

Florida Voter Guide 2026

General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2026 · Mandatory early voting: Saturday, October 24 – Saturday, October 31

My rule is simple: every fact comes with its source, so you can check it and decide for yourselves. Bracketed numbers [S#] match the source list at the end. This guide does not endorse any candidate or position.

This is **one statewide guide**: dates, ID, voting by mail, early voting, every statewide race and the 3 constitutional amendments. For Congress, the Legislature and local races, check your sample ballot on your county Supervisor of Elections' website.

Note on sources: the main sources are the Florida Department of State's *2026 Election Dates* calendar [S1] and *2026 Florida Voter Registration and Voting Guide*, in its official English version [S3] (and Spanish [S2]), the Florida Statutes [S7] and the official constitutional amendments booklet [S14]. Candidates come from the Department of State's official list [S8], cross-checked with Miami-Dade's official sample ballot [S9]. All times are local.

1. Key dates

What	Date	Source
Voter registration deadline	Monday, Oct. 5, 2026 (passed)	[S1]
Optional early voting (each county decides)	from Monday, Oct. 19; Miami-Dade, Broward and Orange opened that day	[S1][S10] [S11][S12]
Deadline to request a mail ballot	Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026, 5:00 p.m.	[S1][S7]
Mandatory early voting in every county	Saturday, Oct. 24 – Saturday, Oct. 31 (8 to 12 hours a day)	[S1][S3][S7]
From this date, a mail ballot can be picked up in person only with an emergency affidavit	Saturday, Oct. 24	[S1]
Optional early voting	Sunday, Nov. 1 (county option)	[S1]
Election Day	Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	[S1][S7]
Mail ballot must arrive at the county elections office	by 7:00 p.m. Nov. 3	[S1][S7]
Deadline to cure a mail-ballot signature or submit provisional-ballot eligibility evidence	Thursday, Nov. 5, 5:00 p.m.	[S1]
Overseas ballots (dated or postmarked by Election Day)	must arrive by Friday, Nov. 13	[S1]

2. ID to vote in person

Per the official state guide [S3] and the law (s. 101.043) [S7]:

- You must show a **current, valid photo ID with a signature**. Accepted IDs include: Florida driver license or Florida ID card; U.S. passport; debit or credit card; military ID; student ID; retirement center ID; neighborhood association ID; public assistance ID; Veteran Health ID card (VA); concealed weapon license; federal, state, county or municipal employee ID.
- If your photo ID **has no signature**, show another ID that has one.
- **Without ID**, you can vote a **provisional ballot**. It counts if you are eligible, in the right precinct, and your signature matches your registration.

3. Voting by mail

Per the official guide [S3], the Department of State's vote-by-mail page [S4] and the calendar [S1]:

- **How to request:** from your county Supervisor of Elections, online, by phone, in person or in writing. You need your Florida driver license or ID number, or the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. Deadline: **5:00 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22** (s. 101.62) [S7].
- **Requests expire:** a request covers all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled general election and must be renewed each cycle. If you last requested before 2025, it has expired.
- **Sign the return envelope.**
- **How to return it:** it must **arrive** at the Supervisor of Elections by **7:00 p.m. Nov. 3** (s. 101.67) [S7]; a postmark is not enough. Mail it, hand it in at the Supervisor's office, or use a **secure ballot intake station** (Supervisor's offices and early voting sites, during their hours) [S3][S5].
- USPS recommends mailing it **at least one week before** the deadline [S3].
- **On Election Day** you cannot drop off a mail ballot at your polling place. If you change your mind, bring it (marked or blank) to your polling place, turn it in, and vote in person [S3][S4].
- **Tracking:** track your request and ballot on your county Supervisor of Elections' website [S3].
- **Missing or mismatched signature:** fix it with an affidavit by **5:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5** [S1][S3].
- **From Oct. 24**, a mail ballot can be picked up in person only with a signed emergency affidavit [S1].

4. Early voting, Election Day and Spanish-language help

- **Mandatory early voting:** Saturday, Oct. 24 – Saturday, Oct. 31, 8 to 12 hours a day, at sites each county designates. Counties may add days Oct. 19–23 and Nov. 1 (s. 101.657) [S1] [S7]. During early voting you may vote at any early voting site in your county [S3].
- **Official examples:** Miami-Dade, Oct. 19 – Nov. 1, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., 28 sites [S10]. Broward, Oct. 19 – Nov. 1, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., 30 sites [S11]. Orange, Oct. 19 – Nov. 1, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. [S12]. Check your county's dates, hours and sites with your Supervisor of Elections.

