Miami-Dade County Voter Information Guide

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Dear Miami-Dade County Voter,

Thank you for your interest in Miami-Dade County’s Voter Information Guide. We value voter participation and encourage all voters to familiarize themselves with the voting process.

The Miami-Dade County Elections Department’s mission is to ensure elections are fair, accurate, secure, convenient, and accessible to all voters.

This guide contains pertinent information regarding voter registration, poll worker recruitment, and the three convenient ways to vote. We want you to Be Election Ready!

If you require additional information, please contact our office at 305-499-VOTE (8683) or visit us online at www.iamelectionready.org.

Sincerely,
Christina White
Supervisor of Elections

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Section 1 – VOTER’S BILL OF RIGHTS

Florida Statute 101.031 states that each registered voter in Miami-Dade County 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 elections 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.

Section 2 – VOTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Florida Statute 101.031 states that each registered voter in Miami-Dade County should:

- Familiarize him or herself with the candidates and issues.
- Maintain with the office of the 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 the 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.

Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.
Section 3 – VOTER REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Who can register to vote?
- At age 16, qualified minors may pre-register to vote once they turn 18 years old.
- Voters must be citizens of the United States.
- To vote in Miami-Dade County, voters must reside in Miami-Dade County. There is no length of time that a voter must live here before registering to vote.

Who cannot register to vote?
- Anyone who does not meet the above requirements.
- Anyone who has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting, and has not had his/her right to vote restored.
- Anyone convicted of a felony, and has not had his/her civil rights restored.

When can a citizen register to vote?
Eligible citizens can register to vote anytime but should know that the registration deadline for every election is 29 days prior to Election Day. Registering to vote is a right available to all persons who meet the state requirements. In Miami-Dade County there are many official agencies where eligible citizens can register in person or get a voter registration form:

- Elections Department
- Florida Driver License Bureau
- Miami-Dade County Public Libraries
- County Government offices
- Any state public assistance agencies
- Armed Forces recruiting offices

Mail Registrations
First-time voters who register by mail and have never voted in Florida must provide the Elections Department a copy of a current and valid photo identification that includes the voter’s name and current residential address prior to voting. Please do not submit original documents.

Citizens can register to vote online at www.registertovoteflorida.gov. Voters may submit their registration electronically or download a copy of their application and mail the original signed form to:

Supervisor of Elections
P.O. Box 521550
Miami, Florida 33152

If a voter needs more information regarding the closest agency, or needs to obtain a form by mail, they may contact the County’s 311 Answer Center or the Elections Department at 305-499-VOTE (8683) any weekday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: When a person registers to vote, their address of legal residence is required by Florida Statute 97.053. If voters provide a mailing address, P.O. Box, or business address, the application will not be accepted, and can cause the registration to be declined and/or not processed in time for an election. P.O. Box and other business addresses can be accepted as a mailing address only, but not as a residential address.
A completed voter registration application MUST include:

**First Box.** A mark in the box(es) that apply.

**Box 1.** A mark in the box affirming citizenship of the United States of America.

**Box 2.** A mark in the box affirming that the voter has not been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, that they have had their civil rights restored.

**Box 3.** A mark in the box affirming that the voter has not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting, or if so adjudicated, that they have had their right to vote restored.

**Box 4.** Voter’s date of birth.

**Box 5.** Valid Florida Driver License number or Florida Identification Card number. If not able to provide either of those, voters must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number.

**Box 6.** Voter’s name.

**Box 7.** Voter’s legal residential address.

**Box 12.** Voter’s signature affirming the oath that under penalty of law the information contained in the registration application is true (Power of Attorney is not accepted).

