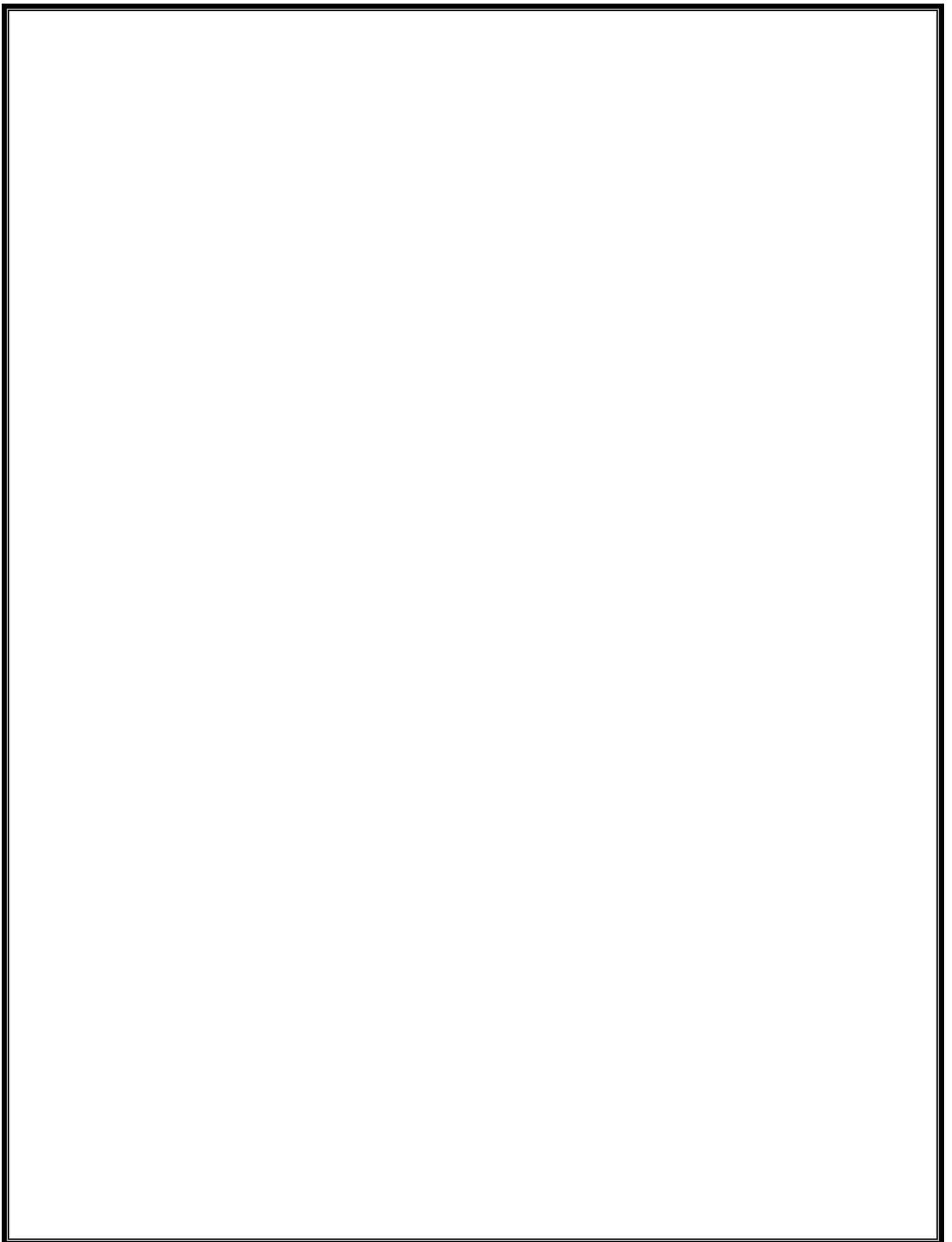


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Voter's Bill of Rights

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.

Voter's Responsibilities

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.

NOTE TO VOTER: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

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The 2014 Elections Calendar

Primary Election

Deadline to Register: July 28, 2014

*Early Voting Period: August 16, 2014 – August 23, 2014
(minimum mandatory 8 days beginning on the 10th day and ending on the 3rd day before Election Day)

Election Day: August 26, 2014

General Election

Deadline to Register: October 6, 2014

*Early Voting Period: October 25, 2014 – November 1, 2014
(minimum mandatory 8 days beginning on the 10th day and ending on the 3rd day before Election Day)

Election Day: November 4, 2014

Polls are open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time.

