OKALOOSA COUNTY SAMPLE BALLOT GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2014



Paul Lux, Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections

Your Vote Counts!

Dear Voters,

We have prepared this Sample Ballot booklet to help guide you through the races you will be voting on in the November 4th General Election and to update you with any changes in laws or procedures that might have happened since the last time you voted.

Unlike previous years, there are only three Constitutional Amendments on your ballot this year. The amendments—along with one local referendum—appear on the back of your ballot, so please be sure to turn it over and vote both sides!

Some other important reminders:

- Have you moved recently? You can save yourself a lot of time if you let us know before election day. Phone, e-mail, or come to our nearest office to find out the location of your new polling place. Remember, it is a felony to vote in a precinct other than which you reside.
- Did you bring a photo and signature ID? Whether you vote early or at the polls, you must present a form of valid ID. The most commonly used is a Florida driver's license. If your photo identification does not contain your signature, you will be asked to provide an additional identification that includes a signature. If you fail to bring ID, you will be offered a Provisional Ballot. Your Voter Information Card cannot be used for ID.
- **Do you need assistance voting?** You can bring a friend or relative, but our Patriot Poll Workers are well trained and qualified to assist you. All polling places have electronic voting machines that allow most voters with disabilities to vote independently and in secret. Just ask!

If you still have questions after looking this over, please visit our website at **www.GoVote-Okaloosa.com** or feel free to e-mail me at <u>plux@co.okaloosa.fl.us</u> any time. It is my honor and privilege to serve you.

Sincerely,

Paul Lux Supervisor of Elections

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Early Voting for the November 4, 2014, General Election will be held: Monday, October 20th - Saturday, November 1st 9am-7pm ALL Days

Cast a ballot at any of our convenient Early Voting Locations:

> Robert L. F. Sikes Library 1445 Commerce Dr Crestview FL 32539

C.H. "Bull" Rigdon Fairgrounds 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd Ft Walton Beach FL 32547 Election Headquarters 302 Wilson St N Ste 102 Crestview FL 32536

Destin Community Center 101 Stahlman Ave Destin FL 32541

> Niceville City Hall 208 N Partin Dr Niceville FL 32578



Move your polling place to your living room. Request your ballot by contacting the Supervisor of Elections office via telephone, email, mail, in person or by visiting our website. Absentee ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections office by 7pm on Election Day in order to be counted. The deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you is Wednesday, October 29, 2014.



Polls are open 7am - 7pm on Election Day! November 4, 2014, General Election

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. Approved forms of photo ID are:

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida ID Card issued by the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles
 Military ID
- Current U.S. Passport
- Debit/Credit Cards
- Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

In order to ensure that no eligible voter is turned away, the law provides a method of voting for a person whose eligibility may be questioned at the polls. If no final determination can be made at the time of voting, or if the voter disagrees with a determination of eligibility, he or she may vote a provisional ballot. This ballot is secured in an envelope and the canvassing board will determine whether it is to be counted after research is completed by the elections office.

In addition, the voter has until 5 p.m. on the second day after the election to provide any further evidence he or she may have to prove his or her eligibility. All provisional voters are given written notice of free access to information on the disposition of his or her own provisional ballot.

Please note: A voter who fails to bring photo and signature ID when voting is required by law to vote a provisional ballot. However, no further proof of eligibility is required by the voter. The voter's signature will be compared to the signature on file and the ballot will be counted if the signatures match.

VOTE BY MAIL (Absentee Ballot)

Absentee voting is by paper ballot (optical scan) using the envelope process. The most convenient way to obtain an absentee ballot is to contact the elections office by telephone at 689-5600 or 651-7272. You can also request an absentee ballot by email, mail, in person or by visiting our website **www.GoVote-Okaloosa.com**. Only a voter's immediate family can pick up an absentee ballot beginning the fifth day before Election Day (October 30th). A voter must designate the family member in writing.

