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 **Message From Your Supervisor**



Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan, left, listens to Emmalise Féliciano of Pasco County accept her scholarship during the 2026 Florida Supervisor of Elections Summer Conference in Orlando.

2026 FSE Scholarship winners lauded

Leslie R. Swan

I have the honor of serving as the co-chair of the Florida Supervisor of Elections (FSE) Scholarship Committee.

On June 2, three deserving Florida college students were each awarded a \$1,200 scholarship during the 2026 Florida Supervisors of Elections Summer Conference.

These scholarships are intended to support students who demonstrate academic achievement, financial need, and a commitment to fields related to public service and civic engagement.

Applications were submitted to the Supervisor of Elections Office in the county where the applicant is registered to vote. Each county reviewed the applications and selected one finalist to advance to the Florida Supervisors of Elections Scholarship Committee for consideration. The committee then reviewed and scored all submissions, with scholarships awarded to the three applicants receiving the highest scores.

This year, 10 counties submitted finalists for the 2026 scholarships. Each year, the committee is impressed by the diversity of colleges and universities represented and by the exceptional accomplishments of the students who apply.

The colleges and universities represented by the Scholarship Finalists: Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, Florida State University,

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- Leila Jackson of Leon County
- Emmalise Féliciano of Pasco County

For additional information on the winners, turn to pages 6-7.

Palm Beach Atlantic University, Pasco-Hernando State College, Rollins College, University of Central Florida and University of Florida.

It is an honor to serve as co-chair of the Scholarship Committee and to recognize these outstanding students for their academic achievements and dedication to public service.

Investing in the next generation of civic leaders is an investment in the future of our communities and our democracy.

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a registered Florida voter
- Have lived in Florida for at least the two (2) years immediately preceding the application
- Be majoring in Political Science, Public Administration, Business Administration, or Journalism/Mass Communication
- Be enrolled or accepted as a junior or senior at an accredited Florida college or university
- Maintained a “C” grade point average or above for the previous academic year
- Demonstrate financial need.

 **Community Outreach**



Vote By Mail Coordinator Daisy Zamora, left, helps residents at Indian River Estates update their voter registrations during an Assist to Vote event in 2024.

REGISTERED VOTERS IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

(As of June 30, 2026)

- DEMOCRAT - 25,990**
- REPUBLICAN - 62,364**
- NPA - 24,149**
- OTHER - 5,182**
- TOTAL - 117,685**

LET'S GET SOCIAL

Be sure to like and follow us on social media to receive frequent updates and accurate information from your trusted source of voting and election information in Indian River County.



#VOTEINDIANRIVER

Supervised voting is available upon request for 2026 elections

By Elections Staff

The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office is preparing for its Supervised Voting Program, ensuring that eligible voters residing in assisted living facilities and nursing homes within the county have convenient access to participate in upcoming elections.



Vote By Mail Coordinator Daisy Zamora, left, helps a voter update their voter registration during an Assist to Vote event in 2024.

Supervised voting is a service available to voters living in qualifying facilities who may require assistance casting their ballots.

"Our Supervised Voting Program is an important way we ensure all eligible voters, including those in assisted living and nursing facilities, have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process," said Supervisor of Elections Leslie Rossway Swan.

To participate, a facility administrator must submit a written request to the Supervisor of Elections no later than 28 days prior to an election.

The request must include the name and address of the facility, along with the names of at least five registered Indian River County

voters who wish to vote through the program.

Once approved, a bipartisan team of two trained election staff members will visit the facility to deliver ballots directly to participating voters. The team will provide assistance as needed, ensuring each voter can complete their ballot privately and securely.

After voting is completed, the ballots will be returned to the Elections Office by the staff.

Facilities interested in scheduling supervised voting are encouraged to contact Elections Administration Coordinator Katie Otto at 772-226-4718 to arrange a convenient date and time.



COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels headlined the 2026 Vero Beach Air Show the weekend of May 16-17. The Supervisor of Elections Office is near the Municipal Airport, which gave SOE employees the opportunity to see the jets fly over 43rd Avenue during training sessions leading up to the Air Show.



Breaking down changes in Fla. congressional districts

Indian River County is now part of District 9

By Gray Rohrer and Ana Goni-Lessan
Florida News Service

TALLAHASSEE – Gov. Ron DeSantis recently signed into law a new congressional map, reworking 21 of Florida’s 28 U.S. House districts.

