rights through the Florida Commission on Offender Review or may visit the website of the Office of Executive Clemency at <https://www.fcor.state.fl.us/clemencyOverview.shtml> for information (website address is case-sensitive).

## **Military and Overseas Citizens**

### **Registering and Voting Absentee**

The federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and conforming state legislation cover active duty members of the U.S. uniformed services, the merchant marine, spouses and dependents of all, and U.S. citizens residing overseas. They may apply for voter registration and for absentee ballots with a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) which may be obtained from a Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), the website of the Federal Voting Assistance Program. Absentee requests from these voters will be effective for all elections through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If the FPCA is not available, phone or send a written request by mail, fax, or email to the Supervisor of Elections and a voter registration application or absentee ballot will be sent to you however you want it sent (i.e., by mail, fax or email). You may also register via the Online Voter Registration portal with your Driver's License and Social Security Number at [www.registertovoteflorida.gov](http://www.registertovoteflorida.gov).

UOCAVA voters using the Florida Voter Registration Application form who indicate their status as part of the optional information will have the same privileges extended to them. Military voters residing within the county in which they wish to register should use the Florida Voter Registration Application and indicate their military status, so the Supervisor may flag the record and ensure their UOCAVA status when they move out of the county but wish to maintain voting residency.

UOCAVA voters may have absentee ballots faxed or emailed. Only overseas ballots (those with an APO, FPO or foreign address only, not Guam, American Samoa, etc.) can be returned by fax, but not by email, if the voter waives secrecy. Access to faxed ballots in the elections office is extremely restricted, and ballots are immediately placed in secrecy envelopes. Only the Voter's Certificate, which must be signed and dated, is examined. You can track the status of your absentee ballot request and the ballot through the online [Voter Lookup Tool](#) at [www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov).

We encourage all UOCAVA voters to include their email addresses on any forms or correspondence and update them, along with mailing addresses, whenever they move.

The most important thing to remember is to notify the Supervisor of Elections Office of address changes so you don't jeopardize your active voter registration status. The most efficient way to notify us is by email to Paul Lux at [plux@myokaloosa.com](mailto:plux@myokaloosa.com). Contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program: toll-free 1-800-438-8683, fax 1-703-588-0108, and email [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov).

As a result of the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, voters can now check Voter Registration and Ballot status or submit registration changes, questions and absentee requests through our website [www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov) or through the state website <http://registration.elections.myflorida.com>.

### **Federal Write-In Ballots**

If it is getting close to Election Day and you still have not received your absentee ballot, you can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) as an emergency back-up absentee ballot. In order to use it, you have to be a registered voter and have previously requested a regular absentee ballot. The FWAB can be used to vote for federal office races as well as all other races to which you are entitled. For more information or to complete a FWAB, visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

### **State Write-In Ballot**

State write-in absentee ballots shall be made available to voters 90 to 180 days prior to a general election. In the request, the voter must indicate that due to military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery, the voter cannot vote a regular absentee ballot during the normal voting period. The ballot will contain only the races, and the voter must fill in the names of candidates OR write in the name of a political party, in which case all candidates of that party will be counted if they are in fact on the ballot.

### **Late Registration**

An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the United States Merchant Marine, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States, after the book closing date for an election and who is otherwise qualified may register to vote in such election at the Supervisor of Elections Office until 5:00 pm on the Friday before that election. Such persons must produce sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying for the late registration pursuant to Section 97.0555 Florida Statutes.

## **Other Helpful Information**

### **Assistance in Voting**

- A voter can have his/her record marked to indicate assistance is required if permanent, and poll workers will provide assistance without delay.
- A voter may bring someone to assist him/her and fill out a Declaration to Secure Assistance form at the polls (anyone except employer, union official, or agent of either). Persons providing assistance must also complete a Declaration to Provide Assistance form.
- All polling places are accessible to voters with disabilities and poll workers are trained to assist you.
- Voters who require assistance should not hesitate to ask.

### Accessible Voting Machines

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) required that all jurisdictions have one piece of equipment at each precinct or early voting site so all voters with disabilities may vote in secret and without assistance. In Okaloosa County, one AutoMARK ballot marking device is available in every voting site.

Only persons with disabilities have the option of voting on accessible voting equipment which allows them to vote without assistance. *Rule 1S-2.034*

The Supervisor of Elections Office staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that proper security procedures and policies have been established and followed. The voters of Okaloosa County can be confident in the continued accuracy and integrity of the elections process.

### Voter Signature Updates

Has your signature changed from

 to  ?

Among all the information in your record that should be kept up to date, one of the most important is your signature. If you have been registered for many years and your signature style has changed, or if you have married, divorced, or become disabled or unable to write, please update your signature. (If you are caregiver to someone whose signature needs to be updated for any reason, please call the office for specific instructions.)

Signature updates should be done on a Florida Voter Registration Application. The application can be downloaded and printed from our website [www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov). Be sure to mark the "Record Update/Change" block on the application and mail it back to either one of our offices.

