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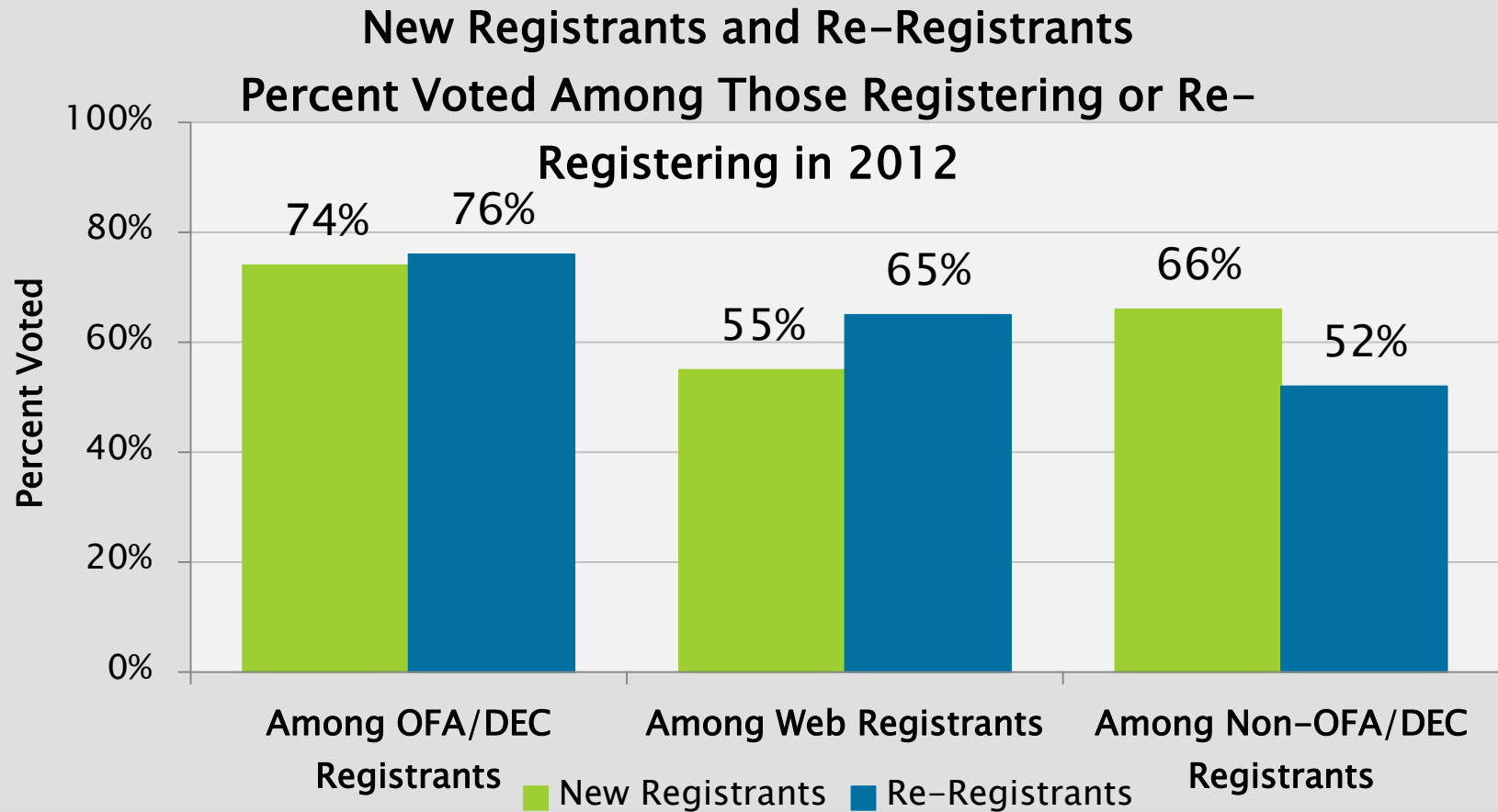
Florida Democratic Party

VOTER REGISTRATION IN FLORIDA

Voter Registration in Florida = How we win

- **Registering large numbers of voters helps us this cycle as well as in the years to come**
- **Winning in 2014 will require the same blueprint that we used to achieve historic victories in 2012**
 - Growing the electorate through bringing new voices into the democratic process
 - Need to register thousands of voters to do this

When we register voters – they vote!



