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Online Voter Registration to Launch in Florida

In 2015 the Florida Legislature passed a bill into law that required the Florida Division of elections to develop and implement an online voter registration system by October 2017. Florida joins 35 other states and the District of Columbia that have online voter registration available.

RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov is both mobile friendly and accessible for persons with disabilities. Additionally, Online Voter Registration is available through our website HernandoVotes.com by selecting Register to Vote.

"In today's digital age, it is important to offer Florida voters a way to complete and submit a voter registration application electronically," said Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) President and Taylor County Supervisor of Elections Dana Southerland. "Florida Supervisors of Elections worked closely with the Department of State on the development and implementation of RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov to help ensure the website meets the needs of our constituents while maintaining the integrity and accuracy of the registration process."

Any Florida resident who is eligible to vote or is already registered to vote in Florida can use RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov to submit an application, update an existing registration or prefill an application form to print and deliver to a Supervisor of Elections office. **Users will need a Florida driver license or state identification (ID) card and the last four digits of their social security number to complete and submit the voter registration application electronically.** Once an individual's identity is verified and the application is deemed complete, a voter information card is issued by the local Supervisor of Elections office.

Security

RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov has multiple safeguards in place to verify and protect a person's identity and personal information, including a state-of-the-art firewall, data encryption, captcha boxes, session time-out after inactivity and the use of multi-screens. The website requires information that only the person seeking to register or change an existing registration should know, such as the issued date of their Florida driver license or state ID card, their Florida driver license or state ID card number and the last four digits of their social security number. All of this information is verified in real-time in order for a person to complete the application process online. If the information cannot be verified, a person is not able to move forward with submitting the application electronically. Additionally, there is no retention of data within the

RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov website because it is securely transmitted to an internal system. It is important to note that Florida public records laws still apply to voter registration information that is submitted electronically.

"This is a great addition to the services we already offer our residents. It is easy, convenient and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week," stated Supervisor Shirley Anderson.

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