***Attention:** Each county Supervisor of Elections may at his or her discretion expand the 8-day early voting period by adding one or more of the following days: the 15th, 14th, 13th, 12th, 11th, 10th, 9th day and 2nd day (Sunday) before Election Day. For times and locations specific to your county, please visit the Division's website at <http://elections.myflorida.com/> or your county Supervisor of Elections' Office website.

(See sections 97.055, 100.011, and 101.657, Florida Statutes)

Offices to be Filled in 2014

Federal Offices

- Representative in Congress (all congressional districts)

State Offices

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Chief Financial Officer
- Commissioner of Agriculture

Multicounty and District Offices (*Contact your local Supervisor of Elections to determine if any of these offices in your county will appear on the ballot in the upcoming general election.*)

- State Senator (even-numbered districts)
- State Representative (all districts)
- State Attorney (20th Judicial Circuit)
- Public Defender (20th Judicial Circuit)

County Offices (*Election of some county offices vary by county; contact your local Supervisor of Elections to determine the manner of election for these offices.*)

- Board of County Commissioners
- School Board (nonpartisan)
- Other constitutional offices depending on county (Office information for a particular county can be obtained from local Supervisors of Elections.)

Judicial Retention (Nonpartisan)

- Judges, District Courts of Appeal (only those whose terms expire January 2015)

Circuit Judges (Nonpartisan) (*Only those whose terms expire January 2015*)

County Court Judges (Nonpartisan) (*Only those whose terms expire January 2015*)

Voter Registration Information

Who Can Register and Vote (Section 97.041, Fla. Stat.)

You must be:

- At least 18 years of age,
- A citizen of the United States of America, and
- A legal resident of Florida and of the county where you intend to vote.

You can pre-register on or after your 16th birthday and may vote in any election held on or after your 18th birthday.

Persons Not Entitled to Register or Vote (Section 97.041, Fla. Stat.)

You cannot register or vote if you are:

- Adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting unless that right has been restored.
- A convicted felon unless your right to vote has been restored.
- Not a citizen of the United States of America. (*A lawful permanent resident cannot register or vote in Florida.*)

How to Register to Vote (Section 97.053, Fla. Stat.)

You must complete a voter registration application. Voter registration applications are available:

- *Online.* Download and print the application form directly from the website for the local Supervisor of Elections' office or for the Division of Elections' at: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/webappform.pdf>:
- *At any of the following locations:*
 1. Any local Supervisor of Elections' office
 2. Any voter registration agency (*i.e.*, office that provides public assistance,, office that serves persons with disabilities, center of independent living, armed forces recruitment office, and public library)
 3. Any office that issues driver licenses (some tax collector's offices issue driver licenses). *You may also submit your voter registration information electronically at the same time as you get a new or renewed license. The electronic information will be forwarded to the Supervisor of Elections for processing.*
 4. The Division of Elections
 5. Fishing and hunting license shops.

Once completed, mail or deliver the form to a Supervisor of Elections' office, the Division of Elections, or any voter registration agency.

What is Required for New Registration (Section 97.053, Fla. Stat.)

You must complete the following fields for a new registration:

- Your name.
- Your legal residence address.
- Your date of birth.
- Your valid Florida driver license number or Florida identification card number. *If you have not been issued either of these numbers, provide the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued that number either, then you must indicate "none" in the field asking for this information.*
- An affirmation or a mark in the check box affirming that you are a citizen of the United States of America.
- An affirmation or a mark in the check box affirming that you have not been convicted of a felony or that, if convicted, you have had your civil rights restored.
- An affirmation or a mark in the check box affirming that you have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or that, if adjudicated, you have had your right to vote restored.
- Your signature. *By signing or marking the registration application, you swear or affirm under penalty of false oath that the information contained in the registration application is true. (A power of attorney is not accepted. No one other than the voter may sign or mark his or her own voter registration application.)*

Note: A party affiliation is not required for a new registration. However, if you do not designate a political party affiliation, you will be registered without party affiliation (*i.e.*, no party affiliation (NPA)).

When Can You Register (Sections 97.053, 97.055 and 97.0555, Fla. Stat.)

You can apply at any time either by mail or in person. However, if you want to vote in an upcoming election, the deadline to register is the 29th day before that election. See "Late Registration" exception under Section "Military and Overseas Voters" (page 7). Otherwise, new voter registrations will be accepted after the deadline to register for an election, but only for the purpose of subsequent elections.

