

**PUTNAM COUNTY
VOTER REGISTRATION
AND VOTING GUIDE**

2008

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Putnam County*



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To All Residents of Putnam County:

I would like to invite each and every person living in Putnam County to register TO VOTE. But remember, there is more than just registering. **"VOTE", to make our democracy work.**

We have prepared this informational booklet to help better inform you on the elections' process. Please take the time to carefully read all the information provided.

It is the Responsibility of the Putnam County Supervisor of Elections Office to make sure that we do our best to serve all citizens of Putnam County, to treat each person with respect and courtesy, and to consistently conduct successful and fair elections, while upholding the laws of Florida and the United States of America.

The Putnam County Supervisor of Elections and staff will strive to educate citizens, and all school age students, to become better informed about voting and to be better prepared to participate in the democratic process. We will apply the highest ethical standards, integrity and professionalism to conduct fair and successful elections. We will proactively seek to improve the election experience in Putnam County and the State of Florida.

If my office can better serve you please do not hesitate to call me at 386-329-0224.



Thank you,
Your Supervisor of Elections,

Susan McCool

SUSAN McCOOL
and Staff

Under Florida law, e-mail addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing.

Voter's Bill Of Rights

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

Voter Responsibilities

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the supervisor of elections a current address.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violation of election laws to the supervisor of elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

NOTE TO VOTER: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

(See section 101.031, Florida Statutes)

Putnam County Voting Equipment

Optical Scan/Paper Ballot



Beginning in January 2008, voters in Putnam County will vote on marksense/paper ballot. Due to Legislative changes on May 21, 2007, only voters with disabilities may vote on the touch screen voting.

Direct Record Electronics/ Touch Screen

***(An Election solution specifically for
Americans with Disabilities)***



For demonstrations on any voting equipment, stop by the Elections Office or call for an appointment.

You have three choices in the way you cast your ballot:

1) Vote by absentee ballot-

To request an absentee ballot you may:

- ◇ Call 386-329-0224 or toll free at 1-800-826-1437 ext. 0224
(or)
- ◇ Email us at electionsoffice@putnam-fl.com
(or)
- ◇ Go to our web-site at www.putnam-fl.com/soe
(or)
- ◇ Send a request by mail to: 107 N. 6th St Palatka, FL 32177
(or)
- ◇ Request in person at our office

(OR)

2) Vote early (two week period prior to election day) -

Dates for 2008 Early Voting for each election

Presidential Preference Primary:

January 14-26, 2008

Early Voting Site: 107 N. 6th St Palatka, FL

Primary Election:

August 11-23, 2008

Early Voting Site: At Elections' Office - call for info

General Election:

October 20-November 1, 2008

Early Voting Site: At Elections' Office - call for info

Early voting times are 8:30 A.M.—4:30 P.M.

Monday-Saturday, excluding Sundays

(OR)

3) Vote on election day at your assigned polling place from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. (Check your Voter Information Card or call the Elections Office for your polling place location)

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

CORRECTLY MARK YOUR PAPER BALLOT


When voting in person during Early Voting or at the polls:

- ✍ **Use only the pencil provided** in the voting booth.
- ✍ **Completely fill in the oval** next to the candidate of your choice, in order for your vote to be read by the scanner.
- ✍ **Do not** use a check mark, or an “X” mark or circle the oval.
- ✍ **Mark only one choice per race** (unless instructions indicate otherwise). Read your ballot instructions and your race instructions carefully.
- ✍ To vote for a write-in candidate, you must **fill in the oval** next to the write-in line **and write the name of the candidate** you choose on the line itself (*The write-in candidate must be a qualified candidate*).
- ✍ **If you make a mistake** on your ballot, you may request another one and start over. A voter is allowed up to three ballots total, including the original ballot. Do not erase on your ballot.
- ✍ **If you become confused**, do not hesitate to ask an election official for assistance.

When voting an absentee ballot:

- ✍ **Use a black pen or pencil** to mark your ballot. (Do not use a red pen)
- ✍ **If you make a mistake** on an absentee ballot, **DO NOT ERASE** or use white-out to correct. Instead, **call the Elections’ Office for instructions: 386-329-0224 or 1-800-826-1437, Ext. 0224**

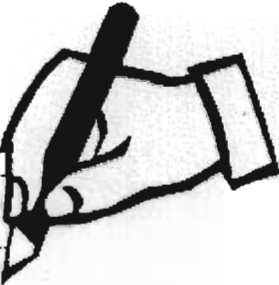
Your vote **“WILL”** count when the **OVAL** is **COLORED IN** as shown in this “CORRECT” illustration.