The new voter registration law makes registering voters more complicated, but we must do it anyway

- Some of the processes and protocols changed in 2012, but some of the new laws have already been halted. (e.g. – forms must be returned in 10 days, not 48 hours.)
- But, we should still try to get completed registration forms back to the SOE as soon as possible.
- While this has added a couple of extra steps, we learned in 2012 that it does not slow down voter registration.

We can still register more voters than ever before...but only if we have all hands on deck!

Voter Registration Laws in Florida– Understanding the law

- **All third party organizations have to register with the Division of Elections (The FDP is already registered – DEC's can use the FDP #)**
- **Each voter registration collected needs to be date and time stamped when the registration is collected**
- **DEC's must turn in the completed registration to the county supervisor of elections no later than 10 days – thus forms must be date and time stamped immediately upon completion**

Voter Registration Laws in Florida– Understanding the law (cont.)

Tracking the Progress

- **The Florida Democratic Party is required to report any funds spent on Voter Registration. Please remember to report these expenditures.**

Registration Period

- **The registration deadline is 29 days before the election—October 6, 2014**

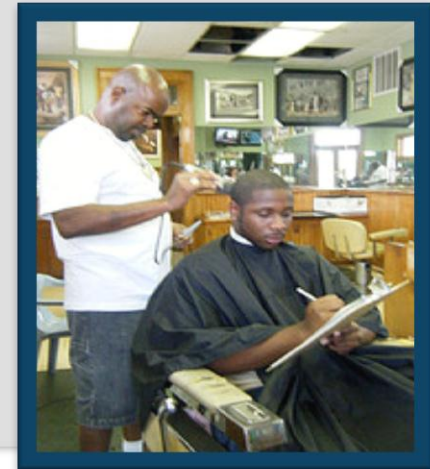
Who can Register?

- **Can register to vote at 17 yrs old, but must be 18 yrs on E-Day to cast a ballot**
- **Must be US citizen and FL resident (and resident of county where registering)**
- **Must NOT have been convicted of a felony unless rights have been restored**
- **Must provide a valid FL drivers license # or FL ID # (or last 4 digits of social security number if not issued FL #)**
- **Must not now be adjudicated mentally incapacitated**

Voter Registration Laws in Florida– Understanding the law (cont.)

Re-registering Voters

- **Address change**-If you move within your county in FL, you should notify the supervisor of elections—but you will be permitted to make address changes at the voting site on E-Day
- **If you moved outside your county, you must reregister. This cannot be done at the voting site on E-Day. (These voters would now cast provisional ballots.) This was one significant change with the new election reform law.**
- **Party change: You need to re-register**
- **Name change: Re-register**
- **Signature Update: Re-register**



The Florida Democratic Party will comply with all federal and state laws regarding voter registration




- The FDP is already registered as 3rd party organization
- Have notified each County's Supervisor of Election office (SOE) that they may release Voter Registration forms to DEC.
- Will report all expenditures related to Voter Registration from each county. (Remember to report any \$\$ spent directly on Voter Registration to the FDP)
- Will give required quarterly updates to the Florida Division of Elections on Voter Registration efforts.