Your registration date will be the date your new voter registration application is postmarked or hand delivered to:

- Any county Supervisor of Elections' office,
- The Division of Elections,
- An office that issues driver's licenses (examiner's or tax collector's office, or

- Any voter registration agency (i.e., any office that provides public assistance, any office that serves persons with disabilities, any center for independent living, any armed forces recruitment office, or any public library).

If your application is complete and you are qualified as a voter, a voter information card will be mailed to you.

When Can You Update a Registration Record *(Section 97.055, Fla. Stat.)*

You can make changes or updates (e.g., name, address, signature, political party affiliation, etc.) to your record at any time with one exception - a political party change for a primary election must be made by the registration deadline or it will not become effective until after the primary election.

First-Time Voters Who Register by Mail *(Section 97.0535, Fla. Stat.)*

If you register by mail, are a first-time voter in the State and have not been issued a Florida driver license number, Florida identification number, or a Social Security number, special identification requirements apply. You must provide one of the following forms of identification in order to register:

Form containing your name and photo	Or, a copy of a current and valid:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States passport, • Debit or credit card, • Military identification, • Student identification, • Retirement center identification, • Neighborhood association identification, or • Public assistance Identification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility bill • Bank statement • Government check or paycheck, or • Other government document containing your name and current residence address.

Do not send original identification documents to the Supervisor of Elections. To avoid any potential problems when you go to vote, it is best to submit a copy of the required identification with the new voter registration form. If you intend to vote absentee and do not provide the required identification beforehand, you will have to provide a copy of the identification with your returned absentee ballot or your ballot will not count. However, if you fall into one of the following categories, the identification is not required but you will to swear or affirm under penalty of oath on your ballot certificate that you are exempt because you:

- Are 65 years of age or older.
- Have a temporary or permanent physical disability.
- Are a member of the uniformed services on active duty or a spouse or dependent, thereof, who, by reason of such active duty, is absent from the county on Election Day.
- Are a member of the Merchant Marine or a spouse or dependent thereof,

who, by reason of service in the Merchant Marine, is absent from the county on Election Day.

- Are residing outside the United States but are eligible to vote in Florida.

If you go to the polls to vote, you have to provide a photo and signature ID before you can vote a regular ballot. This is required of all voters at the polls.

Placement on Inactive Voter Rolls and Removal (Section 98.065, 98.0655, Fla. Stat.)

Whenever the Supervisor of Elections receives information from the post office or another governmental agency source that:

- You have changed residence within Florida, your registration record will be automatically changed to reflect that new address. The Supervisor of Elections' office will send you an *address change notice*. Contact your Supervisor of Elections if the changed address is incorrect.
- You have moved outside Florida, the Supervisor of Elections' office will send you an *address confirmation final notice*. You must respond within 30 day or your registration status will be changed to inactive. As an inactive voter, you are still registered and can vote. Your inactive status will revert to active status, if you update your voter registration record, go to the polls to vote, or request an absentee ballot. However, if you do not take any of these actions after two general (federal) elections from the date you were made first inactive, your name will be removed from the registration system. You will have to re-register again in order to vote.

Registration Is a Public Record (Section 97.0585, Fla. Stat.)

In Florida, voter registration records are open to the public. This means any person may request to see or copy voter registration information including date of birth, address, party affiliation, phone number and email address. However, the following registration information is confidential and exempt from public disclosure: Social Security number, driver license number, Florida identification 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.

If you are a victim of domestic violence, stalking or aggravated stalking and participate in the Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program, your voter registration information will be protected from public disclosure. See sections 741.401 through §741.465, Fla. Stat. For further details, contact the Bureau of Advocacy and Grants Management in the Florida Office of the Attorney General at 850.414.3300. Additionally, if you are a member of one of the high-risk professional classes (e.g., judge, prosecutor, firefighter, human resource officer, etc.) you may request that your address and certain other identifying information such as your date of birth within your voter registration record be protected from public disclosure. You must submit a request in writing to the Florida Division of Elections or your Supervisor of Elections. Section 119.071(4)(d)1., Fla. Stat. You may use the Address/Identification Confidentiality Request Form at the Florida Department of State's website at: <http://www.dos.state.fl.us/>

Military and Overseas Citizens/Absentee Voting

(The following subsections only apply to specified uniformed services personnel and overseas voters. See Section 'Absentee Voting' for all other voters)

Registration

(Sections 101.6952 and 101.697, Fla. Stat.; R1S-2.030, R1S-2.049, Fla. Admin Code)