The deadline for requesting a ballot to be mailed is the sixth day prior to the election (October 29th) and the last day for the elections office to mail ballots to voters is the fourth day prior (October 31st). Absentee ballots must be received in the elections office by 7 p.m. on Election Day. Absentee ballots may <u>not</u> be dropped off at precincts or early voting sites.

SIGNATURE UPDATE

Has your signature changed from

Hancock to this?

If so, please update your signature at either of our offices. Any voter who needs to update his or her signature must do so before the October 24, 2014, Canvassing Board meeting.

HOW TO MARK A PAPER BALLOT (OPTICAL SCAN)



OTHER IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

IDENTIFICATION

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:

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ADDRESS CHANGE

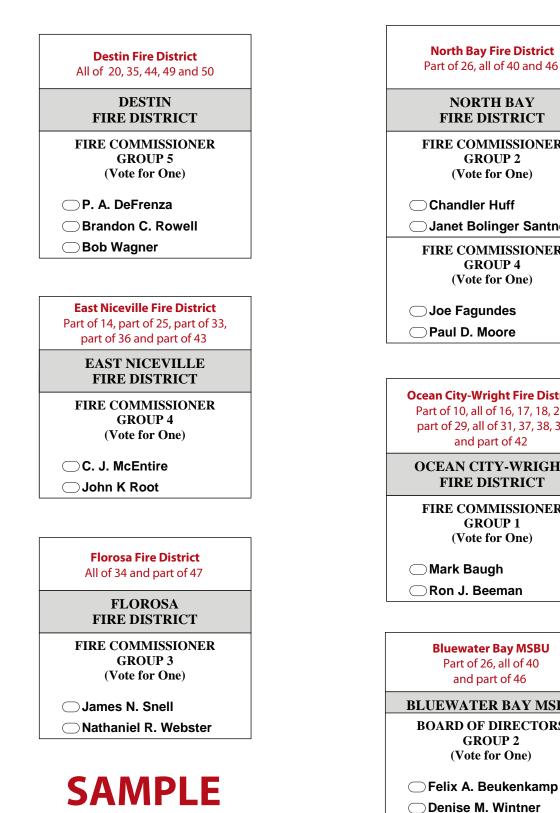
If you have moved recently and have a new address other than the one in the poll register, you will be asked to see the Clerk to determine if you are in the correct precinct. It is a third-degree felony to vote in a precinct other than which you live. If you'd like to verify your address with our office before Election Day, just call, email us or use our online Voter Lookup Tool.

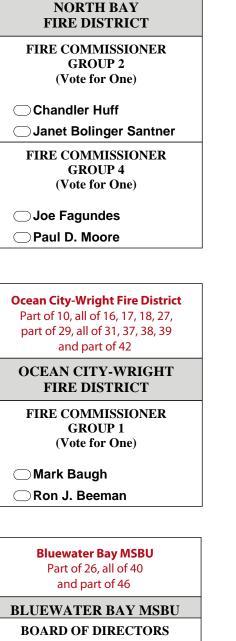
NEED ASSISTANCE AT THE POLLS?