The Form

Florida Voter Registration Application Part 1 - Instructions (DS-02 #02, R15-2-040, P.A.C. (eff. 01/2012))		Información en español: Sírvase leerla a la copia del supervisor de elecciones de su condado o al internet estatal esta formulario en español.	
<p>To Register in Florida, you must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A U.S. citizen, A Florida resident, and At least 18 years old (you may also pre-register if you are 16 or 17 years old but you cannot vote until you are 18). <p>If you have ever been convicted of a felony or if a court has ever found you to be mentally incapacitated as to your right to vote, your right to vote must be restored before you can register.</p> <p>If you do not meet any one of these requirements, you are not eligible to register.</p>		<p>Identification (ID) Requirements: If you are a new applicant, state and federal law require you to provide a current and valid Florida driver's license number (FL DL) or Florida identification card number (FL ID). If you have not been issued a FL DL or FL ID, you must then provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). If you have not been issued any of these ID numbers, check "None" on the application. If you do not provide any number or do not check "None," your registration may be denied. See s.303, HAVA and section 97.003(5), Fla. Stat.</p> <p>Special ID requirements: If you are registering by mail, have never voted in Florida, and have never been issued one of the ID numbers above, you must include with your application, or at a later time before you vote, one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A copy of an ID that shows your name and photo (acceptable IDs)-U.S. Passport, debit or credit card, military ID, Student ID, retirement center ID, neighborhood association ID, or public assistance ID; or A copy of an ID that shows your name and current residence address (acceptable documents)-utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document. <p>You do not have to provide the special ID to register if you are 65 or older, have a temporary or permanent physical disability, are a member of the active uniformed services or merchant marine who is absent from the county for active duty, or a family member thereof, or are currently living outside the U.S. but otherwise eligible to vote in Florida. If you vote at the polls, you will still need to show a photo/signature ID as a requirement of all voters.</p>	
<p>Where to Register: You can register to vote in-person or by mailing or hand-delivering your application to any supervisor of elections office, any office that issues driver licenses any voter registration agency (for example, any public assistance office, assisted living facility, office serving persons with disabilities, public library, or armed forces recruitment office) or the Division of Elections. If mailing application, be sure to add sufficient postage.</p> <p>Deadline to Register: The deadline to register to vote is 20 days before an upcoming election. You can update your registration record at any time, but to change your political party for a primary election, you must make the change by the registration deadline. For a new application, you will be contacted if your application is incomplete, denied or a duplicate of an existing registration. If you receive a voter information card, that means you are registered to vote.</p>		<p>Political Party Affiliation: Florida is a closed primary election state. That means registered voters affiliated with a political party can only vote for that party's candidates in a partisan race on a primary election ballot. However, regardless of the political party with which you registered, you can still vote in the primary election on any issue, any nonpartisan race or any race where the candidate will face no opposition in the general election.</p> <p>Indicate the political party with which you wish to be registered. If you leave the political party affiliation field blank, you will be registered without any party affiliation. For a list of political parties registered in Florida, log on to the Division of Elections' website under the heading "For the Voters at: http://elections.doa.state.fl.us</p> <p>Race/Ethnicity: You are not required to list your race or ethnicity. However, if you choose to do so, please choose only one from the list.</p> <p>Public Record Notice: This application becomes a public record when filed. However, the following information is not available to the public and is used only for voter registration purposes: your FL DL, FL ID, and SSN, where you registered to vote, and whether you declined to register or update your voter registration record when asked by a voter registration agency. Your signature can be viewed but not copied. (Section 97.0055, Fla. Stat.)</p> <p>Criminal Offense: It is a 3rd degree felony to submit false information. Penalties include fines up to \$5,000 and/or up to 5 years of prison.</p> <p>Questions: For more information, contact your local supervisor of elections http://elections.doa.state.fl.us/SCEN/supervisor_elections.shtml or refer to the Division of Elections' website at: http://elections.doa.state.fl.us</p>	
<p>All shaded lettered boxes are required for a new registration.</p>			
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<p>This is: <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Record Update/Change (e.g., Address, Party Affiliation, Name, Signature) <input type="checkbox"/> Request to Replace Voter Information Card</p>			
<p>A Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>		<p>OFFICIAL USE ONLY</p>	
<p>B <input type="checkbox"/> I affirm that I am not a convicted felon, or if I am, my right to vote has been restored.</p>			
<p>C <input type="checkbox"/> I affirm that I have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or, if I have, my right to vote has been restored.</p>			
<p>D Date of Birth (Enter in format MM-DD-YYYY) - - - -</p>		<p>FVRB No: _____</p>	
<p>E Florida Driver's License (FL DL) or Florida Identification (FL ID) Card Number</p>		<p>If no FL DL or FL ID, then provide</p>	<p>Last 4 digits of Social Security Number</p>
<p>F Last Name First Name Middle Name or Initial Name Suffix (Jr., Sr., I, II, etc.)</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> I have NONE of these numbers.</p>	
<p>G Address Where You Live (legal residence-no P.O. Box) Apt/Lot/Unit City County Zip Code</p>		<p>Mailing Address (if different from above address) Apt/Lot/Unit City State or Country Zip Code</p>	
<p>Address Where You Were Last Registered to Vote Apt/Lot/Unit City State Zip Code</p>		<p>Former Name (if name is changed) Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F State or Country of Birth Telephone No. (optional) ()</p>	
<p>Party Affiliation (Check only one; if left blank, you will be registered without party affiliation)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Florida Democratic Party <input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party of Florida <input type="checkbox"/> No party affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> Minor political party (print name): _____</p>		<p>Race/Ethnicity (Check only one)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black, not of Hispanic Origin <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> White, not of Hispanic Origin <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial</p>	
		<p>Active Uniformed Services, Merchant Marine, or Overseas U.S. Citizen (Check only one if applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Active duty uniformed services/merchant marine <input type="checkbox"/> Family member of active duty uniformed services or merchant marine member <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen Residing Outside U.S.</p>	
		<p><input type="checkbox"/> I will need assistance with voting. <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in becoming a poll worker.</p>	
<p>H Date: I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, that I am qualified to register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, and that all information provided in this application is true.</p>		<p>SIGN/MARK HERE</p>	<p>Date</p>


