



# Shirley Anderson

## Hernando County Supervisor of Elections

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### Voter Registration Numbers

Reminder, these are updated daily on the website [www.hernandovotes.com](http://www.hernandovotes.com)

Registration Statistics (as of July 1, 2013)

Republican	49,358
Democrat	45,617
NPA	25,531
Other	5,136
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,642</b>



**List maintenance:** Pursuant to Florida Statute 98.065, the Supervisor of Elections office is currently conducting list maintenance on the voter registration records to ensure voter records are current and accurate. Anyone who has not voted in the past two general elections will be notified to update their voter registration with our office. Approximately 22,000 voters will be receiving "Address Confirmation Request Postcards" asking them to respond with their current address information.

In addition, approximately 4500 voters will receive final notices. If they fail to respond, they will be marked inactive and will remain on the inactive list for two more general election cycles, eventually being removed from the voter rolls unless the voter votes, requests a vote by mail ballot or contacts the Supervisor of Elections office.

**Budget:** Every year we are tasked with preparing a budget for the upcoming year. Being cognizant of continuing revenue short-falls we submitted a budget for FY2013-2014 of \$864, 205. This is a 3% decrease from the FY2012-2013 budget of \$890,917. Included in this year's budget is a plan for four early vote sites and also combining some polling locations. We continually strive to save the taxpayers money. The SOE budget has been reduced nearly 50% over the last six years.

### Logo Contest

In an effort to involve our youth as well as brand the office with a new logo Supervisor Anderson launched a logo contest open to



student grades 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. With almost fifty entries from six different schools, Scott Baker, a senior from Springstead High School was the winner. "I applaud all of the

students who took the time to enter the contest and for the dedicated teachers who helped facilitate their efforts. Engaging young future voters in the elections process is the first step in them becoming engaged, educated citizens." Chris Santiago and Krystina Weatherington, both students at Hernando High School, were chosen as alternates.

A gift packet was presented to the winner and alternates, which included gift cards donated by Chick-Fil-A, Domino's Pizza, Joni Industries, and The Day Law Office.

### WINNING LOGO



### ALTERNATE LOGOS



### Poll Workers

A poll worker meet and greet was held in May, giving poll workers an opportunity to meet the new Supervisor. Over 130 poll workers visited with Shirley and staff to discuss election issues. It was a huge success and a great way for everyone to share ideas and get to know each other.

We are proud to announce the newest addition of our staff, Sam Wagoner. He is assuming the role of Poll Worker/ Outreach Coordinator. Sam is a Hernando County native and a recent graduate of FSU. **Welcome to the elections family Sam!**



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## Senior Clearance

Senior clearance is an annual event where graduating seniors go through numerous check out stations, including a voter registration booth. Voters can pre-register at age 16 but are ineligible to vote until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Late May the elections staff scattered to all of the area high schools for a voter registration drive. Over 293 new voter registrations were completed.

“Voter outreach is an important aspect of the elections office. It

is important to work with our school system and register new voters. Many students pre-register when they get their drivers license. Once they turn 18 a voter information card is mailed to them. By physically being in the schools we are able to reach students who might not have pre-registered through the Department of Motor Vehicles. Congratulations to all Hernando County Seniors, I look forward to seeing you at the polls!”

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# FLORIDA



## Legislative update

The Florida legislature passed a comprehensive elections bill in the recent legislative session which brought about new changes to Election laws. Some of the highlights of the bill include:

- **Early Voting:** Provides for flexibility regarding the number of days, hours and locations which allows county supervisors more options to tailor early voting to fit the needs of their county.

*In Hernando County I have planned for four early vote sites which would be open for eight days with expanded hours. The planned locations will be in Ridge Manor, Brooksville, and two in the Spring Hill area. (Pending budget approval)*

- **Vote by Mail:** A voter who forgets to sign their vote by mail ballot certificate will have until 5:00pm the day prior to the election to “cure” their ballot. In order for their vote to count they will have to complete an affidavit.

*In Hernando County 71 voters did not sign their ballot.*

- **People who request a vote by mail ballot to be mailed somewhere other than their residence on file will now have to make a request in writing. Previously this was allowed to be done over the phone.**

*We currently have 16,000 voters who have requested a vote by mail ballot. It is important these voters keep their contact information up to date with the elections office. Ballots are considered non-forwardable mail and will be returned to the SOE office if undeliverable.*

- **Election Dates:** Changes the primary date making it two weeks closer to the general election. The 2014 primary will be held August 26<sup>th</sup>. Qualifying for local, non-judicial elections in 2014 is now June 16-June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Campaign Finance:** Campaign finance reports are now due every month beginning in November, 2013.

