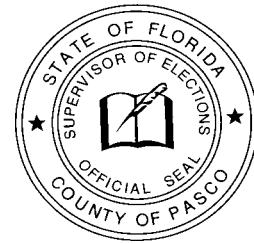


VOTE NOTES

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GET OUT THE VOTE CAMPAIGN!

The eyes of the nation are set on Florida during this presidential election year, and Pasco County is ready for the challenge. The election problems of 2000 became the state's springboard for reform. All counties, including Pasco, saw changes to our electoral procedures and received voting technology facelifts that led Florida to be the leader in election reform.

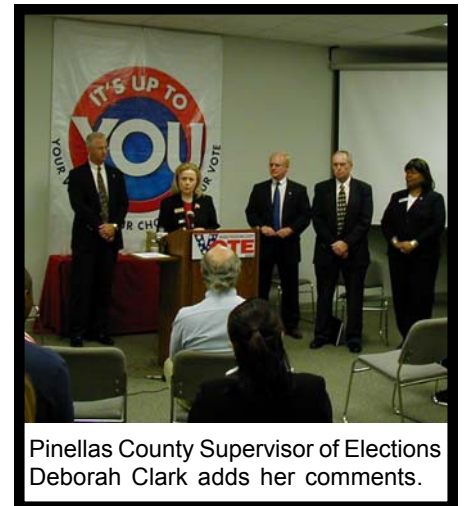
All these changes help to serve our voters and their needs. But it's important to remember that voters themselves have a significant part to play in ensuring smooth and accurate elections. Educated voters reduce voter error. That's why our office has embarked on a voter education effort to ensure our residents are ready for the important elections to come.

In unison with the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections, Pasco County

will be facilitating voter registration for residents through the Get out the Vote Foundation's efforts. The Get out the Vote Foundation's campaign, which was launched in late May, will heavily focus on voter registration from now through November. Pasco residents can look forward to events such as Register at Work Week, Register at your House of Worship weekend and Register at School Week.



Mr. Browning speaks at the press conference kick off for the Get Out The Vote Campaign.



Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark adds her comments.

In addition to these events, Pasco has developed a public awareness campaign that includes events and demonstrations to assist local voters. Elements of the campaign include radio and TV public service announcements and a 30-minute television special that will give our residents the tools they need to prepare for the August and November elections. We'll include vital information such as registration deadlines for the primary and general elections, what to bring to the polls on Election Day, and how to cast an absentee ballot.

We'll also use direct mail to provide voters with a sample ballot so they'll know who is running and take time to study the candidates and learn about their positions before coming to the polls. And finally, we'll be holding a series of touch screen voting demonstrations to give voters the chance to get acquainted with the system and get their questions answered before Election Day.

Our proven track record since 2002 can assure Pasco's voters that our most precious right of government is protected and secure. Pasco County is well positioned and prepared to have a successful series of elections—but all of us will have to do our part to make it a reality. ■

From the Supervisor of Elections...



As the fall elections rapidly approach, the Supervisor of Elections' staff are hurriedly preparing for pollworker training and other activities needed to conduct the August 31st Primary Election.

The Florida Legislature has concluded its 2004 session and elections legislation was dealt with once again. I wanted to recap the significant changes that will impact voters not only in Pasco but across Florida.

House Bill 1743 requires all proposed constitutional amendments placed on the ballot by citizen initiative to include a financial impact statement. The statement cannot exceed 75 words and must detail the cost involved if the proposed amendment were to pass. Additionally, Financial Information Statements must be provided at each polling place and on the Supervisor of Elections' website. This change is effective for the November 2, 2004, General Election.

The Legislature also provided \$3 million for statewide voter education efforts. Pasco County's share is \$73,977. Additionally, \$11.6 million was appropriated by the Legislature to provide assistance to counties to comply with the requirement of providing voting equipment to accommodate blind and/or visually impaired voters.

The Legislature also passed legislation to require Supervisors of Elections' to provide early voting beginning the 15th day prior to an election. The early voting must be provided in the Supervisor of Elections' office and branch offices that are considered full service and designated as a branch office at least one year prior to the election.

The bill that will have the greatest impact is SB 2566. This bill, signed by Governor Bush on May 25, 2004, removes the witness requirement for all absentee ballots. Experience has shown that many ballots had not been counted that were otherwise valid due to incomplete witnessing. This change will be effective for the Fall elections.

My staff and I look forward to serving you this Fall. Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding voter registration, voting systems, or election day readiness. We are ready for great elections!

DEMONSTRATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

iVotronic Voting System

The elections office plans to saturate Pasco County with public demonstrations of its voting equipment before the upcoming primary and general elections. If your organization or group would like an in-depth presentation or demonstration of the iVotronic voting system, please contact the Supervisor of Elections' office. In our ongoing effort to educate Pasco County voters, we will be happy to send the equipment and staff needed to accommodate your request.

Local businesses, civic organizations, clubs and commit-

tees are encouraged to invite our office to attend their regularly scheduled events in an effort to reach as many residents as possible. In addition to the demonstrations, we will provide voter registration applications, volunteer applications, and election-related literature at every event.

To schedule a demonstration, please contact Stephanie at (352) 521-4302, Louise at (813) 929-1288, or Sandy at (727) 847-8162. A current list of scheduled demonstrations is available on our website, pascovotes.com. ■

EXTENDED OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Supervisor of Elections office will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning August 17, 2004. The expanded office hours will be in effect through the General Election on November 2, 2004. All services will be available during these

hours. Normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., will be observed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In addition, the office will be open the two Saturdays immediately prior to both the August 31st Primary Election and the November 2nd General Election. ■

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON

On Monday, August 2, 2004, the registration books will close for the August 31st Primary Election. To be eligible to vote in the Primary Election, a completed registration application must be received in our office or postmarked by this deadline. If you are completing an application at a collection site, such as a library or public assistance office, please request a permanent date stamp be placed on your application. Book closing for the General Election is Monday, October 4, 2004.