Voter Registration forms

REQUIRED

 Florida Voter Registration Application Part 2 – Form (DS-DE #39, R1S-2.040, F.A.C. (eff. 01/2012))		The downloadable/printable online form is available at: http://election.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/webappform.pdf	
This is: <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Record Update/Change (e.g., Address, Party Affiliation, Name, Signature) <input type="checkbox"/> Request to Replace Voter Information Card			
A	Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	OFFICIAL USE ONLY FVRS No: _____	
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D	Date of Birth (Enter in format MM-DD-YYYY) _____ - _____ - _____	Florida Driver's License (FL DL) or Florida identification (FL ID) Card Number _____ - _____ - _____	
E		If <u>no</u> FL DL or FL ID, then provide 	Last 4 digits of Social Security Number _____
F	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial _____
G	Address Where You Live (legal residence-no P.O. Box)	Apt/Lot/Unit	City _____
	Mailing Address (if different from above address)	Apt/Lot/Unit	State or Country _____
	Address Where You Were Last Registered to Vote	Apt/Lot/Unit	Zip Code _____
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VERY IMPORTANT



Voter Registration Forms

Every time you collect a completed form, check for the following *before the new registrant leaves*. If anything is missing, ask the registrant to complete it.

REQUIRED FIELDS:

- ✓ Box A: Affirmation of United States Citizenship
- ✓ Box B: Affirmation that the registrant is not a convicted felon or has had her/his rights restored
- ✓ Box C: Affirmation that the registrant has not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated, or has had the right to vote restored
- ✓ Box D: Date of Birth
- ✓ Box E: FL Drivers License #, FL ID card #, last 4 digits of SSN
- ✓ Box F: Last Name, First Name, Middle Name/Initial
- ✓ Box G: Residence Address
- ✓ Box H: Signature and Date

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FIELDS:

- ✓ Phone Number

Common Errors

- **Confirm all Checkboxes (Lines A, B, C) are marked**
- **Confirm Line E (ID#) is completed**
- **Confirm Line F (Name) is completed all the way across the form**
- **Confirm Date of Birth does not use 2013 as Year**
- **ALWAYS Encourage registrants to complete the entire form, including optional fields**

Normal Voter Registration Laws: How to Comply

- Any person can register for any party, and you must bring it in no matter what party they select
- When it comes to selecting a party, you cannot “coach” the person on what party to register for in an overtly partisan way
- You cannot offer any incentives to register

New Voter Registration Laws: How to Comply

- **Check out your forms with the person running the event before you head out to canvass**
- **Verify the time and date with the person signing the form after you register them, and write both down conspicuously in front of them**
- **Do not lose forms or give forms away**
- **Do not print out forms yourself, or pick up other forms from other locations**
- **Do not forget that forms **MUST** be returned no later than 10 days after being filled out!**

Best Practices for Voter Registration

- **Make sure your volunteers have contact phone numbers in case they have questions and vice versa**
- **Don't get discouraged! PLEASE Let us know "what and where" works & "what and where" doesn't**
- **Don't stay discouraged! If the location you are canvassing is slow, move around, feel free to call an audible**
- **It's OK if you are asked to move/leave**
- **Ask "Are you registered to vote *"at your current address"***
- **Have registrants use a BLACK Pen**
- **Always double check the form for incomplete/missing fields**

Q & A