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**NOTE:** A voter whose application fails to designate a political party will be registered as no party affiliation.
Online Voter Registration
Online Voter Registration provides another option for voter registration and updates to existing records. It is designed to:

- Verify credentials (i.e. eligibility, Florida Driver’s License number or Identification Card number, Social Security number and issue date)
- Obtain most recent signature from Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Once validated, records will be sent electronically to the Elections Department for processing. If a person’s information cannot be validated, they will be required to print the application from OVR and mail it to:

Supervisor of Elections
P.O. Box 521550
Miami, Florida 33152

Third Party Voter Registration Organizations
A third party voter registration organization refers to any person, entity or organization that solicits or collects any voter registration application, except:

- A person who seeks only to register to vote or collect a voter registration application from that person’s spouse, child, or parent
  or
- An employee or agent who registers or collects voter registration applications on behalf of the Division of Elections, Supervisor of Elections, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, or an official voter registration agency.

For more information, visit the Florida Division of Elections’ website.

Section 4 – VOTING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

There are three convenient ways to exercise your vote:

Vote by Mail
Voters have the option of voting from the convenience of their own home by requesting a mail ballot. A paper ballot is mailed to the voter to be marked and returned to the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

It is imperative that when voting by mail ballot, voters carefully follow the instructions included with their ballot and sign the signature box on the outside of the envelope provided. Detailed instructions are provided on the actual mail ballot and special instructions are available on the secrecy envelope included in the mail ballot package.

Voters may request a mail ballot in person, by telephone (305-499-VOTE), by mail, or online by visiting www.iamelectionready.org. All requests for a mail ballot must be received by the 6th day before the election. All mail ballots must be mailed by the Elections Department no later than the fourth day before the election.

REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Residential address
- Mailing address
- The election(s) for which a ballot is requested
• The requester’s name and relationship to voter (if applicable)
• Voter’s registration number (if available)
• Original signature (if the request is in writing)

Mail ballots are mailed to voters approximately four weeks before each election, provided that a current request is already on file.

Mail Ballots must be returned as follows:
1. By Mail – A mail ballot may be returned via the United States Postal Service and must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

2. In Person – A voter who received a mail ballot may return his or her own ballot in person to the Miami-Dade Elections Department at 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172 no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

3. By Voter's Designee – Limited to two ballots per election, only one of which may be from a voter who is not the spouse, parent, child, grandparent, or sibling of the designee.

A mail ballot may be returned by the voter’s designee to 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172 on the day prior to and the day of the election if the person designated by the voter is an immediate family member and only on the day of the election if the designee is not an immediate family member.

Picture identification of the designee must be presented along with a written statement from the voter containing the following information:
• Printed name of voter
• Voter’s daytime phone number
• Voter’s date of birth
• Voter’s registration information number (optional)
• Name of person returning the mail ballot
• If the voter is a member of the designee’s immediate family, reason why the voter must have someone else return the mail ballot
• If the voter is not a member of the designee’s immediate family, the designee must also present a statement signed by a physician on that physician’s stationery that, due to a medical emergency involving the voter or voter’s dependent, the named voter is unable to vote at the polls and is unable to return a mail ballot in person
• Voter’s signature

4. Surrendered at the Polls – A voter who prefers to vote in person may surrender a voted or un-voted mail ballot to the voter’s precinct on Election Day. The returned ballot will be marked “canceled” by the election board. A voter who desires to vote in person, but does not return the ballot to the precinct, may vote only under the following conditions:
• The election board confirms the voter’s mail ballot has not been received.
• If the election board cannot determine whether the voter’s mail ballot has been received, the voter may vote a provisional ballot.

Do not return anyone else’s ballot at the polls. Under State Law, this ballot will not be counted.

Mail ballots must be returned in the certificate envelope that is included with the ballot. The envelope must be signed
outside, on the signature box, by the voter. The voter’s signature on the certificate envelope must match the voter’s signature on record with the Elections Department.

If a voter does not have a valid and current identification, they may be asked to vote using a provisional ballot.

Signature Updates – The Elections Department verifies a voter’s signature by comparing it to the signature on file. Signatures often change, therefore, it is recommended that voters update their signature as needed. To do so, simply complete a Florida Voter Registration Application available at the Elections Department, driver’s license offices, public libraries, government satellite offices, and state agencies that provide public assistance.