 **CORRECT:**

CANDIDATE NAME
 CANDIDATE NAME
 CANDIDATE NAME




Write-In Candidate:

GEORGE WASHINGTON
 THOMAS JEFFERSON
 Abraham Lincoln



Your vote **“WILL NOT”** count if done **INCORRECTLY** as shown in this illustration.

INCORRECT:

The 2008 Election Calendar

Presidential Preference Primary Election

Election Day: January 29, 2008

New Registration & Party Change Deadline

December 31, 2007

Early Voting for Putnam County:

January 14-19, 2008, Monday through Saturday

January 21-26, 2008, Monday through Saturday

Times: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Early voting site: 107 N. 6th St., Palatka, FL 32177

Primary Election

Election Day: August 26, 2008

New Registration & Party Change Deadline

July 28, 2008

Early Voting for Putnam County:

August 11-16, 2008, Monday through Saturday

August 18-23, 2008, Monday through Saturday

Times: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Early voting site: At Elections' Office - call for info

General Election

Election Day: November 4, 2008

New Registration & Party Change Deadline

October 6, 2008

Early Voting in Putnam County:

October 20-25, 2008, Monday through Saturday

October 27-November 1, 2008, Monday through Saturday

Times: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Early voting site: At Elections' Office - call for info

Election Day Voting

**The polls will be open on election day from
7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time**

(see sections 97.055 and 100.011, Florida Statutes)

Offices To Be Filled In 2008

Federal Offices

President and Vice President
Representative in Congress, Districts 3 & 7

Multi County And District Offices

State Senator Districts 1 & 7
State Representative, District 21, all of Putnam County
State Attorney, 7th Circuit
Public Defender, 7th Circuit

County Offices/Constitutional Officers

Clerk of Circuit Court
Property Appraiser
Sheriff
Superintendent of District Schools
Supervisor of Elections
Tax Collector

County Offices

3 Members of the Board of County Commissioners, Districts 1, 3 & 5
2 Members of the School Board, Districts 2 & 3 (nonpartisan)
Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation, Districts 1,2,3,& 4 (nonpartisan)

Qualifying dates for offices are Noon, June 16th, 2008 through Noon, June 20, 2008.

For information contact the Putnam County Supervisor of Elections' Office at (386)329-0224.

Nonpartisan Judicial

Circuit Judges - Groups 1,2,6,7,9,11,14,17,18,20,22,24,25,& 26

County Court Judges - Group 2

Judicial Retention

Justices of the Supreme Court (only those whose terms expire January 2009)
Judges, District Courts of Appeal (only those whose terms expire January 2009)

Voter Registration Information

Who Can Register And Vote

To register and vote, you must be 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States of America and a legal resident of Florida and of the county where you intend to vote. A person who is otherwise qualified may pre-register on or after that person's 16th birthday and who has a valid driver's license and may vote in any election held on or after that person's 18th birthday.

(see section 97.041, Florida Statutes)

Persons Not Entitled To Register Or Vote

Persons who have been found by a court in this or another state to be mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not had their right to vote restored.

Persons who have been convicted of any felony in any court and who have not had their right to vote restored.

Any person who is not a citizen of the United States of America.

A person who is not registered to vote may not vote.

(see section 97.041, Florida Statutes)

How To Register

To register to vote, you must fill out a voter registration application. Voter registration applications are available at the Putnam County Supervisor of Elections' Office (see our web site at www.putnam-fl.com/soe) or at any other county elections office, the Division of Elections (see web site at <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/RegToVote/regform.shtml>), driver's license offices, state agencies that provide public assistance, state agencies that serve persons with disabilities, public libraries and many other public locations. Call Putnam County Elections' Office at (386)329-0224 for other locations.

