

VOTING IN FLORIDA: BOOK CLOSING DEADLINES



Book closing is the voter registration and/or party affiliation deadline for Florida elections. In Florida, voters must have registered to vote at least 29 days before an election to be eligible to participate. For changes of party affiliation ahead of partisan primaries, the same deadline applies.

For information and statistics on book closing in Florida, [click here](#).

What is the deadline for voter registrations and party affiliation changes?

- By Florida law ([Fla Stat. 97.055](#)), the deadline is 29 days before a specific election. If the deadline falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, it is extended to the following day, provided it is not a Sunday or a legal holiday.
- 2026 deadlines:
 - **Monday, July 20, 2026**, is the book closing deadline for the August 18 Primary Election.
 - Note: Voters must be affiliated with a party before this deadline in order to vote in partisan primary races. Those who are not affiliated with a party may still vote in nonpartisan races in their jurisdictions.
 - **Monday, October 5, 2026**, is the book closing deadline for the November 3 General Election.
- Other municipal, special, or runoff elections may have separate book-closing deadlines.

Who does this affect?

- This mainly affects individuals who have never registered to vote in Florida or registered voters seeking to update their party affiliation.
- If someone has doubts about their voter status in Florida, they can use the state's [Voter Information Lookup](#) to find out if their record is up to date.



Can voters update their voter registration records after the deadline?

- Yes. The book closing deadline does not prevent a voter from making updates to their address or personal information in their voter record—even on the day they go to vote.

Do voters need to re-register for each election?

- No. Unless removed from the rolls, already registered voters do not need to re-register for each election.
- However, voters should keep their records up to date when they move or change personal information, like their name.
- It's also recommended that voters update their signature periodically, so their most current version is on record.

What about inactive voters?

- Inactive voters do not need to re-register.
- They can regain active status by contacting their Supervisor of Elections Office, requesting a vote-by-mail ballot, or voting in person.

What about voters who have been removed from the voting rolls?

- Voters who have been removed from the rolls but are otherwise eligible to register to vote in Florida will need to submit a new voter registration application through the [online voter registration system](#) or to their County Supervisor of Elections.

For additional information on voter registration,
contact your [Supervisor of Elections Office](#).