Supervised Voting at Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) and Nursing Homes (NH) – Supervised voting per Florida Statute 101.655 is available to ALF/NH residents through the support of the Florida Assisted Living Association, to ensure that every resident at an ALF/NH is able to cast his or her vote in a safe and convenient environment, free from fear, intimidation or exploitation. The law requires that the ALF/NH wanting to participate, submit their request in writing to the Elections Department no later than 21 days prior to an election. Please specify in the request the name of the ALF/NH and the names of the voters who wish to participate. The request must contain the names of five (5) or more voters for our office to provide supervised voting.

Early Voting
Early voting begins 14 days prior to every countywide election. Any registered voter may vote during the scheduled early voting period at any of the designated early voting sites in Miami-Dade County. Voters will be asked to show a current and valid photo and signature identification. A list of Early Voting sites will be available online prior to each countywide election.

Early Voting Sites
Early voting hours of operation can also be found by contacting 311 or 305-499-VOTE.

By voting early, voters can choose a site that is closer to their home or place of work. At early voting sites, voters have the benefits of easy, automated check-ins and custom printed ballots onsite.

Voting on Election Day
All polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

State law requires that voters who choose to wait until Election Day must go to their assigned polling place. It is important that voters notify the Elections Department if they have moved, so that they may be directed to the correct polling place. An address may be updated by e-mail, telephone, fax, or by submitting an updated Voter’s Registration Application Form.

Voters can locate their assigned polling place by checking their voter information card, calling 305-499-VOTE, or by going to the Elections Department’s website at www.iamelectionready.org. Voters will also be able to find their precinct information online as well.

What to Bring on Election Day
When voting in person, whether at an early voting site or at a polling place on Election Day, photo identification is required. Voters need to be sure to bring a current and valid
identification that contains their name, photograph, and signature.

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Florida driver license.
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
- United States passport.
- Debit or credit card.
- Military identification.
- Student identification.
- Retirement center identification.
- Neighborhood association identification.
- Public assistance identification.
- Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- A license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to § 790.06 F.S.
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

Voters may also bring their sample ballot so they are prepared to vote in the privacy booth. While it is not required that voters bring their voter identification card to the polling place on Election Day, it will expedite the check-in process.

**Provisional Voting**

Per Florida Statute 101.048, a voter claiming to be properly registered in the state and eligible to vote at the precinct in the election but whose eligibility cannot be determined, shall be entitled to vote a provisional ballot.

A voter is entitled to vote a provisional ballot if:

- Voter's name does not appear on the electronic register and voter's eligibility cannot be verified.
- Voter refutes the Supervisor of Elections' office confirmation that he or she is not registered and/or eligible.
- There is an indication on the electronic register that the voter has returned the vote-by-mail ballot or has voted in the office or at an early voting site, but the voter maintains that he or she has not voted, even after a call to the Elections Department.
- Voter did not provide picture/signature identification.
- There is an indication on the electronic register that the voter has been challenged in this election.
- Voter is challenged at the precinct.
- Voter's signature does not match signature on record and affidavit refused.
- Indication on the electronic register that voter’s Florida Driver’s License Number, Florida ID Card or Social Security Number is not yet verified by the Department of State in conjunction with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Once voted, the provisional ballot shall be placed in a secrecy envelope and sealed in a provisional ballot envelope for return to the Supervisor of Elections.

A person casting a provisional ballot has the right to present written evidence supporting his or her eligibility to vote to the Supervisor of Elections by not later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election.
If it is determined that the person was registered and entitled to vote at the precinct where the person cast a vote in the election, the Canvassing Board shall compare the signature on the Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation with the signature on the voter's registration and, if it matches, shall count the ballot.

If it is determined that the person voting the provisional ballot was not registered or entitled to vote at the precinct where the person cast a vote in the election, the provisional ballot shall not be counted and the ballot shall remain in the envelope containing the Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation.

Voters may check the status of their provisional ballot on the Elections Department’s website at:


Sample Ballots

The Sample Ballot shows voters what they will be voting on for a particular election. The Sample Ballot includes voting instructions, early voting locations, and important reminders.

