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Voter Registration Deadline Approaching for 2018 Primary Election

ALACHUA COUNTY, Fla. (July 5, 2018) — The voter registration deadline for the 2018 Primary Election is July 30.

Additionally, any voter who desires to change his or her party affiliation must do so by the July 30 deadline for it to be in effect for this election.

All Alachua County voters will be able to vote in this election, which will be held August 28.

Florida is a closed primary state, meaning that voters who want to vote in a partisan primary election must be a registered voter in the party for which the primary is being held.

There are five nonpartisan races that will appear on all Alachua County ballots: Eighth Judicial Circuit Court Judge, Group 8; Alachua County Court Judge, Group 2; and Alachua County School Board Member, Districts 1, 3 and 5.

Registered voters are encouraged to verify and update voter registrations. This can be done at <https://www.votealachua.com/My-Registration-Status> or by calling 352-374-5252.

There are numerous ways for prospective voters to register:

- Online: Florida residents can register to vote online. The online voter registration portal — found at RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov — is a safe and secure option for voter registration.
- In person: The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections' office, located in Gainesville at 515 N. Main St. on the third floor of the Josiah T. Walls Building, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registrations can also be completed and turned in at any Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles office or Alachua County Public Library.

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- After hours: The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections' office has an after-hours drop box outside its main entrance. Completed forms received through the drop box by 11:59 p.m. July 30 will be accepted.
- By mail: Forms are available online at VoteAlachua.com. Mailed forms must be completed and postmarked by the July 30 deadline.

Currently registered Florida voters will be able to update their information through Election Day, though it is recommended that they do so sooner, as it could mean a change in voters' assigned polling places.

For more information, contact the Supervisor of Elections at 352-374-5252.

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