TOO YOUNG TO VOTE – OLD ENOUGH TO LEAD



The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections, at their summer conference in Key West, voted unanimously to participate in Freedom's Answer, a web-based, school-wide program that aims to increase voter turnout by seeking ten voting pledges from parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors.

The non-partisan, non-profit program, sponsored by national organizations such as YMCA Youth in Government, American Bar Association, League of Women Voters and AARP, was originally formed as a way American high school students could respond to the 9/11 terrorist attack. The goal, even for those too young to vote, is to enable them to realize the difference their participation can make. Students never endorse particular candidates or parties, but seek voting pledges from those close to them who promise to vote in November 2004 in honor of the servicemen and women risking their lives for our freedom, including the right to vote.

The goal for 2004 is to have 10,000 high schools participating, with 2.5 million students seeking ten voting pledges each. The results would be a new voter turnout record for any American election ever, and 106,000,000 people voting would do it. Even though most high school students are too young to vote, they are the generation which will shape the future of the country. By pledging your vote, you can show our future leaders that participation in democracy does work and is worth upholding for future generations! ■

PASCO COUNTY'S MEDIA DAY

Mock Election held June 25, 2004



Bay News 9 captures the in-depth look into iVotronic touch screen voting on film.

The Pasco County Supervisor of Elections staged a workshop for media on Friday, June 25th at the Election Support Center in Dade City. The presentation and mock election, both efforts to educate the press, offered an in-depth look at the iVotronic voting system.

The media witnessed firsthand the elections process by observing the opening of the polls by elections staff and then voting their own ballots. After voting, the polls were closed and election results were transmitted via modem to the tabulation software. The modemed results were compared to the printed results as well as hand-counted tally sheets. The media then compared the three sets of results which were identical.



Mr. Browning discusses election procedures with members of the media.

Mr. Browning hopes the presentation will lessen the reservations of voters where touch screens are concerned as well as help to distribute accurate information about voting in Pasco County. Mr. Browning believes that informed, educated voters make for successful elections. ■

SAMPLE BALLOTS

Coming soon to your mailbox...

Pasco County voters can look for the August 31st Primary's sample ballot to be in their mailboxes in mid-August. The Supervisor of Elections office will be mailing "voter specific" sample ballots to all active, registered voters in an effort to prepare our county's electors.

Mr. Browning recommends that Pasco County voters mark their sample ballots, take them to the polls and use them as a guide when using the iVotronics. This will speed up the process and reduce any delays that a voter could experience at the polls.

Sample ballots will also be available on our website, pascovotes.com. ■

EARLY VOTING

Pasco County will be offering early voting to interested voters beginning Monday, August 16, 2004. Early voting will take place in all three Supervisor of Elections offices during normal office hours Monday through Saturday as well as the extended hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Early voters will be using the iVotronic touchscreens to cast their ballots. Monday, August 30, 2004, will be the final day to exercise one's choice to vote early in the Primary Election.

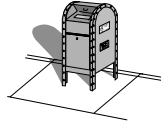
Absentee ballots will also be available. The initial mailing of absentees for the Primary Election is scheduled for late July. Voters interested in voting by mail should call the elections office at their earliest convenience, 1-800-851-8754. ■

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Republican	100,603	38.9%
Democrat	95,889	38.0%
Other	55,929	22.1%
Total	252,421	

(As of July 2, 2004)

Do you know anyone who would like to be put on our mailing list? Please let us know so they can start receiving VOTENOTES.



ELECTION DATES

Primary Election
August 31, 2004

General Election
November 2, 2004

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Register to Vote Here

Land O' Lakes Village Apartment Homes

Clubhouse
Tuesday, July 13, 2004
5:00 until 7:00 p.m.
21101 Voyager Blvd.
Land O' Lakes

Lighthouse for Visually Impaired and Blind

Wednesday, July 28, 2004
12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
8610 Galen Wilson Blvd.
Port Richey

C.A.R.E.S of Zephyrhills

Wednesday, July 28, 2004
12 noon until 3:00 p.m.
4645 Airport Rd.
Zephyrhills

Pasco County Middle/High Schools

Tuesday, August 3, 2004
11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Pasco County Elementary Schools

Wednesday, August 4, 2004
11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Dade City Women's Club – Farmers Market

Saturday, September 4, 2004
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
NE corner of 7th St & Pasco Ave
Downtown Dade City

Pioneer Florida Museum

Labor Day, September 6, 2004
9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
15602 Pioneer Museum Rd., Dade City

***All Pasco County libraries will hold registration drives on Saturday, July 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st as well as Saturday, September 11th, 18th, 25th and October 2nd from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Book closing drives will also be held at the libraries on Monday, August 2nd and October 4th from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Please note that New Port Richey Public Library is only open until 8:00 p.m. on Mondays while the Zephyrhills City Library is closed on Mondays. Check out our website, pascovotes.com, for additional sites.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first United States coast to coast airplane flight occurred in 1911 and took 49 days.

It took 20,000 men 22 years to build the Taj Mahal.

In 1907 the first taxicab took to the streets of New York City.

Source: www.angelfire.com/ca6/uselessfacts/

For more information, visit our website at pascovotes.com.

quote of the quarter

The everyday kindness of the back roads more than makes up for the acts of greed in the headlines.

~Charles Kuralt