If you are a United States uniformed services member on active duty, a Merchant Marine member, spouse or dependent thereof, or a United States citizen residing outside of the United States, you can use the statewide voter registration application, the national mail-in application or the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). The FPCA is unique in that it can be used as a voter registration application, a request for an absentee ballot or both. The FPCA request for an absentee ballot will be effective as a request to receive an absentee ballot for all elections occurring from the date you submitted your initial request through the end of the calendar year of the second ensuing regularly scheduled general election. This request is referred to as a 'standing request' to receive absentee ballots during that period for all elections for which you are eligible. The FPCA is available online on the Federal Voting Assistance Program's website at: www.fvap.gov, or by contacting your Voting Assistance Officer. Alternatively, you may still submit a request by phone, mail, fax, or e-mail to the Supervisor of Elections to receive a voter registration application or request an absentee ballot be sent to you by mail, fax or email.

Late Registration *(See section 97.0555, Fla. Stat.)*

Provided you are otherwise qualified, you can register to vote after bookclosing if you have:

- Been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the U.S. Merchant Marine,
- Returned from a military deployment or activation, or
- Separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States.

You have until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before that election to register. This also applies to an accompanying family member. You will have to produce sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying for the late registration.

Absentee Ballot Request

As discussed above, you can use the Federal Post Card Application to submit an absentee ballot request. Also refer to subsection "How to Request an Absentee Ballot" under Section entitled "Absentee Voting" for further details.
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Delivery of Absentee Ballots

(Sections 101.62, 101.6952, Fla. Stat.; R1S-2.030, R1S-2.049, Fla. Admin. Code)

By law, absentee ballots for requests on file must be transmitted to military and overseas citizens at least 45 days before each election. If you have not received your ballot two weeks before an election, contact your county Supervisor of Elections. If you are already registered, you can also phone, fax, email, mail or submit online your request at any time up through Election Day. However, if you want the ballot mailed to you, the request must be made no later than 6 days before the election. Otherwise, the absentee ballot can be faxed or emailed to you at any time up through Election Day. See special procedures for "Election Day Delivery" under section "Absentee Voting." (page 15).

If you include an e-mail address with your absentee ballot request, the Supervisor will use that e-mail address to let you know when your request was received; the estimated date the ballot will be sent to you; and the date your voted ballot was received.

Return of Absentee Ballots

(Sections 101.62, 101.6952, Fla. Stat.; R1S-2.030, R1S-2.049, Fla. Admin. Code)

Once you receive your absentee ballot, carefully follow the instructions sent to you with your absentee ballot or else your ballot may not count. Sign and date the ballot certificate to ensure that your ballot is counted. Return the voted ballot so that the Supervisor of Elections receives it no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day. A 10-day extension exists only for overseas voters in a presidential preference primary or general election. The ballot will be counted, provided the ballot is:

- Postmarked or dated no later than the date of the election,
- Received by the supervisor of elections of the county in which you are registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the election, and
- Proper (including complete).

Only overseas voters can return their voted ballot by fax or mail. Otherwise, the voted ballot must be returned by mail.

You can track the status of your absentee ballot request and the ballot through the online voter registration lookup link at: <http://elections.myflorida.com> or through your Supervisor of Elections' website.

Federal Write-in Ballot

(See Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff), Military and Overseas Voters Empowerment Act and chapter 2011-162, Laws of Florida)

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

ballot can only be used to vote for federal office races, and for state and local races with two or more candidates. You cannot use the ballot to vote for referendum issues or for judicial retention candidates. To indicate your choice on a FWAB for:

- A federal office, write the candidate's name, or for general elections only, you have the option of writing either the candidate's name or the political party. In the latter case, the vote cast will be counted for the candidate of that political party, if there is such a party candidate on the ballot.
- A state or local office, write the office title and the candidate's name, or for general elections only, you have the option of writing either the candidate's name or the candidate's political party. In the latter case, the vote cast will be counted for candidate's political party, if there is such a party candidate on the ballot.
- A joint candidacy, you may write your choice for one or both qualified candidates on the same ticket and the vote cast will count for the joint candidacy.