While Districts 1 through 7 were unchanged, many of the others were altered, including Indian River County’s district.

Here’s a breakdown of all of the districts that were changed:

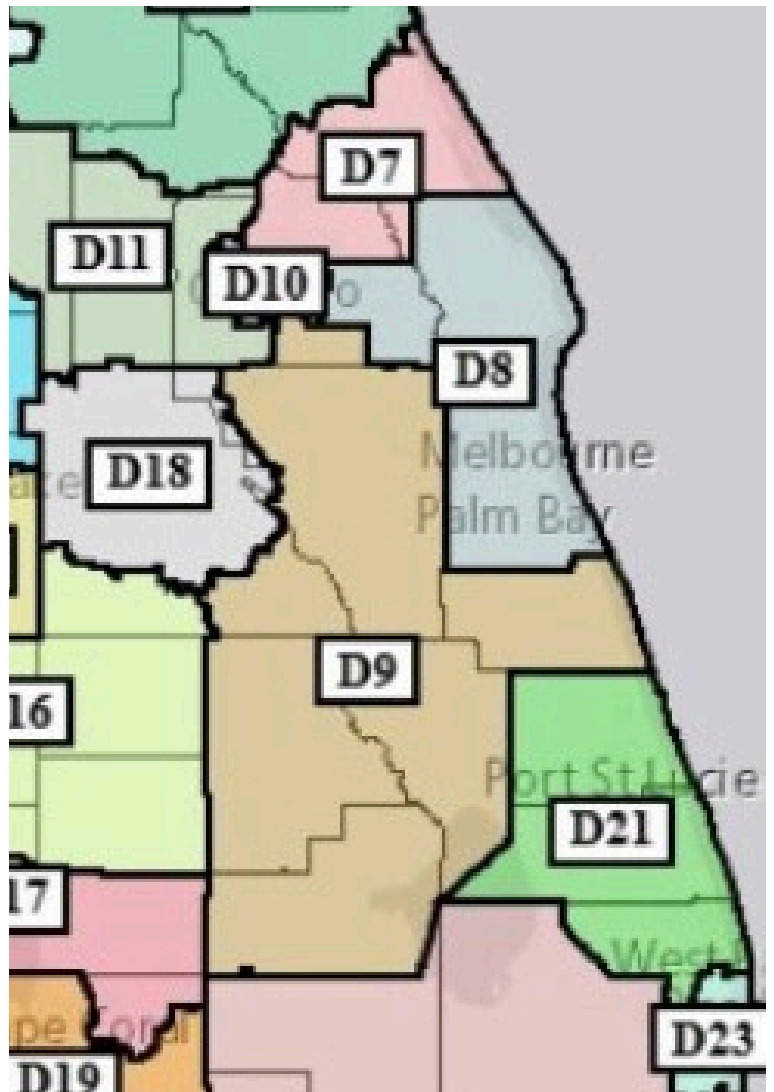
DISTRICT 8: Under the prior map, this district included Indian River and Brevard counties, and pushed into Orange County. In the new map, the district drops Indian River County and drives deeper west into Orange County, picking up about 160,000 more Orange County residents, according to 2020 U.S. Census figures. U.S. Rep. Mike Haridopolos, R-Merritt Island, is the incumbent and is expected to run in the same district.

DISTRICT 9: In the old congressional configuration, the district was contained to Osceola County and parts of Orange and Polk counties. Now, it stretches from the Orlando area, with parts of Orange, Polk and Osceola counties, down through the middle of the state, taking in Indian River, Okeechobee, Highlands and Glades counties. The district is held by incumbent U.S. Rep. Darren Soto, D-Kissimmee.

DISTRICT 10: In the move to the new map, the district loses part of its territory in eastern Orange County and moves west but remains wholly within the county. U.S. Rep. Maxwell Frost, D-Orlando, holds the seat.

DISTRICT 11: Under the old map the district contained all of Sumter County and parts of Lake, Orange and Polk counties. In the new map, the district sheds its Polk territory and moves deeper into southwestern Orange County. U.S. Rep. Daniel Webster, R-Clermont, is the incumbent, but during the special session announced he wouldn’t seek another term.

DISTRICT 12: There’s a large change in the makeup of this district. Under the old map, it included Citrus and Hernando counties and parts of Marion and Pasco counties.



