

# 2016 ELECTION INFORMATION

## Changing Your Political Party?



The upcoming March 15<sup>th</sup> Presidential Preference Primary is a closed primary in which only voters registered with either the Democratic or Republican parties are eligible to participate. The deadline to change your political party affiliation is 29 days prior to the election. The 2016 deadlines are:

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February

Presidential  
Preference  
Primary

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August

Primary  
Election

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October

General  
Election

## Have You Moved?

Change your address with the Elections Office prior to Election Day to avoid delays at the polls. It's easy to change your address, just call us at 863.993.4871.

## Local Offices Up For Election in 2016:

- Sheriff
- Clerk of Court
- Tax Collector
- Supervisor of Elections
- Property Appraiser
- Superintendent of Schools
- Board of County Commissioners  
*Districts 1,3 & 5*
- School Board  
*Districts 1&4*
- County Court Judge

## Has Your Signature Changed?

Signature Updates can be made any time! A voter's signature on file is used to verify Vote-By-Mail (absentee) ballots and petitions for candidates or initiative issues. If you believe your signature has changed, please send us an updated voter registration application. Print, complete and mail us a completed voter registration application form to PO Box 89, Arcadia, FL 34265. Find the form at [www.votedesoto.com](http://www.votedesoto.com).

# VOTING IN DESOTO COUNTY

## Vote By Mail

Voting by mail is easy! Call the Elections Office at 863.993.4871 or click the Vote-By-Mail button on our website ([www.votedesoto.com](http://www.votedesoto.com)) to request a Vote-By-Mail ballot. Vote-By-Mail ballots are NOT forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service. It is the voter's responsibility to provide an accurate mailing address. Ballots can be mailed worldwide.

## Vote Early

Any registered and eligible voter in the county may vote early. Early voting is held in DeSoto County Supervisor of Elections Office at 201 E. Oak Street, Suite 104, Arcadia, FL.

**Presidential Preference Primary:**  
February 29<sup>th</sup> - March 12<sup>th</sup>

**Primary Election:**  
August 15<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

**General Election:**  
October 24<sup>th</sup> - November 5<sup>th</sup>

**Early Voting Hours:**  
8 AM - 4:30 PM Monday - Friday  
7 AM - 3 PM Weekends

## 2016 Election Dates:

15

March

Presidential  
Preference  
Primary

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August

Primary  
Election

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November

General  
Election

\*Polls will be open from 7 AM - 7 PM on Election Day. Find your precinct online at [www.votedesoto.com](http://www.votedesoto.com).

## Vote Election Day

You must vote in your assigned precinct on Election Day. See the dates above if you have not voted early or by mail. Please change your address by calling the Elections Office before visiting your polling location 863.993.4871.

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