The FWAB is available online at: www.fvap.gov. The FWAB and additional information for military and overseas voters are also available from:

Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program
Office of the Secretary of Defense Washington Headquarters Services
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1155
Fax: 703-588-0108
Email: vote@fvap.ncr.gov
Toll-free: 800-438-8683

State Write-in Ballot *(Section 101.6951, Fla. Stat.; Rule 1S-2.028, Fla. Admin. Code)*

If you are an overseas voter and military or other contingencies will keep you from being able to get the official absentee ballot during the normal absentee ballot distribution period, you can request a State Write-in Absentee Ballot. This option is only available for general elections. Your request must be submitted to your Supervisor of Elections between 180 days (6 months) and 90 days (3 months) before the general election. To mark your choices on the ballot, write in the candidate's name or the name of a political party. In the latter case, the ballot will be counted for the candidate of that political party, if there is such a party candidate on the ballot.

The earliest date to request a State Write-in Ballot for the 2014 General Election is May 8, 2014.

Signature Omission/Affidavit

See subsection "Signature Omission/Affidavit" under Section entitled "Absentee Voting" (page 16)

Changes in Address, Name, Party, or Signature

When Voters Move

(See sections 97.1031 and 101.045, Fla. Stat.; Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff)

Whenever you change your residence within the State of Florida, you should update your voter registration record. If you contact your Supervisor of Elections in the county of your new residence directly, you can make that change in person, by phone, by fax, by e-mail, or by other signed written notice (including a voter registration application), provided it includes your date of birth. If you submit your change to any other Supervisor of Elections in the state, to the Division of Elections, to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (other than through the electronic intake process), or any voter registration agency, you have to use a voter registration application.

In Florida, you can only vote in the precinct to which you have moved. However, if you are temporarily living outside your home county and have no permanent address in the county, you can remain registered in the county but you will be assigned the precinct that contains the main office of the Supervisor of Elections. You will not be able to vote in municipal elections.

In order to avoid delays at the polling place, you should update your address before you go to vote. If you do not update your address by the time you vote, it may affect how you vote as follows:

- If you moved within the same county, or have moved from another Florida county and your new precinct uses an electronic database as a precinct register, or you are an active uniformed services personnel or a family member thereof moving within the same county or from another Florida county, you will have to execute a change of address at the polls before you can vote a regular ballot.
- If you moved from another Florida county (and your new precinct does not use an electronic database as a precinct register or you are not an active uniformed services personnel or family member thereof), you will not be able to update your address at the polls but you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. Your provisional ballot will count unless the canvassing board determines that you are not registered, that you voted in a precinct other than the one that corresponds to your new address as you wrote on your ballot certificate, that you already voted, or that you are or might be committing actual fraud.
- If you move overseas indefinitely and the last place you lived in the U.S was in Florida with no permanent residence, but you are still a registered Florida voter, you can still vote but only in federal election races.

When Voters Change Their Name *(See sections 97.1031 and 101.045, Fla. Stat.)*

If you change your name by marriage or other legal process, you must notify the Supervisor of Elections of the change by completing a voter registration application or other signed written notice. Your date of birth is required. If you have not provided this information prior to going to vote, you will have to fill out a name change form at the polls before voting.

When Voters Want to Change Their Party Affiliation *(See section 97.1031, Fla. Stat.)*

If you want to change your party affiliation, you must notify the Supervisor of Elections of the change by using a voter registration application or other signed written notice. Your date of birth is required. You cannot change your party at the polling place. To be effective for a primary election, a party change must be made at least 29 days before the primary election.

Signature Updates *(See section 98.077, Fla. Stat.)*

It is very important for you to keep your signature current with the Supervisor of Elections. Signatures on your registration record are used to verify signatures on petitions and on provisional and absentee ballots certificates and affirmations. If your signature does not match your signature on record, your petition or ballot will not count.

Signature updates for provisional and absentee ballot verification purposes must be submitted no later than the start of the canvassing of absentee ballots. Canvassing may start as early as 15 days before Election Day. Contact your Supervisor to find out when canvassing is scheduled to begin. To update your signature, you must use a voter registration application and submit it to the Supervisor of Elections.

Election Day Information

Poll Workers

Supervisors of Elections are always looking to hire friendly, dedicated people to work at the polls on Election Day. The work can sometimes be demanding, but it is also rewarding. You must be a registered or pre-registered voter in the county in which you want to serve. Contact your local Supervisor of Elections if you are interested. You will receive the training necessary to perform your duty as a poll worker.

Change in Polling Place *(See sections 97.071 and 101.71, Fla. Stat.)*

Any time there is a change to your polling place:

- You will receive notice and a new voter information card at least 14 days before the election.
- Notice will also be posted at least once in the newspaper, no sooner than 30 days before, but no later than 7 days before an election.
- A polling place change will be posted on your county Supervisor of Elections' website.
- In the case of an emergency and when time does not permit to provide the notices above, the notice of the new polling place will be posted at the old polling place.