Florida News Service map/graphic

Indian River County is now part of District 9, which originally was contained to Osceola County and parts of Orange and Polk counties in the old congressional configuration. Now, it stretches from the Orlando area, with parts of Orange, Polk and Osceola counties, down through the middle of the state, taking in Indian River, Okeechobee, Highlands and Glades counties.

With the redraw, the district holds on to part of its Pasco territory but gives up its northern counties to the new District 15 and moves south into Hillsborough County. U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Palm Harbor, represents the district currently and indicated on the social media site X that he plans to run in the new District 12.

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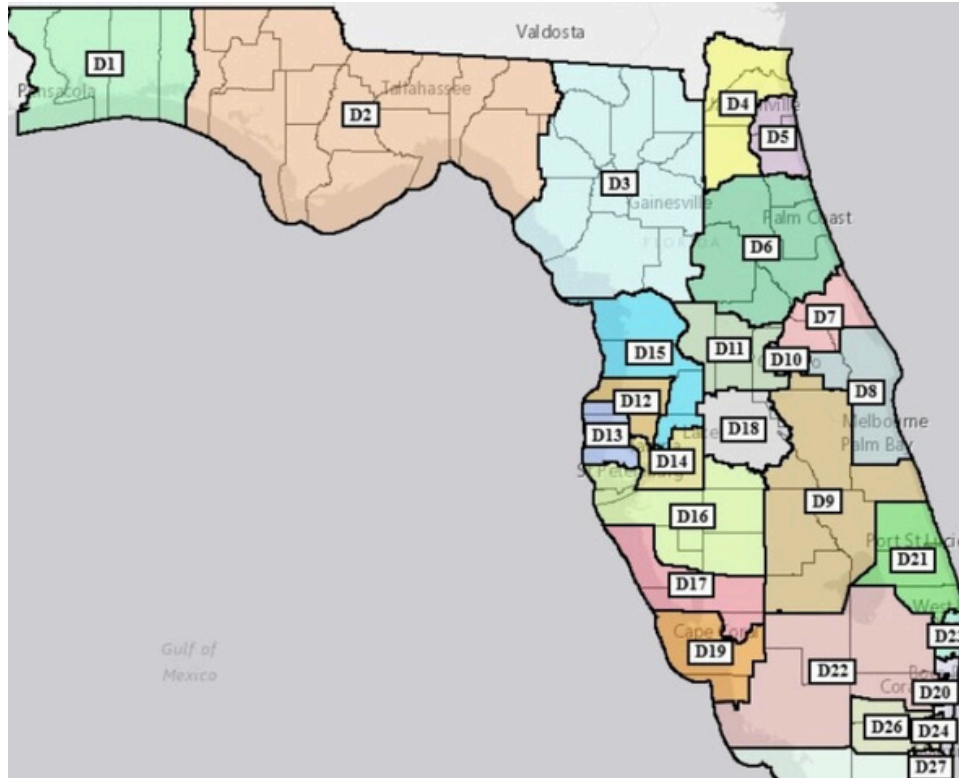
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DISTRICT 13: The district used to be completely within Pinellas County, hugging the west coast and including Clearwater. In the new map the southern part of Pinellas is dropped from the district, while it pushes up into Pasco County. U.S. Rep. Anna Paulina Luna, R-St. Petersburg, holds the seat and is expected to run in the same district.

DISTRICT 14: This district included part of Pinellas County and central Hillsborough County in the old map, but in the transition it shifts south and west while remaining within Hillsborough County. U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor, D-Tampa, is the incumbent and has stated she'll run in the same district in November.

DISTRICT 15: The new map splits Tampa into three districts, including this seat, which stretches from Tampa north to include all of Hernando and Citrus counties and part of Pasco County, which was the bulk of the old District 12. The new 2026 map adds Citrus County to District 15, joining parts of Hillsborough and Pasco and all of Hernando County. District 15 used to contain a part of Polk, but that's been dropped. U.S. Rep. Laurel Lee, R-Brandon, is the incumbent and intends to run for the same seat.

DISTRICT 16: Previously the district was only comprised of Manatee County and part of Hillsborough County. Now it has expanded east and west, taking in part of St. Petersburg in Pinellas County, part of Polk and Sarasota counties and all of DeSoto, Hardee and Manatee counties. U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Sarasota, holds the seat but has said he won't run for another term.