Sample Ballots will be available 25 – 30 days prior to an election. For more information, go to:


The Elections Department will mail a new voter information card any time there is a change in the voter’s polling place or registration information, such as party affiliation.
Following is a sample Voter Information Card. A sample Voter Information Card can also be found at http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/voter-registration.asp#3.

A. Voter’s current address

B. Voter’s registration number

C. The address of the voter’s voting location

D. The precinct number where voter is registered to vote

E. Voter’s date of birth

F. Voter’s party affiliation

G. Congressional, State, and local representative districts voter is eligible to vote for

H. The municipality voter is eligible to vote in
Station 1: Check-In – Voters will be asked to present a photo and signature ID. After verification, voters will receive a Voter Authorization Slip and will be directed to Station 2.

Station 2: Ballot Table – Voters will be provided a paper ballot. Voters must sign the Voter Authorization Slip to acknowledge receipt of the ballot and then will receive a privacy folder along with a pen for marking the ballot.

Station 3: Privacy Booths – With the ink pen provided, voters will make their selections on both sides of the ballot page(s) in a booth that provides privacy for the voter.

Station 4: Optical Scan Voting Equipment – Voters will hand the Voter Authorization Slip to the poll worker and insert all of the ballot page(s), one page at a time into the optical scanner in order to cast their ballot.

If a mistake is made, the voter may receive a new ballot page at the Ballot Replacement area.
Optical Scan Voting Equipment

Voters will cast their votes on a paper ballot by filling in ovals representing their designated choices with a black or blue ink pen. It is important that voters take their time, and make sure they have reviewed the entire ballot (front and back) to make sure they have accounted for the different choices available. Some ballots may have multiple pages.

Once voters have completed marking their ballot, they will proceed to the Optical Scan Voting Equipment, and will insert their ballot into the tabulator, which will then scan and record their votes. The ballot may be inserted in any direction. The scanned paper ballot will drop into a secured ballot box located beneath the scanner.

ELECTRONIC VOTER IDENTIFICATION (EViD) SYSTEM

- The EViD is an online, real-time voter check-in system
- It replaces the paper precinct registers
- The poll worker will swipe a voter’s Florida Driver’s License or a voter’s Florida Identification (ID) Card to quickly locate the voter’s information
- The voter signs the Electronic Signature Pad, and the voter’s record is immediately updated
Section 5 – POLL WORKERS

There are more than 8,000 poll workers in Miami-Dade County trained by the Supervisor of Elections to ensure fair and accurate elections. A poll worker must be a registered voter in Miami-Dade County, be able to read and write English and attend mandatory training. Multilingual poll workers are welcome and encouraged to apply.

Complete information on poll worker eligibility, applying, pay, hours, etc. can be found by reading our Poll Worker Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

Poll Worker FAQs

1. What are the requirements for becoming a Poll Worker?
   Any prospective poll worker for Miami-Dade County must:
   - Be a registered voter in Miami-Dade County
   - Be able to read and write the English language
   - Attend mandatory training prior to each election
   - Have excellent customer service skills
   - Be respectful of all voters
   - Represent the county in a professional manner
   - Be able to work long hours
   - Remain nonpartisan while at the polls
   - Have transportation to and from the polls
   - Have a valid email address

2. How do I apply to be a poll worker?
   - Review our poll worker information here
   - Apply through our online Poll Worker Application
• (or) Contact our Scheduling Section at 305-499-8448 to complete your application over the phone

NOTE: A representative from our Scheduling Section will contact you regarding “New Poll Worker Training” once your application is processed and all information is verified.

3. Is there an age restriction to becoming a Poll Worker?
The only restriction affecting age is that the poll worker must be registered to vote in Miami-Dade County or pre-registered to vote (if under the age of 18). For information on voter registration, please see our website.