What to Expect at the Polls

(See sections 101.048 and 101.043, Fla. Stat., and Rule 1S-2.037, Fla. Admin. Code)

Opening and Closing Polls: Polls are open on Election Day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. local time. The early voting period lasts a minimum of 8 days. Contact your Supervisor of Elections for early voting days and hours specific to your county which may vary between early voting sites. To determine your polling place, check your voter information card or contact your Supervisor of Elections. You may also find your polling place on <http://elections.myflorida.com>, through the online voter lookup or on your Supervisor of Elections' website.

Identification: In order to vote at the polls during early voting or on Election Day, you must show a photo and signature identification. Acceptable forms of photo identification are limited to:

- 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, or
- Public assistance identification.

If your photo identification does not contain your signature, you will be required to show an additional form of identification that includes your signature.

Once your identity has been established, you will be asked to sign the precinct register or electronic device (or during early voting, the early voting ballot certificate) and then you will be allowed to vote. If you need assistance in marking your ballot, please let a poll worker know. If you make a mistake when voting on a paper ballot, ask for a replacement. You may receive up to two replacements, or a total of three ballots.

Provisional voting: If you end up voting a provisional ballot, regardless of the reason, you must be given a written notice of rights that includes:

1. A statement that you have the right to bring further evidence (if you choose) of your eligibility to the Supervisor of Elections. You have until 5 p.m. of the second day after the election to do so.
2. A statement that if you voted a provisional ballot solely because you did not bring in identification, you do not have to bring in further evidence of eligibility. The local canvassing board will count your ballot if you voted in the right precinct and the signature on the provisional ballot certificate matches the signature on the voter registration record.
3. A statement that if you voted a provisional ballot because your personal identifying number could not be verified, you can provide in person or by copy through fax, e-mail, or mail a copy of the card with the identifying number to the Supervisor of Elections and that the deadline is 5 p.m. of the second day after the election to do so.
4. Instructions on how you can find out after the election if your provisional ballot was counted, and if not, the reason(s) why.
5. A statement that if this is a primary election, you should contact the Supervisor of Elections' office immediately to confirm that you are registered and will be able to vote in the general election.

Always be sure that you are voting in the precinct that corresponds to your address of legal residence.

Primary Election

(See sections 100.061 and 101.021, Fla. Stat., and Article VI, Section 5(b), Florida Constitution)

Florida is a closed primary state. That means that only voters who are registered members of political parties may vote for their respective party's candidate nominees in a primary election. Voters with no party affiliation (NPA) are not eligible to vote for party candidates in a primary election. All qualified voters regardless of party affiliation or no party affiliation can vote in the following races in a primary election:

- All candidates in the same race have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election. This is known as a Universal Primary Contest.
- Nonpartisan judicial and school board offices.
- Nonpartisan special districts.
- Local referendum questions.

Assistance in Voting

(See sections 97.061 and 101.051, Florida Statutes)

All polling places are equipped with accessible voting systems for persons with disabilities to enable such persons to vote without assistance if they choose. However, if you are a person with a disability or cannot read or write and wish someone to help you, you can designate someone of your own choice, other than an employer or an officer or agent of your union, to provide such assistance. Election officials may also provide assistance.

Nonpartisan Judicial Elections

(See section 105.041, Florida Statutes)

Candidates for the Florida Supreme Court and District Courts of Appeal will appear on the ballot in the general election for a vote on their retention. Candidates for circuit and county court judge will appear on the primary ballot and on the general election ballot, if necessary, for election or retention (for those counties who provide for that option).

Poll Watchers

(See section 101.131, Fla. Stat.)

The following entities and persons may each have one poll watcher in each polling room or early voting area at any one time during an election:

- Each political party.
- Each political committee with issues on the ballot that they are registered to support or oppose.
- Each candidate.

The request to designate a poll watcher for each precinct must be submitted in writing to the Supervisor of Elections no later than noon of the second Tuesday preceding the election. Poll watchers for early voting shall be requested in writing to the Supervisor at least 14 days before early voting begins.

Poll watchers must be registered voters in the county in which they serve and cannot be candidates or law enforcement officers. A poll watcher is given an identification badge that he or she must wear while in the polling room or early voting site.

Absentee Voting

Who Can Vote Absentee *(See sections 97.021(1) and 101.62, Fla. Stat.)*

All qualified (registered) voters are permitted to vote absentee under Florida law.