- North: 302 N Wilson St, Suite 102, Crestview, FL 32536
- South: 1250 Eglin Pkwy, Suite 103, Shalimar, FL 32579

### Poll Watchers

Must be registered voters in the county; poll watchers cannot be candidates or law enforcement officers.

- Each political party and each candidate may have one poll watcher per precinct or early voting site at any given time, and all must follow Florida Statutes and Supervisor of Elections procedures.
- Applications must be in Supervisor of Elections Office by noon two weeks prior to the start of early voting or the election.

### Florida's Public Record Law

Voter registration records are public record and any person can examine or copy the records. However, the following registration information is confidential and exempt from public disclosure: Social Security number, Driver's License number, Florida ID number, location of voter's place of registration, and location of place of registration update. A voter's signature may be viewed but may not be copied. Residence addresses and birth dates can be protected for voters covered by 119.071 F.S. Total record protection is only provided for voters in the Address Confidentiality Program.

### How to Report Election Law Violations

Report violations of either the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, or any irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, voting, candidate or issue petitions, or removal procedures under the Florida Election Code in writing to the Division of Elections, Room 316, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, phone 850-245-6200. Complaint forms are available on the Division of Elections website at: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/index.shtml>.

Report violations relating to campaign financing, candidates, committees, or other political activities under chapters 104 and 106, and section 105.071, Florida Statutes, by sworn written complaint to the Florida Elections Commission, Suite 224, Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, phone 850-922-4539. The Florida Elections Commission is not affiliated with the Department of State, Division of Elections.

All other violations should be reported to the local state attorney.

### Interested in becoming a poll worker?

- Applications are available at the Supervisor of Elections Office or online at [www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov).
- Selection is based on qualifications to fulfill job description.
- Appointed after mandatory training classes, no less than six hours per election year.
- Paid positions, with requirements



## Okaloosa County's Digital Scan Voting System

- Paper ballots are read by DS-200 digital scan system.
- Results are precinct-count based.
- To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice in each race.
- Mark your ballot as directed, such as "Vote for One."
- If race is marked to vote for more than one, for example "Vote for Up to Three," you do not have to vote for that number, only up to that number, but no more.
- The DS-200 rejects an overvote, giving you an opportunity to correct or to process as you wish. Overvote means that a voter marks or designates more names than there are persons to be elected to an office or designates more than one answer to a ballot question.
- The DS-200 also rejects a completely blank ballot, unless that is your wish.
- You will be given any assistance you need by poll workers.
- If you make a mistake, you may be issued up to three ballots, but only one ballot will be counted.
- Redundant security measures and procedures protect the accuracy and integrity of all Okaloosa County elections.

## How to Mark a Paper (Marksense) Ballot



# 2021-22 Elected Officials

Key: Name, (Party), Year on Ballot

## **FEDERAL PRESIDENT**

**4-year term**

Joseph Biden (D) 2024

The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500

202-456-1111

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

Kamala Harris (D) 2024

The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500

202-456-1111

## **U.S. SENATE**

**6-year term**

Marco Rubio (R) 2022

284 Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC 20510

202-224-3041

Rick Scott (R) 2024

716 Hart Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC 20510

202-224-5274

## **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**2-year term**

**District 1** Matt Gaetz (R) 2022

226 S. Palafox Place, 6th Floor, Pensacola, FL 32502

850-479-1183

1721 Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, DC 20515

202-225-4136

## **STATE**

**GOVERNOR** Ron DeSantis (R) 2022

**4-year term**

**LT. GOVERNOR** Jeanette Nuñez (R) 2022

**ATTORNEY GENERAL** Ashley Moody (R) 2022

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER** Jimmy Patronis (R) 2022

**COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE** Nikki Fried (D) 2022

The Capitol, 400 S Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32399

850-717-9337

## **STATE SENATE**

**4-year term**

**District 1** Doug Broxson (R) 2022

221 Palafox Place, Suite 400, Pensacola, FL 32502

850-595-1036

408 Senate Bldg, 404 S Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32399

850-487-5001

**District 2** George Gainer (R) 2022

840 West 11th Street, Panama City, FL, 32401

850-747-5454

302 Senate Bldg, 404 S Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32399

850-487-5002

## **STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**2-year term**

**District 3** Jayer Williamson (R) 2022

4519 Woodbine Road, Pace, FL 32571

850-889-4974

222 The Capitol, 402 S. Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32399

850-717-5003

**District 4** T. Patterson "Patt" Maney (R) 2022

115 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Suite 201, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

850-833-3713

1102 The Capitol, 402 S. Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32399

850-717-5004

## **STATE ATTORNEY FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**4-year term**

Ginger Bowden Madden (R) 2024

151 Cedar Ave, Crestview, FL 32536

850-689-5620

1-B 9th Ave, Shalimar, FL 32579

850-651-7260

## **PUBLIC DEFENDER FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**4-year term**

Bruce A. Miller (R) 2024

601 A North Pearl St, Crestview, FL 32536

850-689-5580

1-A 9th Ave, Shalimar, FL 32579

850-651-7350

## **COUNTY**

### **OKALOOSA COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

**4-year term**

**CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT** JD Peacock II (R) 2024

101 E James Lee Blvd, Crestview, FL 32536

850-689-5000

**SHERIFF** Eric Aden (R) 2024

50 2nd St, Shalimar, FL 32579

850-651-7410

**PROPERTY APPRAISER** Mack Busbee (R) 2024

1250 Eglin Pkwy, Suite 201, Shalimar, FL 32579

850-651-7240

## COUNTY (CONTINUED)

<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b> Ben Anderson (R) 2024 1250 Eglin Pkwy, Suite 101, Shalimar, FL 32579	850-651-7300
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS</b> Marcus Chambers (R) 2024 202 Highway 85 North, Niceville, FL 32578	850-833-4208
<b>SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS</b> Paul Lux (R) 2024 302 N Wilson St, Suite 102, Crestview, FL 32536	850-689-5600