Florida News Service map/graphic

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DISTRICT 17: The old district contained all of Sarasota and Charlotte counties and part of northern Lee County. The changes mean the district gives up the eastern, inland portion of Sarasota County and takes in more of Fort Myers in Lee County. U.S. Rep. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, is the incumbent and he will run in the same seat.

DISTRICT 18: This seat used to run from Polk County south, encompassing the state's rural counties of DeSoto, Hendry, Hardee, Highlands, Glades and Okeechobee, which are now part of Districts 9, 16 and 17. Now the district is centered primarily in Polk County, with part of Osceola County. U.S. Rep. Scott Franklin, R-Lakeland, represents the district and is expected to run for the same seat in November.

DISTRICT 19: The previous district covered most of Lee County and ran along the coast down into Collier County. The new district gives up Fort Myers, but stretches farther west into Lee County and into inland Collier County. The seat is held by U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds, who is running for governor.

DISTRICT 20: The new district is centered wholly within Broward County, including the cities of Margate, Oakland Park, North Lauderdale, Tamarac, Lauderdale Lakes and Lauderdale Lakes, and parts of Fort Lauderdale, Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, Deerfield Beach, Plantation, Pompano Beach and Sunrise. The seat was held by U.S. Rep. Sheila Cherfilus McCormick until last month, when she resigned but has said she will run to get her seat back. Former Democratic Broward County Mayor Dale Holness and Luther Campbell, the founding member of legendary rap group 2 Live Crew, have filed to run for the seat in the Democratic primary.

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And the winners are

Nikolas Latorre of Alachua County



Nikolas Latorre, of Alachua County, was recently awarded a \$1,200 scholarship from the Florida Supervisor of Elections Scholarship Committee.

Nikolas was born in Colombia and came to the United States by himself as a teenager in 2021. His first few months in the country were difficult; he slept on the couches of distant relatives in New York and Colorado until more of his immediate family followed him to South Florida. His first few months in Alachua County taught him the importance of finding community wherever you go and being polite and kind to everyone you met.

Nikolas began applying those values to his work upon arriving in Gainesville in January 2022. He worked at Starbucks and Fit2Run in customer service positions before enrolling at Santa Fe College in Spring 2023. It only took him one year to graduate from Santa Fe College with an Associate of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics and a 3.84 GPA. Over the course of that year at Santa Fe College, Nikolas served as Student Body president and treasurer.

When Nikolas transferred to the University of Florida in the Fall of 2024, Nikolas' passion for civic engagement became evident. Over the past two years, he served as a Legislative Intern in Florida State Sen. Stan McClain's

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Growing up, Emmalise Féliciano, of Pasco County, never needed to be told that money was tight, she felt it in the small sacrifices her family made every day.

As a first-generation Latina born and raised in Zephyrhills, she learned early that dreaming big required working twice as hard. That mindset carried her through high school and earned her a Top 10% Scholarship to Pasco-Hernando State College and set her on a path to graduate debt-free.

But recently that dream was tested in ways she never anticipated.

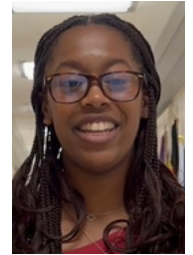
In October 2024, Hurricane Milton tore the roof off of her home. Months later, her family was still living beneath plastic sheeting and tarps, waiting for repairs they could not afford. What should have been a manageable recovery became impossible when, within the same season, my father, the household's sole provider, learned that both his brother and his sister had been diagnosed with cancer.

The Féliciano family did not hesitate. They assisted with treatment costs, traveled to Connecticut, and when Emmalise's uncle lost his battle, the family carried the weight of his funeral expenses too.

Emmalise is attending Pasco-Hernando State College. She exemplifies leadership

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Leila Jackson of Leon County



Leila Jackson, of Leon County, is pursuing a degree in Political Science with a minor in Political Philosophy at Florida State University. She has consistently performed at a high academic level, including recognition on the Dean's List.

What stands out even more is how she has paired her academic work with real-world experience. Through programs like FSU's Applied Politics & Policy Learning Experience (APPLE), she has produced policy research, assisted with civic preparedness projects, and contributed to community resources used across Leon County.

In addition to her academic work, Leila has demonstrated strong leadership across several roles. She has been active in the Florida Senate Minority Office under Sen. Lori Berman, the FSU Student Government Association, and the FSU Senate.