- **Election Day:** Tuesday, Nov. 3, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Anyone in line at 7:00 p.m. may vote (s. 100.011) [S7]. That day you vote only at the polling place assigned to your address [S3].
- **Spanish-language help:** under the Voting Rights Act, Florida translates statewide election materials into Spanish and offers Spanish assistance through its voter hotlines. Fourteen counties must provide oral and written assistance, and ballots, in Spanish: Broward, Collier, DeSoto, Hardee, Hendry, Hillsborough, Lee, Miami-Dade, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Polk and Seminole. All counties are also covered by the federal law protecting voters educated in Spanish in U.S.-flag schools in territories such as Puerto Rico [S6].

5. Statewide races on the ballot

Per the Department of State's official qualified-candidate list [S8] and Miami-Dade's sample ballot [S9] (in ballot order; "incumbent" = current officeholder):

Office	Candidates	Source
United States Senator (one seat)	Ashley Moody (REP, incumbent) · Angie Nixon (DEM) · Neil J. Gillespie (no party, NPA)	[S8] [S9]
Governor and Lieutenant Governor (one ticket)	Byron Donalds & Bryan Avila (REP) · David Jolly & Gwen Graham (DEM) · Scott Eckhard Jewett & Nicole Skelly (Libertarian) · Charles Burkett & Ruben A. Coto (NPA) · Frank J. Russo & Rachel Rodriguez (NPA) · Moliere "Moe" Dimanche & Benjiman Rojas (NPA) · Dean Ocean Abrams & Joe Van Vactor (NPA) · Jeffrey Peter "Dr. Jeff" Datto & Juan Santana (NPA) · write-in line	[S8] [S9]
Attorney General	James Uthmeier (REP, incumbent) · Jose Javier Rodriguez (DEM)	[S8]
Chief Financial Officer	Blaise Ingoglia (REP, incumbent) · Annette Taddeo (DEM)	[S8]
Commissioner of Agriculture	Wilton Simpson (REP, incumbent) · Joey Mendoza Atkins (DEM) · Kyle "KC" Gibson (write-in)	[S8]
Florida Supreme Court	Shall Justice Carlos G. Muñoz be retained in office? Yes / No	[S8] [S9]
Constitutional amendments	Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (section 8)	[S14]

Also on the ballot, depending on your address: all of Florida's U.S. House seats, even-numbered state Senate seats, all state House seats and local races [S3].

6. Governor: records and proposals

The two most-covered candidates, in the same format: official record first, then what their campaigns say, in their words.

Byron Donalds (REP) — U.S. representative from Florida since Jan. 3, 2021; previously a state representative (2016–2020) [S23].

- **Official record:** voted YES on H.R. 1 (passed 218–214, July 3, 2025) [S18] and YES on the Laken Riley Act (H.R. 29, passed 264–159, Jan. 7, 2025) [S19].

- **His campaign proposes** [S24]: require "every Florida business" to use E-Verify; cut off state funds, subsidies and perks he says encourage illegal immigration; keep Citizens (the state insurer) small and "keep property taxes in check"; let education money "follow the student"; free state-funded tutoring for every 3rd grader struggling with reading.
- **Per WLRN** (Sept. 23, 2026 forum) [S26]: supports Amendment 3; wants to remove the 25% premium surcharge that goes to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund (CAT Fund); proposes streamlining building permits statewide.

David Jolly (DEM) — Republican U.S. representative from Florida, March 11, 2014 – Jan. 3, 2017 [S22].

- **Official record:** in Congress, voted YES on the Blackburn amendment to H.R. 240 (passed 218–209, Jan. 14, 2015), which barred funds for processing new, renewal or previously denied DACA applications [S21].
- **His campaign proposes** [S25]: a state catastrophe fund to lower home and auto insurance rates; no-interest state-backed loans for condominium repairs; expand Medicaid; increase investment in public schools, hold voucher schools to the same standards, and means-test vouchers; a moratorium on hyperscale data centers; says "Florida should embrace our immigrant community."
- **Per WLRN** (same forum) [S27]: opposes Amendment 3 but would support whatever voters decide; proposes a first-time homebuyer exemption instead; his catastrophe fund would take wind coverage out of the private market, be funded by a 5.5% tax on insurers and, he says, "cuts insurance by 60 to 70%."

The other tickets are listed in section 5.

7. U.S. Senate and state Cabinet

- **Ashley Moody (REP, incumbent)** [S8]: voted YES on H.R. 1 in the Senate on July 1, 2025; the vote was 50–50 and the Vice President broke the tie in favor [S20].
- **Angie Nixon (DEM)** [S8]: as a state representative, voted NO on CS/CS/SB 1718 (immigration), which the Florida House passed 83–36 on May 2, 2023 [S17].
- **Neil J. Gillespie (no party)** [S8].
- **Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Agriculture:** candidates in section 5 [S8].
- **Retention of Justice Carlos G. Muñoz:** vote Yes or No on keeping him on the Florida Supreme Court [S9].