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

302 N Wilson St, Suite 302, Crestview, FL 32536	<b>4-year term</b> 850-689-5030
1250 Eglin Pkwy, Suite 100, Shalimar, FL 32579	850-651-7105

- District 1** Paul Mixon (R) 2024
- District 2** Carolyn Ketchel (R) 2022
- District 3** Nathan Boyles (R) 2024
- District 4** Trey Goodwin (R) 2022
- District 5** Mel Ponder (R) 2024

County Commissioners are elected at large but must live in their districts. Districts 1, 3 and 5 are elected in Presidential years, and Districts 2 and 4 are elected in Gubernatorial years. The Commission meets twice monthly, usually on the first and third Tuesdays. Please call for confirmation.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

120 Lowery Pl., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548	<b>4-year term</b> 850-833-5895
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- District 1** Lamar White 2022
- District 2** Marti Gardner 2024
- District 3** Linda Evanchyk 2022
- District 4** Tim Bryant 2024
- District 5** Diane Kelley 2022

School Board Members are elected at large but must live in their districts. Districts 1, 3 and 5 are elected in Gubernatorial years, and Districts 2 and 4 are elected in Presidential years. The School Board meets twice monthly, usually on the second and fourth Mondays. Please call for confirmation.

## OKALOOSA COUNTY JUDGES

<b>Group 1</b> Jim Ward 2022 Okaloosa County Courthouse 101 E James Lee Blvd., Crestview, FL 32536	<b>6-year term</b> 850-689-4117
<b>Group 2</b> Angela D. Mason 2026 Okaloosa County Courthouse Annex Extension 1940 Lewis Turner Blvd, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547	850-609-3880
<b>Group 3</b> Patricia S. Grinsted 2024 Okaloosa County Courthouse Annex Extension 1940 Lewis Turner Blvd, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547	850-609-5411

## FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF FLORIDA JUDGES

<b>Okaloosa County Courthouse</b> <b>101 E James Lee Blvd, Crestview, FL 32536</b>	<b>6-year term</b>
<b>Group 3</b> Michael A. Flowers 2022	850-609-4700
<b>Group 15</b> Terrance R. Ketchel 2024	850-689-4116

### **Okaloosa County Courthouse Annex Extension** **1940 Lewis Turner Blvd, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547**

<b>Group 1</b> Jay Gontarek 2024	850-609-4700
<b>Group 2</b> John T. Brown 2022	850-609-5416
<b>Group 13</b> Mary Polson 2024	850-609-1878
<b>Group 21</b> William F. Stone 2022	850-609-4700

Disclaimer: This information is accurate as of January 20, 2021.

# 2021 OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

Municipal Offices:	Ft. Walton Beach - Mayor and three City Council Seats Laurel Hill – Mayor and two City Council Seats Shalimar - Mayor and two Town Commission Seats
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# 2022 OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

Federal Offices:	U.S. Senate U.S. House of Representatives - District 1
State Offices:	Governor and Lieutenant Governor Attorney General Chief Financial Officer Commissioner of Agriculture
Multicounty and District Offices:	Florida Senate - Districts 1 & 2 Florida House of Representatives - Districts 3 & 4
Judicial Retention (Nonpartisan):	Florida Supreme Court and First District Court of Appeal
Circuit and County Court Judges: (Nonpartisan)	First Judicial Circuit and Okaloosa County Judges
County Offices:	*Board of County Commissioners - Districts 2 & 4 *School Board - Districts 1, 3, & 5 (Nonpartisan)
Municipal Offices:	Cinco Bayou – Three Town Council Seats Crestview – Three City Council Seats Destin – Mayor and three City Council Seats Mary Esther – Mayor and two City Council Seats Valparaiso – Mayor and two City Commission Seats  <i>*Elected at Large</i>

## 2021 ELECTION DATES

**Municipal Election** **March 9, 2021**  
**(Destin\*, Ft. Walton Beach, Laurel Hill, Shalimar)**

*Last day to register* *February 8, 2021*

*\*Special Referendum Election*

## 2022 ELECTION DATES

**Municipal Election** **March 8, 2022**  
*Last day to register* *February 7, 2022*

**Primary Election** **August 23, 2022**  
*Last day to register or change political party* *July 25, 2022*

**General Election** **November 8, 2022**  
*Last day to register* *October 11, 2022*

**(Note: Early Voting schedule will be available prior to elections at [www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov))**

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