These are positions that require attention to detail, an ability to work with others, and a solid understanding of how policy, procedure, and public accountability all connect. The tasks she has undertaken, such as drafting committee reports, reviewing candidates for university-level positions, and helping

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Nikolas Latorre
of Alachua County

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Tallahassee office, U.S. Sen. Ashley Moody’s Washington D.C. office, and Florida State Sen. Bryan Avila’s Tallahassee office.

Nikolas had a clear need for the FSE Scholarship. First, he is completely self-supported; he receives no support from his family for his tuition, housing, transportation, course materials, and internship-related travel. He was the first in his family to come to the United States and his parents dedicate what they have to taking care of his siblings.

Nikolas works continuously to pay for housing, food, tuition, and other basic needs. Nikolas has stated that he is not applying for this scholarship to supplement comfort. He applied for this scholarship because financial pressure is a real and present barrier to full participation in the opportunities that will define his professional future.

Emmalise Féliciano
of Pasco County

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by being active in student government, Future Business Leaders of American, and marching band. She has played a pivotal role by advocating for college students through the Student Government Association, imbuing them with guidance, wisdom, and most significantly, a sense of purpose.

Emmalise is committed to service. She is a volunteer with the Income Tax Assistance program in Wesley Chapel, she serves as a Florida Senate intern for Sen. Danny Burgess, engaging thousands of Pasco County constituents, and she leads the Future Business Leaders chapter at her college.

Emmalise believes that investing in her community, and her education are not separate pursuits, they are the same one.

Without scholarships, like the \$1,200

FSE Scholarship, Emmalise would not have the funds to further her education. Emmalise stated,

“This community has poured into me at every stage of my journey and this scholarship would mean I can keep pouring back. I am so close to the finish line; I refuse to stop now,” Emmalise said.

Leila Jackson of
Leon County

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organize informational sessions, show that she approaches public service with thoughtfulness and maturity.

Leila is the youngest of three children. Her parents aid her older sister, who graduated from college in Spring 2026, as well as herself.

This scholarship will significantly benefit Leila’s family as a whole, where scholarships such as the FSE Scholarship will assist in funding her future and provide a foundation of success.

Community commitment, involvement



Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Candidate Coordinator Anita Wheeler never hesitates to help when she gets the call. Wheeler was a Loaned Executive to the United Way during its 2025-2026 campaign. She also gave the invocation during a recent County Commission meeting. Indian River County opens every meeting with a moment of silence in honor of our military and first responders, followed by an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. What a great community we live in!





Breaking down congressional district changes

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DISTRICT 21: This district used to have a larger chunk of north Palm Beach County under the old map, but gives up some of that inland territory while taking in Indian River County to the north, while holding on to Martin and St. Lucie counties and the cities of Jupiter and Palm Beach Gardens. U.S. Rep. Brian Mast, R-Palm City, is the incumbent and is expected to run for the same seat.

DISTRICT 22: The old maps had this district covering urban Palm Beach County, stretching from West Palm Beach down along the coast covering Lantana, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach, moving inland to cover Wellington. In the new map, it shifts west to cover the inland Palm Beach and Broward communities of Wellington and Parkland, then sprawls farther west into the rural south Florida county of Hendry and into southern Collier County, to include Marco Island. The seat is occupied by U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel, D-West Palm Beach.

DISTRICT 23: With the switch to the new map, this district shifts from one that straddled the Palm Beach-Broward County line, dipping southward to include the majority of its voters from Broward, to one fully within Palm Beach County. The new district covers part of West Palm Beach, running south to include Boynton Beach. The change lops off Coral Springs, where Democratic incumbent U.S. Rep. Jared Moskowitz resides. One of Moskowitz' Republican opponents, former state Rep. George Moraitis, has already switched from District 23 to run for that seat.

DISTRICT 24: This district shifts north, taking in more of Broward County, including part of Hollywood and stretches down into Miami-Dade County to include part of Miami and all of Miami Gardens. It also sheds Miami Beach. U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Miami, is the incumbent and is expected to run for the same district.

DISTRICT 25: The switch to the new maps means this district, which was based only in Broward and included Hollywood, Miramar, Pembroke Pines, Dania Beach and Weston, will now run along the coast from Palm

Localized maps available

Indian River County was moved into Florida's Ninth Congressional District following the approval of a new state congressional map. The county no longer shares a district with Brevard County; and instead spans inland, sharing the district with Orange, Polk, Osceola, Okeechobee, Highlands and Glades counties.

