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
  o Growing the electorate through bringing new voices into the democratic process
  o Need to register thousands of voters to do this
When we register voters – they vote!

New Registrants and Re–Registrants
Percent Voted Among Those Registering or Re–
Registering in 2012

Among OFA/DEC Registrants
Among Web Registrants
Among Non–OFA/DEC Registrants

74% 76%
55% 65%
52%

Percent Voted

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

New Registrants Re–Registrants
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
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.
Voter Registration forms

Florida Voter Registration Application

Part 2 - Form (DS-DE #39, R1S-2.040, F.A.C. eff. 01/2012)

This is: [ ] New Registration [ ] Record Update/Change (e.g., Address, Party Affiliation, Name, Signature) [ ] Request to Replace Voter Information Card

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

A  Are you a citizen of the United States of America? [ ] YES [ ] NO

B  [ ] I affirm that I am not a convicted felon, or if I am, my right to vote has been restored.

C  [ ] 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.

D  Date of Birth (Enter in format MM/DD/YYYY)

E  Florida Driver's License (FL DL) or Florida identification (FL ID) Card Number

F  Last Name
     First Name
     Middle Name or Initial
     Name Suffix (Jr., Sr., I, II, etc.)

G  Address Where You Live (legal residence-no P.O. Box)
     Apt/Lot/Unit
     City
     County
     Zip Code

Mailing Address (if different from above address)
     Apt/Lot/Unit
     City
     State or Country
     Zip Code

Address Where You Were Last Registered to Vote
     Apt/Lot/Unit
     City
     State
     Zip Code

Former Name (if name is changed)

H  Party Affiliation
     (Check only one. If left blank, you will be registered without party affiliation)
     [ ] Florida Democratic Party
     [ ] Republican Party of Florida
     [ ] No party affiliation
     [ ] Minor political party (print name):

     Race/Ethnicity (Check only one)
     [ ] American Indian/Alaskan Native
     [ ] Asian/Pacific Islander
     [ ] Black, not of Hispanic Origin
     [ ] Hispanic
     [ ] White, not of Hispanic Origin
     [ ] Other:

     Active Uniformed Services, Merchant Marine, or Overseas U.S. Citizen
     [ ] Active duty uniformed services/merchant marine
     [ ] Family member of active duty uniformed services or merchant marine member
     [ ] U.S. Citizen Residing Outside U.S.

     I will need assistance with voting.
     I am interested in becoming a poll worker.

Oath: 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.

SIGN/ MARK HERE

Data

The downloadable/printable online form is available at:
http://election.sos.state.fl.us/pdfs/voterabs/pdf.pdf

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FVR8 No:

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If no FL DL or FL ID, then provide Last 4 digits of Social Security Number □ I have NONE of these numbers.

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name or Initial

Name Suffix (Jr., Sr., I, II, etc.):

Address Where You live (legal residence-no P.O. Box)

Apt/Lot/Unit

City

County

Zip Code

Mailing Address (if different from above address)

Apt/Lot/Unit

City

State or County

Zip Code

Address Where You were Last Registered to Vote

Apt/Lot/Unit

City

State

Zip Code

Former Name (If name is changed)

Gender □ M □ F

State or Country of Birth

Telephone No. (optional)

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Date

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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