You will be offered the opportunity to apply to register to vote or change your voter registration when you obtain your driver's license, when you apply for public assistance at state agencies, or when you apply for

A voter registration application is complete if it contains:

- ✓ Your name.
- ✓ Your legal residence address.
- ✓ Your date of birth.
- ✓ Your valid Florida driver's license number or Florida identification card number. If you do not have either of these, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued a Florida driver's license, a Florida identification card, or a Social Security number, you must indicate "none" in the box provided for this information.
- ✓ A mark in the check box affirming that you are a citizen of the United States of America.
- ✓ A mark in the check box affirming that you have not been convicted of a felony or that, if convicted, you have had your civil rights restored.
- ✓ A mark in the check box affirming that you have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or that, if so adjudicated, you have had your right to vote restored.
- ✓ You must sign or put your mark by the oath printed on the form swearing or affirming under the penalty for false swearing that the information contained in the registration application is true. (Power of attorney is not accepted)

Note: An applicant who fails to designate a political party affiliation will be registered without party affiliation.

(see section 97.053, Florida Statutes)

When Can You Register

You can apply to register to vote at any time either by mail or in person. However, the registration books will be closed on the 29th day before each election and will remain closed until after that election. You must be registered for at least 29 days before you can vote in an election. The date your voter registration application is postmarked or hand delivered to your county supervisor of elections, the Division of Elections, a driver's license office, a voter registration agency, or an armed forces recruitment office will be your registration date. If your application is complete and you are qualified as a voter, a registration information card will be mailed to you. When the registration books are closed for an election, voter registration and party changes will be accepted, but only for the purpose of subsequent elections.

(see sections 97.053 and 97.055, Florida Statutes)

First-Time Voters Who Register By Mail

If you register by mail and you are a first-time voter in the State and you have not been issued a Florida driver's license number, Florida I.D. number, or a Social Security number you are required to provide additional identification. To assure that you will not have problems when you go to vote, you should provide a copy of the required identification at the time you mail your voter registration form. If you are voting an absentee ballot, you must provide the proper identification prior to 7 p.m. election day or your absentee ballot will not count. You may provide a copy of a photo identification as outlined in What To Expect At the Polls or you may provide a copy of a current and valid utility bill, bank statement, government paycheck, or other government document containing your name and current residence address. Do not send original identification documents to the supervisor of elections.

The following persons are not required to provide the identification required under the previous paragraph:

- Persons 65 years of age or older.
- Persons with a temporary or permanent physical disability.
- Members of the uniformed services on active duty, their spouses and dependants, who, by reason of such active duty, are absent from the county on election day.
- Members of the Merchant Marine, their spouses and dependents, who, by reason of service in the Merchant Marine, are absent from the county on election day.

(see section 97.0535, Florida Statutes)

Removal And Reinstatement Of Names On Voter Rolls

Periodically, supervisors of elections will send address confirmation notices to voters when the post office has indicated that these voters have moved outside the supervisor's county or left a forwarding address. All voters who have been mailed an address confirmation notice and who do not return the form within 30 days will be placed on the inactive voter registration list. Voters on the inactive list can be reinstated by updating their voter registration, appearing to vote, or requesting an absentee ballot, providing their status has not changed. However, after two general elections from the date the notice was sent, all inactive voters who show no activity will be removed from the registration records and must register again in order to vote.

(see section 98.065, Florida Statutes)

Registration Is A Public Record

In Florida, voter registration records are open to the public and may be examined or copied by any person. However, the following registration information is confidential: location of voter's place of registration, location of place of registration update, Social Security number, driver's license number, and Florida identification number. A voter's signature may be viewed but may not be copied.

(see section 97.0585, Florida Statutes)

Where You Can Obtain An Application In Putnam County

In Putnam County, you may obtain a Florida Voter Registration Application in the following places:

- Our web-site at www.putnam-fl.com/soe
- Supervisor of Elections' Office
- Public Libraries
- Senior Centers
- Government Offices (Post Office, County Offices such as Tax Collector, etc.)
- Putnam County ARC
- Most Local Banks
- Some Real Estate Agencies.

These forms shall be completed and returned to the Elections' Office, by mail or in person, to be processed.

Address Change

If you are moving within Putnam County, you can:

1. Call the Elections Office with your address change.
2. Email your address change to electionsoffice@putnam-fl.com.
3. Mail your change of address to the Elections' Office at the address provided on the front of this book.

If you are moving to another county in the state of Florida:

1. You, the elector, shall provide notice of such change to a Voter Registration Official using a Florida Voter Registration Application, signed by you, the elector.

