

Official General Election Ballot
November 6, 2018
DeSoto County, Florida

07A Family Service Center

- **Instructions:** To vote, fill in the oval (●) completely next to your choice. Use only the marking device provided or a black or blue pen or marker.
- If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.
- To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval (●) and print the name clearly on the blank line provided for the write-in candidate.

<p align="center">United States Senator (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rick Scott REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bill Nelson DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write In _____</p>	<p align="center">County Commission District 2 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> J. C. Deriso REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Matthew "Mark" Anderson DEM</p>	<p align="center">No. 1 Constitutional Amendment, Article VII, Section 6, Article XII, Section 37</p> <p align="center">Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies. The amendment shall take effect January 1, 2019.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p align="center">Representative in Congress District 17 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Greg Steube REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> April Freeman DEM</p>	<p align="center">County Commission District 4 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Elton A. Langford DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brian Cho Chung Hing NPA</p>	<p align="center">No. 2 Constitutional Amendment, Article XII, Section 27</p> <p align="center">Limitations on Property Tax Assessments</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to permanently retain provisions currently in effect, which limit property tax assessment increases on specified nonhomestead real property, except for school district taxes, to 10 percent each year. If approved, the amendment removes the scheduled repeal of such provisions in 2019 and shall take effect January 1, 2019.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p align="center">Governor and Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ron DeSantis REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Andrew Gillum DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Darcy G. Richardson REF</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kyle "KC" Gibson NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ryan Christopher Foley NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bruce Stanley NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ryan Howard McJury NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write In _____</p>	<p align="center">Justice of the Supreme Court</p> <p>Shall Justice Alan Lawson of the Supreme Court be retained in office?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	
<p align="center">Attorney General (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ashley Moody REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sean Shaw DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jeffrey Marc Siskind NPA</p>	<p align="center">District Court of Appeal</p> <p>Shall Judge Anthony K. Black of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p align="center">No. 3 Constitutional Amendment, Article X, Section 29</p> <p align="center">Voter Control of Gambling in Florida</p> <p>This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling by requiring that in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law, it must be approved by Florida voters pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution. Affects articles X and XI. Defines casino gambling and clarifies that this amendment does not conflict with federal law regarding state/tribal compacts.</p> <p>The amendment's impact on state and local government revenues and costs, if any, cannot be determined at this time because of its unknown effect on gambling operations that have not been approved by voters through a constitutional amendment proposed by a citizens' initiative petition process.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p align="center">Chief Financial Officer (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jimmy Patronis REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jeremy Ring DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write In _____</p>	<p>Shall Judge Darryl C. Casanueva of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	
<p align="center">Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Matt Caldwell REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Nicole "Nikki" Fried DEM</p>	<p align="center">Arcadia City Council (Vote for Three)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lorenzo Dixon</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Keith Keene</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jackie Tucker</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Judy Wertz-Strickland</p>	<p align="center">State Senator District 26 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ben Albritton REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Catherine Price DEM</p>
<p align="center">State Representative District 56 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Melony Bell REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jeff Mann REP</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	

<p>No. 4 Constitutional Amendment, Article VI, Section 4</p> <p>Voting Restoration Amendment</p> <p>This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis.</p> <p>The precise effect of this amendment on state and local government costs cannot be determined, but the operation of current voter registration laws, combined with an increased number of felons registering to vote, will produce higher overall costs relative to the processes in place today. The impact, if any, on state and local government revenues cannot be determined. The fiscal impact of any future legislation that implements a different process cannot be reasonably determined.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 7 Constitutional Revision, Article IX, Sections 7 and 8, Article X, New Section</p> <p>First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities</p> <p>Grants mandatory payment of death benefits and waiver of certain educational expenses to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 12 Constitutional Revision, Article II, Section 8, Article V, Section 13, Article XII, New Section</p> <p>Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers</p> <p>Expands current restrictions on lobbying for compensation by former public officers; creates restrictions on lobbying for compensation by serving public officers and former justices and judges; provides exceptions; prohibits abuse of a public position by public officers and employees to obtain a personal benefit.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>No. 5 Constitutional Amendment, Article VII, Section 19</p> <p>Supermajority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees</p> <p>Prohibits the legislature from imposing, authorizing, or raising a state tax or fee except through legislation approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature in a bill containing no other subject. This proposal does not authorize a state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and does not apply to fees or taxes imposed or authorized to be imposed by a county, municipality, school board, or special district.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 9 Constitutional Revision, Article II, Section 7, Article X, Section 20</p> <p>Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces</p> <p>Prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath all state-owned waters between the mean high water line and the state's outermost territorial boundaries. Adds use of vapor-generating electronic devices to current prohibition of tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces with exceptions; permits more restrictive local vapor ordinances.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 13 Constitutional Revision, Article X, New Section, Article XII, New Section</p> <p>Ends Dog Racing</p> <p>Phases out commercial dog racing in connection with wagering by 2020. Other gaming activities are not affected.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>No. 6 Constitutional Revision, Article I, Section 16, Article V, Sections 8 and 21, Article XII, New Section</p> <p>Rights of Crime Victims; Judges</p> <p>Creates constitutional rights for victims of crime; requires courts to facilitate victims' rights; authorizes victims to enforce their rights throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes. Requires judges and hearing officers to independently interpret statutes and rules rather than deferring to government agency's interpretation. Raises mandatory retirement age of state justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years; deletes authorization to complete judicial term if one-half of term has been served by retirement age.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 10 Constitutional Revision, Article III, Section 3, Article IV, Sections 4 and 11, Article VIII, Sections 1 and 6</p> <p>State and Local Government Structure and Operation</p> <p>Requires legislature to retain department of veterans' affairs. Ensures election of sheriffs, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, tax collectors, and clerks of court in all counties; removes county charters' ability to abolish, change term, transfer duties, or eliminate election of these offices. Changes annual legislative session commencement date in even-numbered years from March to January; removes legislature's authorization to fix another date. Creates office of domestic security and counterterrorism within department of law enforcement.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 11 Constitutional Revision, Article I, Section 2, Article X, Sections 9 and 19</p> <p>Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes</p> <p>Removes discriminatory language related to real property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters. Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not affect prosecution or penalties for a crime committed before the amendment; retains current provision allowing prosecution of a crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>