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## **Vote by Mail Ballots for the 2018 General Election**

The Hernando County Supervisor of Elections Office sent Vote by Mail ballots on Friday, September 21, 2018 to all eligible military and overseas voters. Vote by Mail ballots to eligible domestic voters will be mailed on **Thursday, October 4, 2018**. Currently over 36,000 Vote by Mail ballots will be sent to all voters who have a request on file.

Voters still have plenty of time to request a Vote by Mail ballot. New requests can be submitted through the website ([www.hernandovotes.com](http://www.hernandovotes.com)) or by calling the Supervisor of Elections office at 352-754-4125. Written requests are also accepted; however, they must include the voter's date of birth, signature and their Hernando County residence address.

Vote by Mail ballots are considered non-forwardable mail, so please make sure your address is up to date with the Elections Office. If the ballot is to be mailed to an address other than what is on file, then we must have the voter's signature and the address of where the ballot should be sent.

**A couple of things to remember about Vote by Mail ballots**

- **Deadline to request a Vote by Mail ballot is Wednesday, October 31, 2018.**
- **Voted ballots must be received at the Elections Office by 7:00pm on Election Day.**
- **Returning your ballot by mail will require a forty-nine cent stamp.**
- **Ballots may also be dropped off at either of the Supervisor of Elections' offices.**
- **Vote by Mail Ballots will not be accepted at an early vote site or a polling location.**
- **If you decide to vote in person please take your Vote by Mail ballot with you and surrender it to the election worker who checks you in. you cannot use your Vote by Mail ballot as a sample. It must be surrendered at the polls during check in.**

**“Vote by Mail continues to be a growing trend, not only in Hernando County, but throughout our state. Voters like the convenience of voting by mail. That will be even more important this year due to the lengthy ballot,”** stated Supervisor Anderson.

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