

Walton County Supervisor of Elections

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Newsletter



Voter Stats:

Newly Registered Voters:

January: 165

February: 187

Party Affiliation changes:

January: 37

February: *658

*See pg 2 "Did You Know"

Active Registered Voters

as of March 1, 2017 are:

Democrats: 9,713

Republicans: 27,460

Others: 9,416

Total: **46,589**



New Voting Equipment

We're happy to announce that our new voting equipment has arrived! Our ballot scanners have been replaced with user-friendly scanners. The large color screen will clearly show a ballot being scanned and tabulated. For voters who made an error in ballot marking (blank or overvoted) the screen will prompt you to return your ballot for correction. The ES&S DS200 digital scanner and tabulator is fully compliant with the usability, accessibility, and security enhancement guidelines set by the EAC. The ES&S AutoMark is also new and is a paper ballot marking device for voters who are blind, visual or hearing impaired, or have a disability or condition that makes it difficult to traditionally mark a ballot. Once a voter has made their selections using the audio-visual ballot, the AutoMark will print their selections on their ballot so that it can be inserted into the ballot scanner and tabulator. These new machines will make their debut in the City of DeFuniak Springs Election on April 11, 2017.



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Did you know?

The **Independent Party of Florida's** party status has been canceled after failing to comply with public audit requirements. *As reflected on page 1's Voter Stats, voters who were registered as members of the Independent Party of Florida have been automatically changed to No Party Affiliation. Those voters can choose a party affiliation by filling out an [application](#).

Why choose a party affiliation? Florida is a closed primary state. Only voters who are affiliated with or registered members of political parties may vote for respective party candidates for an office in a primary election. However, there are times when all registered voters can vote in a primary election, regardless of which major or minor political party they are registered or even if they are registered without a specific party affiliation. You can read more [here](#) on our website.

In addition to the Florida Democratic Party and Republican Party of Florida, there are 8 minor political parties. Political Party Information can be found on the [Florida Division of Elections website](#).

Upcoming Election:

The **City of DeFuniak Springs** is scheduled to have an election on Tuesday, April 11th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the [DeFuniak Springs Community Center, 361 North 10th Street](#). Eligible voters are voters who reside in the city limits of DeFuniak Springs and are registered before the deadline of March 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. [Check your status or eligibility](#) via our website. Candidate Qualifying: March 14-16 (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and March 17th (8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.). [Contact us](#) for candidate qualifying details.



If you have an American flag that needs to be retired properly, there is a [Flag Depository](#) in the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs and the South Walton Courthouse Annex.



FSASE to give three \$1,200 Scholarships

For more information call us at (850) 892-8112.

To apply, simply complete the **Application** and return it to our office.

The deadline to turn in your application is soon! **March 29, 2017**

Check out our informative website at votewalton.com

Contact us:

We welcome you to stop by the Walton County Supervisor of Elections offices weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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