(see section 97.1031, Florida Statutes)

Military And Overseas Citizens

Registering And Voting Absentee

Members of the United States uniformed services on active duty and the Merchant Marine, their spouses and dependents, and United States citizens residing outside of the United States may apply for voter registration or request an absentee ballot with a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), which may be obtained from a Voting Assistance Officer or through the Internet at www.fvap.gov. The Federal Post Card Application request for an absentee ballot will be effective for all elections through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If the FPCA is not available, phone or send a written request by mail, fax, or e-mail to the supervisor of elections and a voter registration application or absentee ballot will be sent to you.

If you are overseas, you may have your absentee ballot either faxed or emailed to you, in lieu of receiving it by regular mail. Once your absentee ballot is voted, you may either return it by fax or you may mail it to the supervisor of elections so that it is received no later than 7 p.m. on election day. Voted ballots returned by e-mail will not be accepted. Carefully follow the instructions sent to you with your absentee ballot to ensure that it is counted. You must be sure to not only sign, but DATE the absentee ballot envelope to ensure that your ballot is counted.

If an overseas voter's request for an absentee ballot includes an e-mail address, the supervisor of elections will inform the voter of the names of candidates who will be on the ballots via electronic transmission. The supervisor of elections will e-mail to the voter the list of candidates for the primary and general election not later than 30 days before each election.

(see sections 101.6952 and 101.697, Florida Statutes)

NOTE: TO ALL ABSENTEE VOTERS

Only you (the voter) may sign the certification on the back of an absentee ballot return envelope. No one can sign for you. If you cannot sign your name, due to an injury or disability, "YOU" must make your mark "X" on the line required for signature. Make sure though, that your voter registration signature is updated in the Elections' Office before you return your ballot. If the signature on your voter record does not match the signature on your absentee ballot certificate return envelope, it **will not** be counted.

State Write-in Ballot

An overseas voter may request, not earlier than 180 days before a general election, a state write-in absentee ballot from the Supervisor of Elections in the county of registration. For the 2008 General Election that date is May 11, 2008. In the request, the voter must indicate that due to military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery, the voter cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period. In completing the ballot, the overseas voter may designate his or her choice by writing in the name of the candidate or by writing in the name of a political party, in which case the ballot must be counted for the candidate of that political party, if there is such a party candidate on the ballot.

(see section 101.6951, Florida Statutes)

Late Registration

An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services, Merchant Marine, or from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States, after the book closing for an election pursuant to section 97.055, Florida Statutes, who is otherwise qualified, may register to vote in such election at the office of the supervisor of elections until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before that election. Such persons must produce sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying for the late registration pursuant to this section.

(see section 97.0555, Florida Statutes)

Additional information for military and overseas voters is available from:

Director
Federal Voting Assistance Program
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Washington Headquarters Services
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1155
FVAP Fax 703-588-0108
Email vote@fvap.ncr.gov
Toll-free 800-438-8683

Changes In Address, Name Or Party When Voters Move

If you move your residence outside your assigned precinct, you must vote in the precinct to which you have moved. If you move, you must immediately notify the supervisor of elections. If you have moved to another Florida county, you must provide a signed, voter registration application, indicating the address change. If you moved your residence address within the same county, you may call the Supervisor of Elections to inform them of your move, or provide a signed voter registration application indicating the address change.

Generally, you cannot vote in any precinct other than the one in which you live and are registered. However, if you are temporarily living outside your home county, you can apply to be registered and vote in the precinct that contains the main office of the supervisor of elections. These voters will not be registered electors of a municipality and therefore shall not be permitted to vote in a municipal election.

If you move to another county in Florida, you must vote in your new county.

If you have not already provided change of address information to the supervisor of elections prior to the election, you will be required to provide that information before you can vote. In order to avoid delays at the polling place, you should update your address as soon as you move by calling the elections office at 386-329-0224. Also, call to check the status of your voter registration.

(see sections 97.1031 and 101.045, Florida Statutes)

When Voters Change Their Name

If you change your name by marriage or other legal process, you must provide notice of such change to a voter registration official using a voter registration application signed by the voter. If you have not provided this information prior to going to vote, you will be allowed to update this information prior to voting.