For granular, localized maps of your specific precinct or neighborhood, explore the following resources:

- **Voting Precincts:** View exact boundaries and polling locations on the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections' website at www.voteindianriver.gov
- **Community Boundaries:** Download the Indian River Community Boundaries Map for a highly specific breakdown of local neighborhoods, ranging from Vero Beach to Sebastian. The map is online at: <https://indianriver.gov> and look for the Community Boundaries.pdf.
- **State & Federal Overviews:** Read more about the passage of the newly drawn lines and how they impact representation in the region via WGCU News or the Florida News Service.

Beach County down to Miami-Dade, covering part of Delray Beach and moving south to include Pompano Beach, Hallandale and Miami Beach. The incumbent, U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Weston, doesn't live in the new district.

DISTRICT 26: The old district stretches from Hialeah west across the state into Collier County. With the redraw, the district drops Collier County and takes in part of Broward County, including part of Pembroke Pines. U.S. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Miami, holds the seat and will run in the same district.

DISTRICT 27: This district is based in south Miami and includes part of the city of Miami, Coral Gables, Cutler Bay and Palmetto Bay. There weren't significant line changes with the new maps. U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Coral Gables, is the incumbent.

DISTRICT 28: The new maps make minimal changes to this district, which includes the Florida Keys in Monroe County and Homestead in southern Miami-Dade County. U.S. Rep. Carlos Gimenez, R-Miami, represents the district.

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Florida SOE Summer Conference

Election professionals from 67 counties share insights, best practices

By Elections Staff

Summer kicked off with the 2026 Florida Supervisors of Elections Summer Conference, held May 31 to June 4 in Orlando.

Supervisors of Elections and staff from across the state participated in various workshops, user group meetings, legislative updates, and educational sessions focused on election administration and best practices.

Supervisor Leslie Swan and Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell attended the conference.

Chief Deputy Houssell served as a panelist for a presentation on ballot security and chain of custody, joining Supervisor Mark Earley of Leon County and Assistant Supervisor Jennifer Adkisson of Putnam County.

The summer conference is an opportunity to share insights and best practices with election professionals from all 67 counties in Florida.



Indian River County SOE Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell, center, served as a panelist for a presentation on ballot security and chain of custody, joining Supervisor Mark Earley of Leon County and Assistant Supervisor Jennifer Adkisson of Putnam County



Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan and Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell attended the 2026 Florida Supervisors of Elections Summer Conference from May 31 to June 4 in Orlando. AT RIGHT: Supervisor Swan takes the podium during the presentation of the Florida Supervisor of Elections Scholarships.





Election worker orientation

156 voters show interest in becoming poll workers for 2026 elections

By Elections Staff

The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections hosted three Election Worker Orientation classes in early May attended by more than 156 people.

Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell welcomed the attendees.

Election Worker Coordinator Jenny Obergfell and Houssell talked about the various positions available, the job requirements and expectations for each role.

Voters interested in becoming an Election Worker were encouraged to attend an orientation class in order to be considered.

Some positions for the 2026 elections remain available, so anyone still interested in becoming an election worker may call the office at 772-226-4700 and ask for Jenny Obergfell.



Election Worker Coordinator Jenny Obergfell welcomes attendees to the orientation class on May 5 at the Elections Office's Training Room.

Precinct added; polling location changed

By Elections Staff

Due to the population growth of Indian River County, an additional polling location has been established at the Indian River State College Richardson Center. This new location is Precinct 35.

Precinct 19, located at Central Assembly of God, has been divided into two precincts. Some voters are now assigned to the newly created Precinct 35. The Richardson Center is at 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach, on the Mueller Campus of Indian River State College.

The Supervisor of Elections Office will no longer be using the Vero Beach Moose Lodge #1822 as a polling location. Voters who previously voted there will now be voting at the Intergenerational Recreation Center in Room 112. The IG Center, which is off Oslo Road, is at 1590 Ninth St. S.W., Vero Beach.

AT RIGHT: Top photo: Indian River State College's Richardson Center, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach, is the new Precinct 35. Bottom photo: Voters who voted at the Vero Beach Moose Lodge will now be voting at the Intergenerational Recreation Center, 1590 Ninth St. S.W., Vero Beach.