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		 If you make a mistake, don't hesit r make other marks, your vote may 	
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		on the blank line provided for a wri	
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGI DISTRICT 1	RESS	COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE	DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAI
(Vote for One)		(Vote for One)	Shall Judge Tim Osterhaus of the 1st
	חבח		District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
☐ Jeff Miller	REP		
─Jim Bryan ─Mark Wichern	DEM NPA	Thaddeus Thad Hamilton DEM Write-in	→ YES
GOVERNOR & LIEUTENAN GOVERNOR	N.T.	State House Representative District 3 race will appear ONLY in Precincts 1, 2,	DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAI
(Vote for One)		part of 3, part of 4, all of 5, 6, part of 7,	Shall Judge Clay Roberts of the 1st
Rick Scott	REP	part of 8, part of 13 and all of 51. STATE REPRESENTATIVE	District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
Carlos Lopez-Cantera		DISTRICT 3	⊂ YES
○ Charlie Crist	DEM	(Vote for One)	∩ NO
Annette Taddeo		Doug Broxson REP	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
○ Adrian Wyllie	LPF	<u>Write-in</u>	DISTRICT 3
Greg Roe		DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL	(Vote for One)
─ Farid Khavari	NPA	Shall Judge Robert T. Benton of the 1st	◯ Joe Slusser
Lateresa A. Jones		District Court of Appeal be retained in	◯ Rodney L. Walker
─ Glenn Burkett	NPA	office?	
Jose Augusto Matos		─ YES	Destin, East Niceville, Florosa,
Write-in		NO	North Bay and Ocean City-Wrigh Fire District races will appear her
		DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL	(See facing page.)
ATTORNEY GENERAL		Shall Judge Joseph Lewis, Jr. of the 1st	Bluewater Bay MSBU Board of
(Vote for One)		District Court of Appeal be retained in office?	Directors race will appear here
○ Pam Bondi	REP		(See facing page.)
○ George Sheldon	DEM	→ YES	
─ Bill Wohlsifer	LPF		VOTE BOTH SIDES OF
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICE	ER	DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL	BALLOT
(Vote for One)	_	Shall Judge Scott Makar of the 1st District	
	REP	Court of Appeal be retained in office?	
─ William "Will" Rankin	DEM	YES	
		NO	

The races below will appear on the front of your ballot ONLY in the precincts, or parts of precincts as indicated.





GROUP 2 (Vote for One)

 Felix A. Beukenkamp **Denise M. Wintner**

Back of Ballot

NO. 1 NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT **ARTICLE X, SECTION 28 ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10, 11** Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and **Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies** restore Florida conservation and recreation lands Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution requiring the Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, Governor to prospectively fill vacancies in a judicial office to which and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish election for retention applies resulting from the justice's or judge's and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking reaching the mandatory retirement age or failure to qualify for a water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of retention election; and allowing prospective appointments if a justice or judge is not retained at an election. Currently, the Governor may rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by not fill an expected vacancy until the current justice's or judge's term dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on expires. documents for 20 years. ─ YES This amendment does not increase or decrease state revenues. The state revenue restricted to the purposes specified in the amendment is $\bigcirc NO$ estimated to be \$648 million in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and grows to \$1.268 billion by the twentieth year. Whether this results in any City of Crestview Referendum will appear ONLY in the additional state expenditures depends upon future legislative actions following precincts - part of 8, part of 9, part of 11, and cannot be determined. Similarly, the impact on local government part of 12, part of 13, part of 45 and part of 52. revenues, if any, cannot be determined. No additional local government costs are expected. **CITY OF CRESTVIEW REFERENDUM** ⊂ YES A vote allowing temporary economic development property tax exemptions to businesses that create new ─ NO jobs. NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT In order to create new jobs, shall the Crestview City Council be **ARTICLE X, SECTION 29** authorized to grant, pursuant to s. 3, Art. VII of the State Constitution, temporary economic development property tax Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that will create new, full time jobs in the City? Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows YES For authority to grant exemptions. caregivers to assist patients' medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce **NO** Against authority to grant exemptions. and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not authorize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana. VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT Increased costs from this amendment to state and local governments cannot be determined. There will be additional regulatory and enforcement activities associated with the production and sale of medical marijuana. Fees will offset at least a portion of the regulatory costs. While sales tax may apply to purchases, changes in revenue cannot reasonably be determined since the extent to which medical marijuana will be exempt from taxation is unclear without legislative or state administrative action. ⊂ YES $\bigcirc NO$ SAMPLE SAMPLE

QUESTIONS ABOUT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

One of the questions we are frequently asked is where to find out more about the Constitutional Amendments on the ballot. There are a number of places where information can be found. We have listed a few of them for you here. Please remember that these websites are third-party sites and any opinions found there are the sole responsibility of the organization.