(see section 97.1031, Florida Statutes)

When Voters Want To Change Their Party Affiliation

If you want to change your party affiliation, you must provide the notice of such change to a voter registration official using a signed voter registration application. A party change request cannot be accepted at the polling place on election day. Party changes must be received in the office of SOE on or before 29 days prior to the election.

(see section 97.1031, Florida Statutes)

Election Day Information

Poll Workers

On election days, the supervisors of elections are among the largest employers of their counties, hiring many workers to conduct the election. Election days can sometimes be demanding, but it is a rewarding experience to assist Florida's citizens in the important process of casting their votes. Supervisors of Elections are looking for friendly, dedicated people to work at the polls on election day. Contact Susan McCool, Supervisor of Elections at 386-329-0224 if you are interested. Poll workers are required to attend training prior to working.

Election workers hours are 5:45 a.m. until after 8:30 p.m.

(see sections 102.012 and 102.014, Florida Statutes)

What To Expect At The Polls

Polls will be open on election day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. local time. To determine your polling place, check your voter information card or contact your supervisor of elections at (386) 329-0224.

You will be asked to show a photo and signature identification when you go to the polls to vote. Acceptable forms of photo identification include:

- Florida driver's license
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- United States passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification

If your photo identification does not contain your signature, you will be required to show an additional identification that provides your signature.

If you do not have the proper identification, you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

Once your identity has been established, you will be asked to sign the precinct register or electronic device and then you will be allowed to vote.

If you need assistance in marking your ballot, please inform the poll worker.

If you make a mistake when voting on a paper ballot, ask for a replacement. You may receive up to two replacements, or a total of three ballots.

If your eligibility to vote cannot be determined, you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. A person casting a provisional ballot may present written evidence supporting his or her eligibility to vote to the supervisor of elections by no later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election, effective 1/1/2008. *(see section 101.043, Florida Statutes)*

Primary Election

You must be registered in the Party of your choice to vote in that Party's Primary.

However, Article VI, Section 5(b), Florida Constitution, provides that if all candidates have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary election for that office. This is known as a Universal Primary Contest.

Nonpartisan judicial and school board offices, nonpartisan special districts and local referendum questions are included in some primary elections. All registered voters, including those without party affiliation and minor political party voters, are entitled to receive and vote these ballots. At general elections, all voters receive the same ballot and may vote for any candidate or question on the ballot.

(see sections 100.051, 100.061 and 101.021, Florida Statutes, and Article VI, Section 5(b), Florida Constitution)

Assistance In Voting

A person who is unable to read or write or who, because of a disability, needs assistance in voting may designate someone of his or her own choice, other than an employer or an officer or agent of the person's union, to provide such assistance. Election officials may also provide assistance.

(see sections 97.061 and 101.051, Florida Statutes)

Nonpartisan Judicial Elections

Candidates for the Florida Supreme Court and District Courts of Appeal will appear on the ballot in the general election for a vote on their retention. Candidates for circuit and county court judge will appear on the primary ballot and on the general election ballot, if necessary.

(see section 105.041, Florida Statutes)

Nonpartisan Municipal Elections

Municipal elections may be on a primary ballot or a general ballot as needed.

Poll Watchers

Each political party, each political committee with issues on the ballot that they are registered to support or oppose, and each candidate may have one poll watcher in each polling room or early voting area at any one time during an election. Poll watchers must be registered voters in the county and cannot be candidates or law enforcement officers. Each political party, each political committee, and each candidate requesting to have poll watchers must designate, in writing to the supervisor of elections, poll watchers for each precinct prior to noon of the second Tuesday preceding the election. Poll watchers for early voting shall be requested in writing to the supervisor at least 14 days before early voting begins.

Poll Watcher Designation Deadlines

<u>Election</u>	<u>For Early Voting</u>	<u>For Election Day</u>
Primary Election	July 28, 2008	August 12, 2008
General Election	October 6, 2008	October 21, 2008

(see section 101.131, Florida Statutes)

Absentee Voting

(see page 15 for important information about voter signature placed on certificate on back of the absentee ballot return envelope)

Who Can Vote Absentee

All qualified voters are permitted to vote absentee under Florida law.
(see sections 97.021(1) and 101.62, Florida Statutes)

How To Vote Absentee

A voter, or if directly instructed by the voter, a member of the voter's immediate family or the voter's legal guardian may request an absentee ballot from the supervisor of elections in person, by mail or by telephone. One request can cover all elections through the next 2 regularly scheduled General Elections. The person requesting an absentee ballot must disclose:

- The name of the voter for whom the ballot is requested;
- The voter's address;
- The voter's date of birth;
- The requester's name;
- The requester's address;
- The requester's driver's license number, if available;
- The requester's relationship to the voter; and,
- The requester's signature (written request only).

