

# DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA 2020 ELECTION INFORMATION

## ELECTION DATES

## VOTER REGISTRATION BOOK CLOSING DATES

(29 days prior to each election)

Presidential Preference – March 17, 2020.....	February 18, 2020
Primary Election – August 18, 2020.....	July 20, 2020
General Election – November 3, 2020.....	October 5, 2020

## OFFICES TO BE FILLED

County Commission, Districts # 1, 3 & 5  
 School Board, Districts # 2 & 4  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Property Appraiser  
 Sheriff  
 Superintendent of Schools  
 Supervisor of Elections  
 Tax Collector

## QUALIFYING DATES

Noon, June 8, 2020 – Noon, June 12, 2020

## QUALIFYING METHODS

There are two methods to qualify for County elective offices. The first method is to pay a qualifying fee equivalent to 6% (4% for School Board or Non Partisan candidates) of the annual salary of the office sought: Amounts are prior to September 1, 2020, and will change thereafter.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Qualifying Fee</u>
County Commission	\$2,126.88
School Board	\$1,139.60
Clerk of the Circuit Court	\$6,458.64
Property Appraiser	\$6,458.64
Sheriff	\$7,022.46
Superintendent of Schools	\$6,458.64
Supervisor of Elections	\$6,458.64
Tax Collector	\$6,458.64

The alternative method is to collect signatures on petitions from 1% of the registered voters (as of the 2018 General Election) in DeSoto County:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Signatures Needed</u>
All County Offices	167 (1% of voters)

The last date to submit petitions for verification to the Supervisor of Elections is **PRIOR to Noon, May 11, 2020**. There will be a ten (10) cents per name verification fee as provided for by Florida Statute.

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