8. Constitutional amendments

All three were placed by the Legislature; no citizen initiative made the statewide ballot [S14]. Under Florida's Constitution (Art. XI, s. 5), each amendment needs **at least 60% of the voters voting on the measure**, and takes effect on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January unless it says otherwise [S15]. YES = approve the change. NO = keep current rules.

No.	Official title	What it does, per the official summary	Source
1	Budget Stabilization Fund	Raises the cap on the state's rainy-day fund from 10% to 25% of general revenue collections. Requires a yearly transfer of \$750 million or the amount needed to reach 25%, whichever is less, unless certain conditions are met. Allows withdrawals for critical state needs.	[S14]
2	Exemption of Tangible Personal Property on Agricultural Land from Taxation	Exempts from property taxes tangible personal property habitually located on agricultural land and used for agricultural production or agritourism, if owned by the landowner or leaseholder. First applies to tax years beginning Jan. 1, 2027.	[S14]
3	Increased Homestead Exemption; Lower Cap on Increases in Non-Homestead Property Assessments	See below.	[S14]

Amendment 3 in detail [S14]:

- Raises the homestead exemption from all non-school property taxes to **\$150,000 in 2027** and **\$250,000 in 2028**, then adjusts it for inflation.
- The Legislature must set a process letting counties and cities raise it up to a home's full assessed value; special districts may too, by referendum.
- People who are not Florida residents on Dec. 31, 2026 get the current exemption, and the larger one starting in their fifth year of exemption, "to the extent permitted by the U.S. Constitution."
- For non-homestead property, the yearly assessment-increase cap drops from **10% to 5%**.
- Counties and cities must use property taxes solely for public safety, education/schools, infrastructure, natural resources, bond debt service, employee retirement benefits, and operations/administration; other spending may be approved unless general law prohibits it.
- Takes effect Jan. 1, 2027.
- **Today**, the Constitution exempts \$25,000 from all property taxes plus another \$25,000 (inflation-adjusted) from non-school taxes (Art. VII, s. 6) [S15].
- **Positions** (per WLRN): Byron Donalds supports it [S26]; David Jolly opposes it [S27].

9. Cost of living: official figures

Item	Florida	U.S.	Source
Regular gasoline, weekly average (Oct. 12, 2026)	\$3.982/gal (a year earlier: \$2.872)	\$4.331 (a year earlier: \$3.061)	[S28]
Residential electricity (July 2026)	15.03 ¢/kWh (July 2025: 15.11)	18.31 ¢/kWh (17.45)	[S29]
Median gross rent	\$1,669/month	\$1,413	[S30]
Median value of owner-occupied housing	\$359,000	\$332,700	[S30]

Item	Florida	U.S.	Source
Median monthly owner costs, with a mortgage	\$1,959	\$1,963	[S30]
Median household income	\$74,568	\$80,734	[S30]
Persons in poverty	12.0%	10.2%	[S30]
Uninsured, under age 65	13.6%	9.6%	[S30]
Consumer prices (CPI-U), 12-month change	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach: +3.7% (Aug. 2026); Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater: +1.9% (Sept. 2026)	+3.7% (Sept. 2026)	[S31]

Census figures come from QuickFacts (American Community Survey estimates). Per QuickFacts, 29.2% of Floridians are Hispanic or Latino and 30.6% speak a language other than English at home [S30]. The governor candidates' insurance and housing proposals are in section 6.

10. Work and immigration: E-Verify

- **The law:** since July 1, 2023, every private employer with 25 or more employees must use E-Verify to confirm each new hire's employment eligibility (Florida Statutes s. 448.095) [S16]. It was part of CS/CS/SB 1718 (2023), which passed the state Senate 27–10 on April 28, 2023 and the House 83–36 on May 2, 2023 [S17].
- **Byron Donalds (REP):** proposes requiring "every Florida business" to use E-Verify and having state and local police coordinate with federal authorities to deport noncitizens who commit crimes [S24]; voted YES on the Laken Riley Act [S19].
- **David Jolly (DEM):** his campaign says "Florida should embrace our immigrant community" and proposes correcting criminal-justice disparities for communities of color and immigrant communities [S25]; as a Republican congressman he voted YES on the 2015 Blackburn DACA amendment [S21].
- **U.S. Senate:** Ashley Moody voted YES on H.R. 1 [S20]; Angie Nixon voted NO on SB 1718 [S17].

Check the facts and decide for yourselves. This guide does not tell you whom to vote for.

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