Florida Chamber of Commerce

http://www.flchamber.com/political/2014-election-center/constitutional-amendments/

Florida Division of Elections

http://election.dos.state.fl.us/constitutional-amendments/2014-proposed.shtml

League of Women Voters of Florida

http://thefloridavoter.org/files/download/914

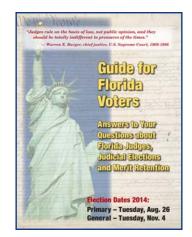
Vote Smart

https://votesmart.org/elections/ballot-measures/2014/FL

QUESTIONS ABOUT JUDICIAL MERIT RETENTION

Another frequently asked question is about all of the judicial merit retention races. This year there are five District Court of Appeal Judges on the ballot. The Florida Bar Association has published this helpful guide, available through our website: www.GoVote-Okaloosa.com

You can also visit the Florida Bar Association directly here: http://www.floridabar.org/thevotesinyourcourt



Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

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WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POLLS



THE BAILIFF

I'm a special deputy who will greet you at the door and provide assistance when needed. I'll remind you to have your ID ready!



THE GREETER I'm especially helpful to first-time voters, giving ballot demonstrations and answering most questions. I even have special ballots for the kids too!



BOOK INSPECTOR I have the poll register with your name in it. I'll ask for your ID and check your signature before giving you a ballot ticket. I should never tell you that you can't vote!



BALLOT INSPECTOR I take your ballot ticket and give you your ballot. Then I'll point your way to the voting booth.



THE TOUCH SCREEN The law now requires each precinct to have a touch screen voting machine for voters with special needs. Each precinct has one poll worker just to run it.



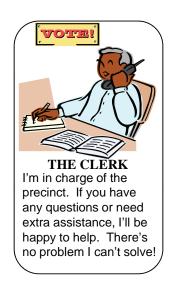
VOTE! Vote your secret ballot in the booth provided. If you make a mistake please ask for a new ballot! All done? Put your ballot in the folder and head for the Accu-Vote machine.



BALLOT BOX INSPECTOR I stand near the ballot box to assist voters should a problem arise. If one does, I can always call the clerk!



NEED ASSISTANCE? If you have any special needs that will make your voting experience easier and faster, just ask! There are plenty of friendly poll workers waiting to help!





Equally popular and unpopular, the law no longer allows any form of solicitation within 100 feet of your polling place.



THANK YOU! After you slide your ballot into the top of the Accu-Vote tabulator you're finished! Don't leave without your "I Voted" sticker and wear it proudly!

