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A GUIDE TO THE AUGUST 23 PRIMARY ELECTION

Florida will hold its primary election on August 23, 2022 in advance of the November 8 General Election. Take a moment to review important information contained in this guide to help you prepare for the August Primary Election.

Closed Primary

Florida is a **closed primary state**, meaning that only voters who are affiliated with a political party may vote in the party's primary. Voters with minor or no party affiliation may only vote in nonpartisan races, such as school board and municipal offices, or in universal primary contests.

Party Changes

Voters may change party affiliation up to 29 days before the registration books close for an election. For the August 23 Primary Election, the party change deadline was Monday, July 25.

Universal Primary Contest

A universal primary contest occurs when all the candidates for office are of the same political party and the winner will have no opposition in the general election. All voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in a UPC. There are five UPCs in August, one for State Senate District 22 and four for Sarasota County Hospital Board seats.

Nonpartisan Contests

Nonpartisan primary contests are open to all voters, regardless of party affiliation. In August, nonpartisan races for Sarasota County School Board Districts 1, 4 and 5 will appear on all ballots in the county, and voters who reside within the City of Sarasota will be able to vote in their nonpartisan at-large city commission contest.

Democratic Voters

In addition to the nonpartisan and UPC races mentioned above, all Democratic electors will see primary contests for U.S. Senate, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Commissioner of Agriculture on their ballots. Voters in Board of County Commission District 2 will see a primary race on their ballots as well.

Republican Voters

In addition to the nonpartisan and UPC races mentioned above, all Republican electors will see a primary contest for Commissioner of Agriculture, and depending on one's voting districts, Board of County Commission District 2 and 4 races and a contest for Charter Review Board District 1.

Sample Ballots

A voter can view his or her personalized sample ballot at SarasotaVotes.com by selecting the "Sample Ballot" quick link icon at the top of the page and entering the required information. A sample ballot is also being mailed to every voter who does not request a vote-by-mail ballot.



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Vote-by-Mail

Any voter may request a vote-by-mail ballot at SarasotaVotes.com/VoteByMail or by calling 941.861.8618. To be counted, vote-by-mail ballots must be returned in time to reach the elections office by 7 p.m. on August 23.

Early Voting

Early voting for the August 23 Primary Election begins Saturday, August 13 and continues through Sunday, August 21, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily. Visit our Early Voting page for more information.

Polling Place Changes

- Precincts **205** and **207** have been permanently relocated to:

McCown Towers
1300 Boulevard of the Arts
Sarasota 34236

- Precincts **211** and **213**, which had been temporarily moved for the March 2022 special election, will return to:

St. Armands Key Lutheran Church
40 N Adams Lane
Sarasota 34236