A designee may pick up an absentee ballot for a voter on election day or up to 5 days before election day. A designee may only pick up two absentee ballots per election, other than his or her own ballot or ballots for members of his or her immediate family. Designees must have written authorization from the voter and signed by the voter, present a picture I.D. and sign an affidavit provided by the Supervisor of Elections Office before ballot will be issued.

Marked ballots must be mailed or delivered in person reaching the supervisor of election's office not later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. **Do not** return your voted absentee ballot to a polling place.

To Request an Absentee Ballot in Putnam County, you may:

1. Call the elections office at 386-329-0224 or toll free at 1-800-826-1437 extension 0224.
2. Go to our web-site at www.putnam-fl.com/soe
3. Email us at electionsoffice@putnam-fl.com
4. Send a request by mail to: 107 N. 6th St., Palatka, FL 32177 or starting in July 2008, 2509 Crill Ave., STE 900, Palatka, FL 32177
5. In person at the elections office.

Cancelling Absentee Ballot to Vote at the Polls

If you have obtained an absentee ballot but are able to vote in your precinct on election day, you must take the absentee ballot with you to the polls, whether or not it has been marked so that it can be cancelled. However, if you are unable to return the ballot, you may vote a provisional ballot.

(see sections 101.62 and 101.69, Florida Statutes)

Early Voting

Early voting will begin 15 days before an election and may end on the 2nd or 3rd day before an election. Call Susan McCool, Supervisor of Elections at 386-329-0224 for any other information concerning Early Voting.

Early Voting Dates for 2008 Election Year:

Primary Election: August 11-23, 2008, site: 2509 Crill Ave., STE 900, Palatka, FL

General Election: October 20-November 1, 2008, site: 2509 Crill Ave., STE 900, Palatka, FL

In Putnam County Early Voting will be held Monday through Saturday

(excluding Sundays)

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

(see section 101.657, Florida Statutes)

Violations

How To Report Election Law Violations

Violations relating to chapters 104 and 106 and section 105.071, Florida Statutes, should be reported by sworn written complaint to the Florida Elections Commission, Suite 224 Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, 850-922-4539.

The Florida Elections Commission is an entity not aligned or affiliated with the Department of State, Division of Elections.

(see section 106.25, Florida Statutes)

Violations of either the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, or any irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, candidate or issue petitions, removal procedures, or voting under the Florida Election Code should be reported in writing to the Division of Elections, Room 316, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, 850-245-6200.

All other violations should be reported to the local state attorney.

(see sections 97.012(15), 97.023, and 97.028, Florida Statutes)

INFORMATION FROM SUSAN McCOOL
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS' OFFICE, PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA
107 N 6th ST, PALATKA, FL 32177, PHONE: 386-329-0224 OR 1-800-826-1437 ext. 0224
FAX: 386-329-0455, E-mail: electionoffice@putnam-fl.com, web site: www.putnam-fl.com/soe

Date as of 10/22/2007

U. S. SENATORS

(6 year term)

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term expires January, 2013)

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term expires January, 2013)

U. S. CONGRESS

(2 year term)

3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CORRINE BROWN - DEMOCRAT
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101 E Union St #202
Jacksonville FL 32202
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Pcts: 4,15,16,17,20,21,25,26,27,30,31,32,
33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,
46,47,48,49, 50, 51, 55 & 57
(next election 2008; term expires January, 2009)

7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

JOHN MICA - REPUBLICAN
2313 Rayburn House Office Bldg
Washington D.C. 20515-0906
PH: 202-225-4035 FAX: 202-226-0821
613 St Johns Ave RM 107
Palatka FL 32177
PH: 386-328-1622
Pcts: 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,
18,19,22,23,24,28,29,53 & 54
(next elect 2008; term expires January,
2009)

STATE SENATORS

(4 year term)(can serve up to 8 years- 2 terms)