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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY POLLING LOCATIONS

Precinct(s)	Polling Place	Address	City	Zip
1, 12, 13	Lakewood Village Clubhouse	1455 90th Ave	Vero Beach	32966
2, 3	Fellsmere Community Bible Church	12 N. Hickory St	Fellsmere	32948
4, 9, 36	North County Public Library	1001 Sebastian Blvd	Sebastian	32958
5, 6	Sebastian Community Center	1805 N Central Ave	Sebastian	32958
7	Sebastian Church of God	281 Delaware Avenue	Sebastian	32958
8	Sebastian Elks Lodge No. 2714	731 South Fleming St	Sebastian	32958
10, 11	Sebastian Christian Church	190 Day Dr	Sebastian	32958
14, 16	School District of Indian River County	6500 57th St	Vero Beach	32967
15, 17	Realtors Association IRC	3250 67th St	Vero Beach	32967
18	Gifford Community Center	4855 43rd Ave	Vero Beach	32967
19	Central Assembly of God	6767 20th St	Vero Beach	32966
20	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall	1590 27th Ave	Vero Beach	32960
21, 22, 24	Our Savior Lutheran Church	1850 6th Ave	Vero Beach	32960
23	Unity Church of Vero Beach	950 43rd Ave	Vero Beach	32960
25	Intergenerational Recreation Center - Room 112	1590 9th St SW	Vero Beach	32962
26	Morning Star Church	698 Timber Ridge Trail SW	Vero Beach	32962
27	Royal Palm Clubhouse Vista Royale	400 Woodland Dr	Vero Beach	32962
28	Intergenerational Recreation Center - Gym	1590 9th St SW	Vero Beach	32962
29, 30, 31, 32	Indian River Shores Community Center	6001 Hwy A1A	Indian River Shores	32963
33	Christ By The Sea UMC	3755 Hwy A1A	Vero Beach	32963
34	Holy Cross Catholic Church	500 Iris Ln	Vero Beach	32963
35	Indian River State College, Richardson Center	6155 College Ln	Vero Beach	32966

New precinct locations: Indian River State College Richardson Center and Intergenerational Recreation Center.



County adds fourth early voting site

By Elections Staff

Attention, Indian River County voters: The 2026 Primary Election is Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Early voting will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting Saturday, Aug. 8 through Saturday, Aug. 15. Extended hours will be offered from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13.

Indian River County has grown from three to four early voting locations. The four locations are:

- Supervisor of Elections Office, 4375 43rd Ave., Vero Beach
- Indian River County Main Library, 1600 21st St., Vero Beach
- Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers, 1225 Main St., Sebastian
- Intergenerational Recreation Center (IG Center) Room 112, 1590 Ninth St. S.W., Vero Beach.



The Intergenerational Recreation Center, also known as the IG Center, is the newest early voting location in Indian River County. Early voting will be available there in Room 112 from Saturday, Aug. 8 to Saturday, Aug. 15. The IG Center's address is 1590 Ninth St. S.W..

Who can vote in Florida's Aug. 18 Primary Election?

By Elections Staff

Do you have to be a registered Democrat or Republican to vote in Florida's Aug. 18 Primary Election? The short answer: no.

All registered voters can vote in a Primary Election, regardless of which major or minor political party they are registered or even if they are registered without a specific party affiliation when:

- All the candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner of the Primary Election will not face any opposition in the November General Election. (i.e. no write-in candidates have qualified). This is known as a Universal Primary.
- The race is nonpartisan (i.e., prohibited from qualifying or campaigning based upon party affiliation) (e.g., judicial and school board offices, nonpartisan special districts or local referendum questions).

Since Florida is a closed primary state, in contested races, only voters who are registered members of the respective political party's candidates can vote for those candidate nominees in a Primary Election.

Typically that would be either one of the two major political parties – Republicans and Democrats – but it can also include minor political parties if they have candidates for an office on the Primary Election ballot.

At a General Election, all registered voters receive the same ballot and may vote for any candidate or question on the ballot.

If there are write-in candidates who have qualified for a particular office, a space will be left on the General Election ballot where their name can be written.

SOE provides decorations for 2026 Health Fair

By Elections Staff

For more than a decade, the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office has had the honor of providing the decorations for the annual Indian River County Employee Health Fair. This year's fair was conducted June 11 at the County Administration Building.