How to Request an Absentee Ballot *(See sections 101.62 and 101.69, Fla. Stat.)*

A voter, or, if directly instructed by the voter, a member of the voter's immediate family or the voter's legal guardian, may request an absentee ballot from the Supervisor of Elections. The request must be made in person, by mail, by fax, by telephone, or online through the Supervisor of Elections' website. One request can serve as a request to receive a ballot in all elections occurring from the date of the initial request through the end of the calendar year following the second ensuing regularly scheduled general election.

The person requesting an absentee ballot must disclose:

- The name of the voter for whom the ballot is requested;
- The voter's address;
- The voter's date of birth;
- The requester's name;
- If the requester is other than the voter, the following additional information must be provided:
 - The requester's address;
 - The requester's driver license number, if available;
 - The requester's relationship to the voter; and,
 - The requester's signature (written request only).

The deadline to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you is 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the election. Absentee ballots will be mailed by **non-forwardable** mail to the voter's current mailing address on file with the Supervisor or any other address specified by the voter in the request. If you ask that the absentee ballot be mailed to an address other than an address on file in the Florida Voter Registration System, you have to submit a signed written request unless you are an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter.

When Absentee Ballots Are Delivered *(See sections 101.62 and 101.69, Fla. Stat.)*

For absentee ballot requests already on file for an upcoming election, ballots are sent:

- No later than 45 days before the election for voters covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). The ballots will be sent by **forwardable** mail, fax, or e-mail as specified by the voter in the request.
- During a 7-day window (between 35 and 28 days) by mail to all other non-UOCAVA absentee ballot voters.

A voter may instead pick up his or her absentee ballot at any time after the ballots are printed and up through Election Day.

A designee may pick up an absentee ballot for a voter on election day subject to execution of the *Election Day Absentee Ballot Delivery Affidavit* or up to 5 days before the day of the election. A designee is limited per election to picking up two blank absentee ballots for other voters, not counting his or her own ballot or ballots for members of his or her immediate family. A designee must have written authorization from the voter, present a picture I.D., and sign an affidavit. If there is no absentee ballot request on record, a written request must accompany the affidavit.

Election Day Delivery: Special procedures apply before an absentee ballot can be delivered on Election Day to the voter or his or her designee. An affidavit has to be executed stating that an emergency precludes the voter from being able to vote at his or her assigned polling place.

When to Return Absentee Ballots

(See sections 101.62 and 101.69, Florida Statutes)

Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections' office no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election, except if you are an overseas voter voting in a presidential preference primary or general election, you have 10 extra days from Election Day in presidential preference primary elections and general elections. See subsection "Return of Absentee Ballots" Under Section "Military and Overseas Voters" (page 8).

Signature Omission/Affidavit

(See sections 101.62 and 101.69, Fla. Stat.)

If you return an absentee ballot but fail to sign the Voter's Certificate on the absentee ballot envelope, you may still have time to "cure" the defect by executing an affidavit in order to have your ballot canvassed and counted. The affidavit must be received by the Supervisor of Election no later than 5 p.m. on the day before the election. The affidavit must be accompanied by a copy of one of the following forms of identification when you submit the affidavit:

- One that includes your name and photograph, which may be a U.S. passport, debit or credit card, military ID, student ID, retirement center ID, neighborhood association ID, or public assistance ID; or

- One that shows your name and current residence address, which may be a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding voter ID card).

Instructions and the form for the affidavit are available on the Division of Elections' website at: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us> and your county Supervisor of Elections' website.

Where to Return the Absentee Ballot

(See sections 101.62, 101.65, 101.67, and 101.69, Fla. Stat.)

The absentee ballot must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections' Office. Do not return your voted absentee ballot to a polling place or early voting site unless you want to vote at the polls. In the latter case, take the absentee ballot with you to the polls, whether or not it has been marked, so that it can be cancelled. However, if you are unable to return the ballot, you can still go to the polls, and will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

You can track the status of your absentee ballot through the online voter registration lookup link at: <http://elections.myflorida.com> or through your Supervisor of Elections' website.

Early Voting

Early Voting Period *(See section 101.657, Fla. Stat.)*

If there is an election that contains a state or federal race, early voting must begin 10 days before an election and end on the 3rd day before an election. In addition, early voting may be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on one or more of the following days: the 15th, 14th, 13th, 12th, 11th, or 2nd day (Sunday) before the election. Early voting must be offered for at least 8 hours but not more than 12 hours per day. Early voting is optional in elections not held in conjunction with a state or federal office. Call your Supervisor of Elections to find out the specific times and locations for early voting if and when offered in an election in your county.