SENATE DISTRICT 1

ANTHONY HILL – DEMOCRAT
5600 New Kings Rd STE 5
Jacksonville FL 32209-2146
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213 Senate Office Bldg, 404 S Monroe St
Tallahassee FL 32399-1100
Ph: 850-487-5024 Tollfree: 866-867-0289
Pcts: 15,17,18,20,21,24,25,26,27,28 & 30
Email: hill.anthony.web@flsenate.gov
(next election 2008;
term expires November, 2008)

SENATE DISTRICT 7

EVELYN J LYNN - REPUBLICAN
200 7th ST RM 1C (School Board Bldg)
Palatka FL 32177
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Tollfree:866-831-2665
212 Senate Office Bldg, 404 S Monroe St
Tallahassee FL 32399-1100
Ph: 850-487-5033
Pcts: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,
14,16,19,22,23,29,31,32,33,34,35,
36,37,39,49,51,53,54,55 & 57
(next election, 2008;
term expires November, 2008)

SENATE DISTRICT 14

STEVE OELRICH-REPUBLICAN
4131 NW 28th Ln, STE 4
Gainesville FL 32606
PH: 352-375-3555 FAX: 352-955-6262
Toll free: 866-778-2300
310 Senate Office Bldg, 404 S Monroe St
Tallahassee FL 32399-1100
Ph: 850-487-5020
Email: steve@steveoelrich.com
Pcts: 38,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48 & 50
(next election 2010;
term expires November, 2010)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT 1 – NANCY S HARRIS - DEM
(next election 2008;
term expires November 17, 2008)
Precincts: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 & 10

DISTRICT 2 – CHIP LAIBL - DEM
(next election 2010;
term expires November 15, 2010)
Precincts: 22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30
31,32,33,34 & 57

DISTRICT 3 – HERMON SOMERS, JR- DEM
(next election 2008;
term expires November 17, 2008)
Pcts: 11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20 & 21

DISTRICT 4 – ED TAYLOR - DEM
(next election 2010;
term expires November 15, 2010)
Pcts: 35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43 & 44

DISTRICT 5 – BRAD PURCELL - REP
(next election 2008;
term expires November 17, 2008)
Pcts: 45,46,47,48,49,50,51,53,54 & 55

MAILING ADDRESS:

County Administrator: RICK LEARY
Ph: 386-329-0212 Fax: 386-329-1216
County Attorney: RUSTY CASTLEBERRY
PH: 386-329-1903
P O BOX 758
Palatka FL 32178
Board of County Commissioner Meetings:
2nd & 4th Tuesday - 8:30 AM
Web site: www.putnam-fl.com/brd

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 21

(2 year term, can serve up to 8 years – 4 terms)

JOE PICKENS - REPUBLICAN
3841 REID ST STE 5
Palatka FL 32177
PH: 386-312-2272
214 House Office Bldg, 402 S Monroe St
Tallahassee FL 32399-1300
Ph: 850-488-0665
Email: Joe.pickens@myfloridahouse.gov
All precincts in Putnam County
(next election 2008;
term expires November, 2008)

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DISTRICT 1 - JOHN MILTON - DEM
(next election 2010;
term expires November 15, 2010)
Precincts: 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9 & 10

DISTRICT 2 – TOM TOWNSEND - DEM
(next election 2008;
term expires November 17, 2008)
Pcts: 11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20 & 21

DISTRICT 3 – LISA PARSONS - REP
(next election 2008;
term expires November 17, 2008)
Pcts: 22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,
34 & 57

DISTRICT 4 – C L OVERTURE, JR- DEM
(next election 2010;
term expires November 15, 2010)
Pcts: 45,46,47,48,49,50,51,53,54 & 55

DISTRICT 5 - JOANN BARBER - DEM
(next election 2010;
term expires November 15, 2010)
Pcts: 35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43 & 44

MAILING ADDRESS:

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Ph: 386-329-0510 Fax: 386-329-0655
200 S 7TH ST
Palatka FL 32177

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Email: info@putnamschools.org
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SHERIFF PO Drawer 1578
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PUTNAM RESIDENT AND AT LARGE JUDGES

SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

GROUP 2 (next election 2008 - term expires January 5, 2009) {RESIDENT}
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PUTNAM COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGES

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(next elections 2010- terms expire for state offices January, 2011)

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FEDERAL OFFICE

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT (next election 2008 - term expires January, 2009)

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VOTER REGISTRATION
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PUTNAM COUNTY MAPS**

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Palatka, FL 32177

The Importance of One Vote

The most often heard excuse for not voting in an election is "my one little vote won't make a difference." Yet history is full of instances proving the enormous power of one single vote. In many cases, the course of nations has been changed because one individual ballot was cast, or not cast, depending upon your point of view. Consider this.....

