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Book Closing - What Is It and Why Should I Care?

Are you ready to vote in the next election? Now is the time to make sure you are registered and that all your information is up-to-date. By law, voter registration books will close for new registrants and all party changes on Monday, July 26, 2010 for the August Primary and on Monday, October 4, 2010 for the November General.

- If you are a first-time voter in Florida you must have a completed voter registration application on file at the Supervisor of Elections office by these dates.
- If you have voted in Florida before but in another county, you should submit a completed voter registration application with your updated address.
- If you are a pre-registered voter awaiting your 18th birthday, you will be eligible to vote upon turning 18 prior to or even the day of election.
- If you have not voted in a long time you should check your voter registration status before the book closing date.. All voters are advised to check their voter registration status using our new "Are You Registered" website feature. To access it, go to www.pascovotes.com, select the Voter Registration option from the left-hand column on the homepage and then the Are You Registered? link to verify your status.

Remember, too, that Florida is a closed primary state. Voters must vote their party of registration, and only candidates of your registered party will be on your ballot. All non-partisan voters will vote only on judges and issues that are on the ballot. Changing parties at the polls on election day is not permissible pursuant to Florida Statute.

Our goal is to ensure that election day is a successful, convenient and positive experience for every voter. If you have any questions or need more information please contact our office at 800-851-8754 toll free or visit www.pascovotes.com. My staff and I stand ready to assist!