4. What information is needed to complete the Poll Worker Application?
In order to process your application fully, we will need the following:
• Full Name
• Date of Birth
• Address
• Phone Number(s)
• Voter Registration #
• Valid Email Address

5. What are the different Poll Worker positions*?
Clerk
• Supervises the election board
• Responsible for completing required paperwork before the polls open and after they close
• Reports to the Collection Center with specified supplies after the polls close

Assistant Clerk
• Must be familiar with all Clerk procedures to assist the Clerk, or take over for the Clerk if needed
• Responsible for ballot distribution

Check-in/EViD Inspector
• Asks voter for identification
• Swipes acceptable forms of ID or manually enters voter’s information on the check-in system
• Sends the voter to the Ballot Table

Ballot Table Inspector
• Issues the voter their appropriate ballot
• Records and confirms the number of ballot pages the voter will receive

Deputy
• Maintains the 100’ solicitation boundary as well as the 75’ exit polling boundary; responsible for the flow of voter traffic in and out of the poll

IMPORTANT: All poll workers, regardless of their position, are responsible for the setup of the equipment and supplies at their assigned precincts on the Monday before their assigned election and after the polls close on Election Day.

6. What are the work hours?
All poll workers must be at their assigned polling place at 5:30 am on Election Day. Polls close at 7:00 PM or when the last voter has left the precinct. Additional time will be required post-closing. Poll workers assigned to a polling location are expected to remain there for the entire day.
7. **Is this a paid position?**
Election Day poll workers are paid a stipend *(i.e. not an hourly wage)* for training, Pre-Election set-up and Election Day duties based on the position they are assigned. The complete Poll Worker Pay Schedule outlines poll worker pay by position.

8. **When will I get paid for working an Election?**
All poll worker checks are mailed three to four weeks after working an assigned election. Checks are mailed to the residential address or mailing address on file with Elections; therefore, it is very important you make sure to keep your address with us current. Importantly, you must attend training and perform your required Election Day duties in order to be paid.

9. **Will I be assigned to work close to home?**
Our office makes every attempt to place you as close to your home precinct as possible; however, since precinct assignments are based on need, poll workers may be assigned to work at other locations.

10. **Can a poll worker work more than one election in a year?**
Yes. If there are multiple elections during the year, a poll worker may be assigned to work more than one election. Please refer to our Election Calendars for election dates and locations. Trainings will be scheduled as needed depending on the dates and overall staffing needs of each election.

11. **I am a county employee. How do I become a poll worker?**
Yes, pending departmental approval. Please refer to your DPR for more information.

12. **Can we refer friends and relatives to apply to be a Poll Worker?**
Yes! In fact, we are currently running a Word-of-Mouth Poll Worker Recruitment Campaign! We value and encourage personal referrals.

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**Section 6 – ADA AND LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY**

Voters with disabilities have the option to utilize Audio iVotronic equipment. Each precinct will have an Audio iVotronic machine equipped with a special keyboard and/or earphones through which voters are talked through the voting process. Voters will be informed of the candidates in each race and will be read the ballot questions and choices in English, Spanish, or Creole. Each time they make a selection, that choice will be announced to the voter and they can either change their selection or move on to the next race or question.

All Election Day polling places and Early Voting locations will be accessible for persons with a disability. Disabled voters may use audio iVotronic, request to fill out a Declaration to Secure Assistance and may bring their own person to assist them or request assistance from an Election Board member. To schedule a demonstration of the ADA accessible equipment, call 305-499-VOTE.

Any voter who experiences difficulty with English, Spanish and Creole can ask for assistance at the polling location.

Miami-Dade staffs polling locations with bilingual poll workers who are ready and willing to assist.
Section 7 – RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

During the investigative phase, the Executive Clemency Board will consider, but not be limited to, the following factors when determining whether to grant an applicant restoration of civil rights or other form of clemency.

- The nature and circumstances of the offense;
- Prior and subsequent criminal record, including traffic offenses;
- Employment history;
- Mental health, drug, or alcohol issues;
- Domestic violence issues;
- Letters submitted in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of Executive Clemency.

The information this agency requests is necessary to provide the basic facts needed by the Clemency Board to make an informed judgment as to whether or not someone should be granted Restoration of Civil Rights or any other form of clemency. No one is under any obligation to furnish information. However, unless the Office of Executive Clemency receives the requested information, they will be unable to provide complete information to the Clemency Board.