- ★ In 1645, **one vote** gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.
- ★ In 1649, **one vote** literally cost King Charles I of England his head. The vote to behead him was 67 against and 68 for.
- ★ In 1714, **one vote** placed King George I on the throne of England, and restored the monarchy.
- ★ In 1776, **one vote** gave America the English language instead of German (at least according to folk lore).
- ★ In 1800, the electoral college met in the respective states to cast their two votes for President. At that time, the U.S. Constitution provided the candidate receiving the most electoral votes would become President and the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes would become Vice President. When the results of the electoral college votes were opened by both houses of Congress, there was a tie vote for President between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr. That threw the election of President into the House of Representatives where Thomas Jefferson was elected our third president by a **one vote** margin.
- ★ In 1824, none of the four Presidential candidates received an electoral majority. The election was again thrown into the House of Representatives, where John Quincy Adams defeated front runner Andrew Jackson by **one vote** to become the nation's 6th president. Andrew Jackson received the majority of the nation's popular vote.
- ★ In 1846, a **one vote** margin in the U.S. Senate approved President Polk's request for a Declaration of War against Mexico.
- ★ In 1850, California was admitted to the union by a margin of **one vote**.
- ★ In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the union by a margin of **one vote**.
- ★ In 1868, **one vote** in the U.S. Senate saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

- ★ In 1875, Florida's U.S. Senators were still elected by the state legislature. Democrat Charles W. Jones of Pensacola was elected to the U.S. Senate by a majority of **one vote**.
- ★ In 1885, two members of the Florida House of Representatives waged a friendly but close contest for Speaker of the House. Robert W. Davis of Green Cove Springs defeated Gen. Ernest Younge of Pensacola by **one vote**.
- ★ In 1889, by a **one vote** margin, Washington was admitted to statehood with the union.
- ★ In 1890, by a **one vote** margin, Idaho became a state.
- ★ In 1916, if presidential hopeful Charles E. Hughes had received **one additional vote** in each of California's precincts, he would have defeated President Woodrow Wilson's re-election bid.
- ★ On November 8, 1923, members of the then recently formed revolutionary political party met to elect a leader in a Munich, Germany beer hall. By a majority of **one vote** they chose an ex-soldier named Adolph Hitler to become the Nazi Party leader.
- ★ In 1941, the Selective Service Act (the draft) was saved by a **one vote** margin - - just weeks before Pearl Harbor was attacked.
- ★ In 1948, if Thomas E. Dewey had gotten **one vote** more per precinct in Ohio and California, the presidential election would have been thrown into the U.S. House of Representatives, where Dewey enjoyed more support than his rival - - incumbent Harry Truman. As it was, Dewey was expected to win the general election by a landslide so most Republicans stayed home. Only 51.5 percent of the electorate voted. Truman defeated Dewey.
- ★ In the 1960 presidential election, an additional **one vote** per precinct in Illinois, Missouri, New Jersey, and Texas may have altered the course of America's modern history by denying John F. Kennedy the presidency and placing Richard Nixon in the White House eight years earlier.
- ★ In 1962, the governors of Maine, Rhode Island and North Dakota were all elected by a margin of **one vote** per precinct.

Reprinted from an essay provided by the Honorable Mary Morgan, Former Supervisor of Elections, Collier County, Florida.

**EVERY VOTE IS COUNTED,
EVERY VOTE MATTERS, and
YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT. To sum it up,
YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**Putnam County Supervisor of Elections
Mission Statement**

THE PUTNAM COUNTY ELECTIONS' OFFICE STRIVES TO:

COUNT EVERY VOTE - conduct fair and successful elections.

ENSURE YOUR VOTE MATTERS - serve all citizens and treat each person with respect and courtesy, while seeking to give you the best possible voting experience.

MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT - proactively seek to improve all election equipment and maintain the equipment in a secured environment.

HELP YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE - educate citizens, and all school age students, to become better informed about voting and to be better prepared to participate in the democratic process.

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