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## **Book Closing for the August 18<sup>th</sup> Primary Election**

Book closing for the August 18, 2020 Primary Election is just a few weeks away. **Monday, July 20, 2020 is the last day to register to vote or change your party affiliation if you plan on voting in the Primary Election.**

Florida is a Closed Primary state. This means in a Primary Election you will receive a ballot according to the party you are registered with. If you are registered with a minor party or No Party Affiliation you will receive a nonpartisan ballot.

We will be having two Universal Primary Contests also. A Universal Primary Contest (UPC) occurs if all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the General Election. In a UPC, all qualified voters regardless of party affiliation may vote in the Primary Election for that office.

**A Universal Primary will occur in Hernando County in the following races:**

**Sheriff**  
**County Commissioner District 3**

These races will appear on everyone's August 18<sup>th</sup> Primary ballot and the winner will be determined at that time.

Registered voters may check their voter status on our website [www.hernandovotes.com](http://www.hernandovotes.com) or by clicking [here](#).

**In a General Election, party affiliation is not an issue. You may vote for any 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 July 20, 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.