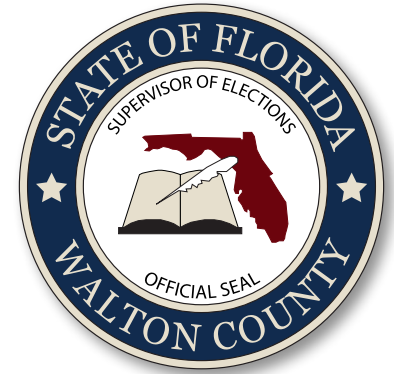


# WALTON COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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# Newsletter



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## Voter Stats:

## For your convenience - Vote By Mail

Voting by mail is easy and convenient, and offers the opportunity to have your voice heard even if you can't make it to an early voting site or your Election Day polling place to vote. Any registered voter may request a ballot to be mailed to them, with no reason needed, either for a specific election or for all eligible elections up through the next two General Elections. After that the request will need to be made again. A member of the voter's immediate family or legal guardian may also request a ballot for the voter, if directly instructed to do so by the voter.



The easiest way to make the request is by completing the [Online Mail Ballot](#) (Absentee) Request Form, or by calling us at 850-892-8112. You can also complete the [paper version](#) of the request form and return it to our office.

Voters making a request for a ballot to be mailed to an address not already on record will need to submit a signed affidavit. This can be accomplished using the paper request form above. The written request may be emailed to [lrinker@votewalton.com](mailto:lrinker@votewalton.com), or faxed to 850-892-8113.

Mail ballots are counted just like any other ballot that is cast in an election. The voter's signature from the ballot envelope is compared to the signature in the voter's record. Mail ballot voters are encouraged to keep their signature on file up-to-date.

Be sure to provide your current mailing address. The U.S. Post Office cannot forward mail ballots.



## 2018 Election Dates:

June 18 noon through June 22 noon, 2018:	County & District Office Qualifying Week
July 30, 2018:	Voter Registration/Bookclosing Deadline for the Primary Election
August 18-25, 2018:	Early Voting - Primary Election
August 28, 2018:	Primary Election Day
Oct 27 - Nov 3, 2018:	Early Voting - General Election
November 6, 2018:	General Election Day

### Newly Registered Voters

May..... 233

### Party Affiliation Changes

May..... 81

### Active Registered Voters

as of May 30, 2018

Democrats.....9,660

Republicans...28,875

Others....10,176

Total...**48,711**



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# FSASE Summer Conference

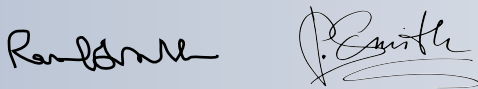
In May, Bobby Beasley and staff traveled to Broward County for the 2018 Florida State Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) Summer Conference. The conference provided Supervisors of Elections and their staff with continuing education opportunities, best practices and trends on election issues and policy. The FSASE conference provided particular focus on cybersecurity with advisors from the Department of Homeland Security. This past week proved again that Florida is leading the way in elections cybersecurity by becoming the first state in the US to have 100% participation in the EI-ISAC with the Center for Internet Security. Congratulations to the newly inducted officers including our neighboring Supervisor of Elections of Okaloosa County, Paul Lux, 2018-2019 President of the Florida State Supervisors of Elections.



## Did you know?

When voting in person, by provisional ballot, or by Vote-by-Mail ballot, Florida election law requires each voter to sign a Voter's Certificate. While an exact match of a voter's signature is not required, the signature must reasonably match the signature of record.

All voters should consider periodically updating their signature on file with our office. Ensuring that the signature on file with our office is fresh will help alleviate delays at the polls when matching the signature at check in, and can prevent a Vote-by-Mail ballot from being disqualified due to a non-matching signature.



## Voters should update their signature if:

- Voter signature has changed over time.
- Voter updated signature at Driver License office and experienced difficulty with electronic signature pad.
- Voter decided to change the style of signature.
- Voter adopted different styles of signature for professional and personal use.
- Voter name changed.
- Voter has hand injury or change in motor skills.
- Last signature on file is over 10 years old and may lack sufficient detail for comparison with current signature.

To update your signature, complete a paper [Voter Registration Application](#) and mail or deliver to our office.

## Contact us

### Walton County Supervisor of Elections

Offices are open weekdays from 8:00 to 4:30.

Main Office:

**Walton County Courthouse**  
571 US Hwy 90 East, Suite 102  
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433  
(850) 892-8112

Branch Office:

**Walton County Courthouse Annex**  
31 Coastal Centre Blvd., Suite 300  
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459  
(850) 622-0744



[VoteWalton.com](#) is packed with valuable information and resources.



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 in the South Walton Courthouse Annex lobby.

Register to [VoteFlorida.gov](#)