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## **Book Closing for the March 17<sup>th</sup> Presidential Preference Primary**

Book closing for the 2020 Presidential Preference Primary is two weeks away. Tuesday, February 18, 2020 is the last day to register to vote if you plan on voting in the 2020 Presidential Preference Primary Election (PPP). Florida is a Closed Primary state. Twenty-seven percent of voters in Hernando County are registered as NPA (No Party Affiliation) or as a member of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party and are **not eligible** to vote in the March 17<sup>th</sup> PPP.

According to state law, only registered Democrats and Republicans are eligible to vote in this election. Registered voters may check their status at [www.hernandovotes.com](http://www.hernandovotes.com). Look for the 'Voter Lookup Tool' under the Voters toolbar.

**In a General Election, party affiliation is not an issue. You may vote for a candidate regardless of party preference.**

Voters can now register to vote online! Online Voter Registration is available through our website [HernandoVotes.com](http://HernandoVotes.com) by selecting **Register to Vote**. Voter registration applications are available at the Supervisor of Elections office, public libraries, county offices, city hall or state agencies that provide public assistance. Applications are also available on the Supervisor of Elections website at [www.hernandovotes.com](http://www.hernandovotes.com). Completed applications must be signed, dated and returned to the Supervisor of Elections office by the close of business on February 18, 2020.

It is important to keep your voter information up to date. The information you provide determines your voting precinct and voter eligibility. In accordance with Florida Statute 97.055, the registration books close on the 29th day before each election. Once the registration books are closed, voter registration and party changes may be accepted for the purpose of subsequent elections only.

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