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IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR FLORIDA VOTER ROLLS!

The years of hard work have finally paid off. It's official - Florida is the next and largest state to join ERIC - Electronic Registration Information Center. Thanks to Governor Scott for signing CS/HB 85 to assist in cleaner voter rolls, another step to insuring the integrity of elections.

Participation in ERIC will allow county supervisors of elections to share interstate information to identify voters who are registered in more than one state, have relocated in or out of Florida, or are deceased. The information will be used in addition to the mandatory list maintenance activities we currently use, making the whole process of maintaining the voter registration rolls more efficient. The system we currently use is, in part, dependent upon the voter's response to our mailings. This is problematic if voters have not maintained a current address with the post office and we are unable to get notifications to them. In many cases, voters don't realize it's their responsibility to maintain their voter registration, and more importantly, may be unaware of the unintended consequences such as being purged for inactivity over the course of many years.

Of all the responsibilities of administering elections, it's definitely a benefit to go into an election day with the most accurate voter information you can gather. Not only does it provide an added level of security, the payoff comes with more efficiency at the polls with less wait times, less need for provisional ballots, and my personal favorite - more happy voters. I've heard ERIC described as a bill that enhances the Florida Department of State's ability to prevent voter fraud, but I like to think of ERIC as another tool to improve the integrity of the elections' process.

I'm proud to have been a part of the group effort to get this very important legislation passed. The cooperative efforts of many to champion change is what democracy is all about, and all on behalf of the most important stakeholders...the voters!



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Registration Statistics

As of March 22, 2018

Republican	131,600
Democrat	106,038
No Party	99,073
Minor Party	2,359
TOTAL	339,070

Three Offices Countywide

Dade City (352)521-4302
 Land O' Lakes (813)929-2788
 New Port Richey (727)847-8162



Voter Outreach In Pasco County

Pasco County Fair - Chasco Fiesta - City Halls to name a few . . .

Supervisor Corley, staff, and outreach ambassadors have been out in the community! Our goal is to create awareness of the upcoming election year, and to be proactive in getting residents registered to vote, or to update their voter registration. It's never too early to #BeElectionReady!



Register to Be Heard Student Initiative Fivay High School



Fivay High School students attend SOE presentation as part of their Register to Be Heard event.

Supervisor Corley was invited to speak on the importance of registering and voting at Fivay High School as part of their Register to Be Heard Initiative. "It was inspiring to see them engaged in the democratic process," said Supervisor Corley. "I'm hoping their enthusiasm continues, and their motivation gets them to the polls." Although young people routinely register to vote, they continue to have the lowest voter turnout of any age group. Over 140 students registered/pre-registered to vote during the event. Let's hope this uptick in engagement will translate to higher voter turnout.



Students completed voter registration applications during their lunch hour.

Did You Know?

It's Open Season for Voter Registration

At the elections office, every day is voter registration season, but during election years it becomes the passion of major parties and grass roots efforts alike. The push to get every eligible citizen on the voter registration rolls is powered by the hope that voter turnout will be increased, but collecting voter registration applications comes with responsibility.

House Bill 1355 (2011) requires that a third-party voter registration organization (3PVRO), or any person, entity, or organization that collects any voter registration application, must register with the Division of Elections. The 3PVRO must designate an agent (person or entity) to accept service of legal process for the organization, and upon approval of the application by the Division, the organization is assigned an ID# which must be on every application collected. The ID# is used for accountability in fulfilling the requirements of timely filing of the applications. Organizations which fail to deliver completed applications within 10 days of being

collected, or before the book closing date, face civil fines upward of \$50 per application depending on the infraction.

The rules and regulations governing 3PVROs apply only if the registration agent assumes responsibility for turning in the application to the Supervisor of Elections. The rules do not apply to individuals/organizations which are handing out blank forms for people to complete and return on their own. So, before you canvass the neighborhood with a handful of voter registration applications, you should learn more about the responsibilities of a 3PVRO if you plan to turn in completed applications on behalf of voters.

<http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voter-registration/third-party-voter-registration-organizations/>

What's Happening . . .

Your Opinion Counts ...

Voter Satisfaction Survey 2018

Thank you to all who responded to our Voter Satisfaction Survey. We were happy to learn that the overwhelming majority is very pleased with the service we are providing. We plan to use the survey as another tool to measure our success in responding to the needs of Pasco County voters. For example, in recent years, we focused on promoting voting by mail as an easy, convenient, and accessible way to vote. The increase in the number of vote-by-mail voters speaks partly to the success of our promotion campaign, but the survey ensured us that the instructions were clear, that voters were aware they could track their ballot, and that only a few experienced issues with voting-by-mail.



We also asked questions about how voters receive their voting information, how they utilize our website, their experiences regarding lines, waiting and signage at voting locations, and we included a section to suggest changes.

Some of the concerns from voters are issues that are already on our radar, and areas we continue to work on and improve, such as better security of elections in general, improved signage, more early voting sites in Land O' Lakes/Wesley Chapel area, and better parking. However, there were many more favorable comments as follows, and of course, the suggestion of free coffee and donuts:

- Great organization
- At my location there was no waiting, walked in and voted
- I had no issues or complaints at all
- Everyone was very helpful and made voting easy
- My voting location was great in every way
- You and your staff do great work
- The office is a statewide template for elections
- Keep things as they are, they work

2018 Municipal
Election
April 10, 2018
Cities of New Port Richey,
Port Richey and Zephyrhills

2018 Election Dates
Primary - 8/28/2018
General - 11/06/2018

Legislative Update ...

House Bill CS/HB 87

Public Records/Statewide Voter Registration System

This bill is the companion bill to CS/HB 85, the ERIC bill that was discussed on the first page. It provides for the public exemption of confidential voter registration information received through the interstate exchange that is protected under the laws of the providing state. Any exchange of protected information supplied to the Department of State will be used only for the purposes of verifying voter information. Receiving confidential information is important to the accuracy of list maintenance activities particularly in the case of common names. The more identifying data that is provided, the more we are able to make accurate matches through the cross examination of the information. The list maintenance criteria requires more than just a first and last name match.