Violations

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, 850-245-6200. Complaint forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/voting/index.shtml>

(See sections 97.012(15), 97.023, 97.028, and 97.0575 Fla. Stat.; R1S-2.025, 1S-2.036, and R1S-2.038, R1S-2.042(8), Fla. Admin. Code)

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, 850-922-4539. The Florida Elections Commission is not affiliated with the Department of State, Division of Elections.

(See section 106.25, Fla. Stat.)

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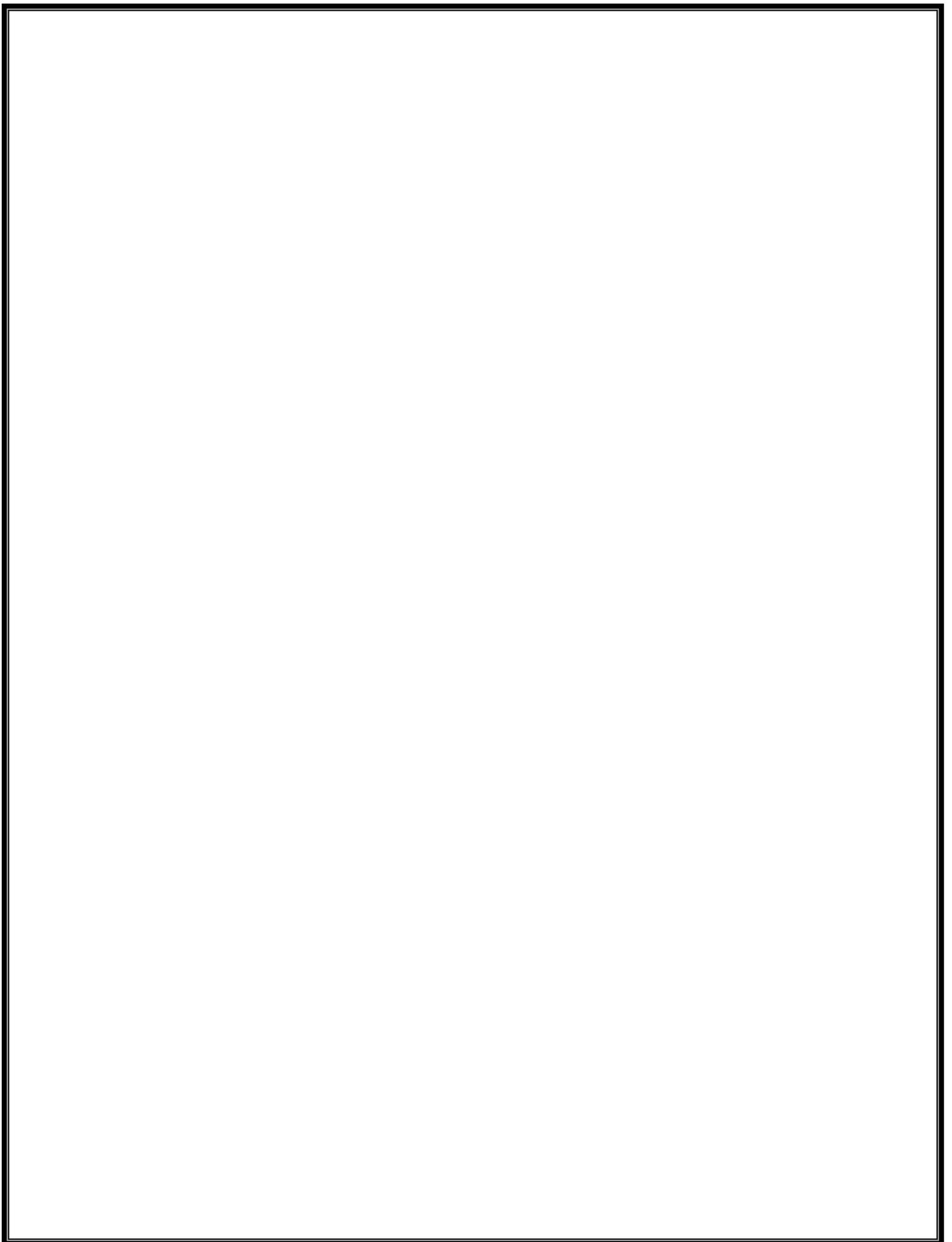
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