



MANATEE COUNTY

Your 2026 Voting Guide

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01 REGISTER / VALIDATE



NEW REGISTRATION

OCT **5**

Register for this election.

MAIL BALLOT REQUEST

OCT **22**

Request by 5 p.m. local time.

ELECTION DAY

NOV **3**

Polls: 7 a.m.–7 p.m. local.



EARLY VOTING

CHECK YOUR COUNTY

Statewide required window: Oct 24–31. Local dates and hours vary.



ALREADY REGISTERED?

Check your status, residential address, and signature with your county elections office. The October 5 deadline is for new registration for this election; do not wait to report updates.

RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov

Official Florida registration portal

YOUR COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE

votemanatee.gov

941-741-3823



Choose How You Vote.

Check the county website for current locations, hours, and your assigned Election Day polling place.

BY MAIL



**Request by Oct 22,
5 p.m.**

Request from your county. Sign the return envelope and track it. For most domestic voters, the ballot must be received by Nov 3 at 7 p.m.; a postmark is not enough.

EARLY VOTING



**CHECK YOUR
COUNTY**

Use an early-voting site in your county, not necessarily your Election Day precinct. Check dates and hours before traveling.

ELECTION DAY



**Nov 3 • 7 a.m.-7
p.m.**

Go to your assigned polling place. If you are in line at 7 p.m., stay in line. Bring accepted identification.

BRING CURRENT, VALID PHOTO + SIGNATURE ID



If your photo ID has no signature, bring another ID with your signature. A voter information card is not accepted ID. Florida accepts these photo IDs:

- Florida driver license
- Florida identification card
- U.S. passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center ID
- Neighborhood association ID
- Public assistance ID
- VA health ID card
- Florida concealed weapon / firearm license
- Government employee ID

NO ACCEPTED ID? NEED ASSISTANCE?

Ask a poll worker about a provisional ballot if you do not have accepted ID. Accessible voting equipment and voting assistance are available. Contact your county before you go for accommodation details.

MANATEE COUNTY

Who Is Running?

Statewide races shown below. Your address determines which district and local contests appear on your ballot.

GOVERNOR / LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**Dean Ocean Abrams**

Joe Van Vactor (NPA)

Kathy Anderson

Daniel Nokovich (WRI)

Charles Burkett

Ruben A. Coto (NPA)

Jeffrey Peter "Dr. Jeff" Datto

Juan Santana (NPA)

Moliere "Moe" Dimanche

Benjiman Rojas (NPA)

Byron Donalds

Bryan Avila (REP)

Scott Eckhard Jewett

Nicole Skelly (LPF)

David Jolly

Gwen Graham (DEM)

Erik Morris

LeRoy Alaways (WRI)

Frank J. Russo

Rachel Rodriguez (NPA)

U.S. SENATOR

Neil J. Gillespie (NPA)

Ashley Moody (REP)

Angie Nixon (DEM)

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Jose Javier Rodriguez (DEM)

James Uthmeier (REP)

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Blaise Ingoglia (REP)

Annette Taddeo (DEM)

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Kyle "KC" Gibson (WRI)

Joey Mendoza Atkins (DEM)

Wilton Simpson (REP)

DEM: Democratic • REP: Republican • LPF: Libertarian • NPA: no party affiliation • WRI: write-in. This is a directory, not an endorsement or an official sample ballot.

Local races: U.S. House, state legislative districts, judicial and county/local offices require an address-specific ballot check. County candidate and local-contest completion is pending.



MANATEE COUNTY

Understand the Measures.

Read the official wording before deciding. These brief descriptions do not recommend a YES or NO vote.

01 BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND

STATE BUDGET RESERVES

Would increase the maximum reserve from 10% to 25% of general revenue collections, require annual transfers subject to stated conditions, and permit withdrawals for critical state needs.

02 AGRICULTURAL PERSONAL PROPERTY

TAX EXEMPTION

Would exempt qualifying tangible personal property used for agriculture or agritourism on agricultural land. If approved, it would first apply to tax years beginning January 1, 2027.

03 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION / ASSESSMENT CAP

PROPERTY TAXES

Concerns a larger homestead exemption and a lower cap on annual increases in non-homestead property assessments. Read the official text for eligibility, timing, school-tax treatment, and local-government impacts.

YOUR LOCAL BALLOT MAY INCLUDE MORE

County, city, school, and special-district measures vary by address. Local measure titles and fiscal summaries still need county review before this page is released.