If someone is granted Restoration of Civil Rights based on the “Without a Hearing” investigation, they will be sent a Certificate of Restoration of Civil Rights to the address on file.

If the Clemency Board grants an application regarding a “With a Hearing” case, an Executive Order will be prepared, signed by the Clemency Board members, and a copy mailed to requestor.

If someone is a registered voter and the Elections Department is notified by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the U.S. Attorney, or other agency, that they have been convicted of a felony, the Elections Department will research the matter.

If the Department determines that a person has been correctly identified and has been convicted of a felony, our office will notify them that they have been identified as a convicted felon and will give them the opportunity to present evidence showing that they are not a convicted felon.

If the evidence indicates that they are indeed a convicted felon, their name will be removed from the voter rolls. If the evidence confirms that they are not a convicted felon and their rights were not taken away, they will remain an active voter.

If someone has reason to believe that they may be identified as having a felony conviction, they should contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the county where the action may have been initiated for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to confirm their status.

If someone has a felony conviction and believes their voting rights have been restored or wishes to make an application to have their rights restored, they should contact the Office of Executive Clemency at 850-488-2952.
**Section 8 – VOTER FAQs**

What if a voter does not receive their Voter Information Card?
Voters that have registered to vote or made a change (such as address or party affiliation) to their registration, and have not received their new Voter Information Card, may call 305-499-VOTE. **Please note, voters do not need their Voter Information Card to vote, only a photo ID with signature.**

Do Vote-by-Mail Ballots count?
Yes, provided the signed vote-by-mail ballot envelope is returned no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Because the Elections Department will verify a voter’s signature by comparing it to the signature on file, voters need to ensure their signature has been updated.

What if a voter’s name is not found?
An Elections Specialist stationed at the precinct will check to see if person is a registered voter by researching their information on a database at the polling place. If the poll worker informs a voter that they cannot vote, the person has the right to know the reason and vote a provisional ballot.

If a voter is registered as a non partisan will they be able to vote in a partisan election?
Yes, but only during the General Elections. Nonpartisan voters will not be able to vote for a candidate during the Primary Elections because Florida is a Closed Primary State. This means that only voters who are registered members of a political party may vote for their respective party’s candidates in a primary election.

However, if all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary election for that office. This is known as a “Universal Primary Contest.” Keep in mind there are nonpartisan races that are applicable to all registered voters, regardless of party affiliation. Voters should know their party affiliation before voting. Sample ballots can be viewed online at: [www.iamelectionready.org](http://www.iamelectionready.org)

Should voters vote a Provisional Ballot when they have an address change?
No. The clerk will fill out an Affirmation Form to record the change of address. Voters must vote in their assigned home precinct so a voter who changes their address at the voting location may need to go to a different voting location on Election Day.

**Section 9 – ELECTION LAW VIOLATIONS**

How to report election law violations
Violations relating to Chapters 104 and 106 and section 105.071 should be reported by sworn written complaint to the Elections Commission.

Violations of either the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, any irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, candidate or issue petitions, and removal procedures or voting under the Florida Election Code should be reported in writing to the Florida Division of Elections. All other violations should be reported to the local State Attorney.
Section 10 – ELECTION CALENDAR

To view the registration deadlines, candidate qualifying dates for scheduled elections, and the election dates visit http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/calendars.asp.

Section 11 – IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- All voters should familiarize themselves with the candidates and issues by reviewing their personal sample ballot in advance of voting.
- Voters should make sure the Elections Department has their updated signature and address on file.
- All polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- When voting at any voting location, whether at an early voting site or on Election Day, voters should ensure to bring a current and valid identification that contains their name, photograph, and signature.
- Voters need to ensure that their ballot is filled out and correct before leaving the voting booth.
- Florida is a Closed Primary State: per Florida Law, only voters who are registered members of a political party may vote for their respective party’s candidates on the ballot during a Primary Election.