OKALOOSA COUNTY POLLING PLACES

<u>PCT #</u>	PCT NAME	POLLING PLACE			
1	Baker	Baker Area Recreation Assn. Bldg., 5503 Hwy 4, Baker			
2	Blackman	Blackman Community Center, 7590 Hwy 189 N, Blackman			
3	Milligan	Milligan Assembly of God Church, 5408 Hwy 4, Milligan			
4	Holt	First Baptist Church of Holt, 532 Hwy 90 W, Holt			
5	Laurel Hill	First Baptist Church of Laurel Hill, 3972 2nd Ave, Laurel Hill			
6	Garden City	Auburn Pentecostal Church, 6144 Hwy 85 N, Crestview			
7	Dorcas	Dorcas Baptist Church, Education Bldg, 5880 McCallum Rd, Dorcas			
8	Honey Creek	Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3252 James Lee Blvd E, Crestview			
9	Yellow River	Charles Walthall Bldg, 5479 Old Bethel Rd, Crestview			
10	West Wright	The Covenant Community Church, 1007 Gospel Rd, Ft Walton Beach			
11	East CV	Lifepoint Church, 400 Ferdon Blvd S, Crestview			
12	West CV	Carver Hill School, 461 School Ave W, Crestview			
13	North CV	Woodlawn Baptist Church, 824 Ferdon Blvd N, Crestview			
14	West NV	St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 200 Partin Dr N, Niceville			
15	Valparaiso	First Baptist Church of Valparaiso, 444 Valparaiso Pkwy, Valparaiso			
16	Shalimar	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1 Meigs Dr, Shalimar			
17	Central Wright	Wright Baptist Church, 795 Beal Pkwy NW, Ft Walton Beach			
18	Ocean City	Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2 Woodham Ave, Ft Walton Beach			
19	East FWB	Beulah First Baptist Church, 109 McGriff St, Ft Walton Beach			
20	West Destin	Destin Community Center, 101 Stahlman Ave, Destin			
21	Mary Esther	First Baptist Church, 28 North St, Mary Esther			
22	S. Central FWB	St. Mary Catholic Church Parish Life Center, 110 St. Mary Ave SW, Ft Walton Beach			
23	Eglin	West Gate Chapel, Eglin Blvd - Bldg 2574, Eglin AFB			
24	West FWB	Knights of Columbus, 205 Carol Ave NW, Ft Walton Beach			
25	N Central NV	Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1200 Valparaiso Blvd, Niceville			
26	Seminole	Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church, 1028 White Point Rd, Niceville			
27	Cinco Bayou	Cinco Bayou Town Hall, 10 Yacht Club Dr, Ft Walton Beach			
28	Garniers	Cinco Bayou Town Hall, 10 Yacht Club Dr, Ft Walton Beach			
29	Golf Course	Trinity United Methodist Church, 403 Racetrack Rd NW, Ft Walton Beach			
30	Okaloosa Island	Elks Lodge, 1335 Miracle Strip Pkwy, Ft Walton Beach			
31	Longwood	Bob Hope Village Welcome Center, 92 Sunset Ln, Shalimar			
32	Ferry Park	The Church of Christ, 232 Hollywood Blvd SE, Ft Walton Beach			
33	Rocky Bayou	First Presbyterian Church, 1800 John Sims Pkwy, Niceville			
34	Florosa	St. Peter Catholic Church, 100 Francis St, Mary Esther			
35	North Destin	Destin United Methodist Church, 200 Beach Dr, Destin			
36	South NV	Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1200 Valparaiso Blvd, Niceville			
37	Lake Lorraine	Shalimar Baptist Church, 17 4th Ave, Shalimar			
38	North Gate	Salvation Army Chapel, 425 Mary Esther Cut-Off, Ft Walton Beach			
39	E Wright	Sons of Italy Bldg, 808 South Dr, Ft Walton Beach			
40	South Bluewater	Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church, 1028 White Point Rd, Niceville			
41	N Central FWB	St. Mary Catholic Church Parish Life Center, 110 St. Mary Ave SW, Ft Walton Beach			
42	New Heights	Abundant Life Church, 233 Hill Ave N, Ft Walton Beach			
43	S Central NV	Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1200 Valparaiso Blvd, Niceville			
44	Central Destin	Destin United Methodist Church, 200 Beach Dr, Destin			
45	South CV	Foxwood Country Club, 4927 Antioch Rd, Crestview			
46	North Bluewater	Bluewater Community Church, 4580 Range Rd, Niceville			
47 48 *	Wynnehaven Bch Westwood	St. Peter Catholic Church, 100 Francis St, Mary Esther The Maridian at Westwood, 1001 Mar Walt Dr NW, Et Walton Beach			
48 * 49	East Destin	<i>The Meridian at Westwood, 1001 Mar Walt Dr NW, Ft Walton Beach</i> Destin City Hall Annex, 4100 Indian Bayou Trl, Destin			
49 50	South Destin	Destin City Hall Annex, 4100 Indian Bayou Trl, Destin			
50	Airport Rd	Airport Road Church of Christ, 2845 Airport Rd, Crestview			
52	Live Oak	Live Oak Baptist Church, 4565 Live Oak Church Rd, Crestview			
52	LIVE OUR				
	POLLS OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM				
*48	Same location new name	Formerly Westwood Retirement Resort			

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BEAT THE RUSH. VOTE EARLY! Monday, October 20th - Saturday, November 1st SYAD ALL DAYS See page 3 for Early Voting Locations





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