Elections staff enjoy working alongside other county employees to bring this event to life each year.

A huge thank you goes out to the planning committee, vendors, and every single person involved in putting this event together. Everyone's hard work keeps the county workforce healthy, connected and thriving.

Cheers to another fantastic year of teamwork and wellness.



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SOE verifies 12,389 candidate petitions

By Elections Staff

The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office had six County candidates and one Special District candidate qualify by petition for the 2026 Election Cycle.

County candidates were required to receive 1,209 accepted valid petitions to qualify by petition. This number is based on 1% of active voters at book closing for the 2024 General Election. Special District candidates needed 25 accepted valid petitions.

After hours of petition verification, elections staff processed 12,389 candidate petitions for the 2026 Election Cycle.

Candidates who didn't qualify by petition paid a filing fee.

2026 General Election Cycle

The following candidates were qualified by the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office for the 2026 General Election Cycle:

County Commissioner District 2

- Robbie Hardingham – DEM
- Bob McPartlan – REP
- Jennifer Pippin – REP
- Brooks Robinson – REP
- Write-In Candidate (Nicole Paradiso)

County Commissioner District 4

- Marc Jaffe – DEM
- Deryl Loar – REP

IRC Hospital District – Seat 2

- Michael Kent (Unopposed)

IRC Hospital District – Seat 4

- Wayne Creelman (Unopposed)

IRC Hospital District – Seat 6

- Kerry Bartlett (Unopposed)

School Board District 1

- Ryan Matthews (Unopposed)

School Board District 2

- Thomas Lange
- Jacqueline Rosario

School Board District 4

- Teri Barenborg (Unopposed)

Mosquito Control District - Seat 2

- Anna Kirkland
- Craig MacCoy

Mosquito Control District – Seat 3

- Thomas Lowther (Unopposed)

IR Soil and Water Conservation District

- Bob Adair (Unopposed)



Career fair

The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections was represented at the School District of Indian River County's fourth annual Community Career Fair conducted in early May at the Gifford Youth Achievement Center. High School juniors and seniors were given the opportunity to register to vote and learned about the 2026 elections.

Visiting IRE



Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Administration Coordinator Katie Otto, left, talks with a resident of Indian River Estates during a visit to the retirement community in June. Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan talked to the residents about updating their voter registrations and requesting ballots by mail for the 2026 Primary and General elections.

 Captured on Camera

2026 White House Easter Egg Roll



What an eggcellent day! Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Accounting Coordinator Tricia Boyle and her family - husband, Stephen, and children Jack, Molly and Clara - had the opportunity to participate in the White House Easter Egg Roll on April 6, 2026, on the South Lawn. This tradition was initiated in 1878.





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Email this completed form to votebymail@voteindianriver.gov;
or mail it to 4375 43rd Ave., Vero Beach, Fla. 32967.**

Statewide Vote-By-Mail Ballot Request Form

(s. 101.62, F.S.)

To request a vote-by-mail ballot for yourself, complete only the top section.
To request a vote-by-mail ballot for someone who directly instructed you to do so, complete both sections.

Voter's Name: _____ Voter's Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Voter's Florida driver license (FL DL) or Florida identification (FL ID) card number:

_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|

If no FL DL or FL ID, then provide

last 4 digits of Social Security Number:

_____|_____|_____|_____|

Voter's Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Voter's mailing address for ballot:

(only if different than home address)

City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____ Country, if outside US: _____

Please update my residential address and/or my mailing address in my voter record with the information listed above.

Phone number (optional): _____ Email address (optional): _____

This request is good for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next general election. If you only want a ballot for specific elections, list them here: _____

Voter's Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

(not required if voter is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter, or if request is made by a designee)

You must also complete the section below if you are requesting a Vote-by-Mail Ballot for someone else.

Designee's Name: _____

Designee's Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Designee's driver license or identification card number:

_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|

If no DL or ID, then provide

last 4 digits of Social Security Number:

_____|_____|_____|_____|

Phone number (optional): _____ Email address (optional): _____

Designee's relationship to the voter:

Spouse

Grandparent

Parent of voter's spouse

Child of voter's spouse

Sibling of voter's spouse

Voter's legal guardian

Parent

Grandchild

Grandparent of voter's spouse

Grandchild of voter's spouse

Designee for a voter with a disability

Child

Sibling

Designee's Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

The voter directly instructed me to make this request for them.