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**President and Vice President**

President: **Donald Trump** (Republican)                      Vice President: **Mike Pence** (Republican)

Mailing Address:            Executive Office of the President  
   The White House  
   1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
   Washington, DC 20500

Phone:            Comments:            202.456.1111            Internet Address: [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)  
                                 Switchboard:            202.456.1414

Qualifications:            Natural born citizen of the United States  
   35 years of age or older  
   Resident of the United States for at least 14 years

Methods of Filing:            Nominated at party national convention  
   Petition method for minor party or independent candidate

Term of Office:            4 years                      Next Election:    2020

Filing Official:            Director, Division of Elections  
   Room 316, R.A. Gray Building  
   500 South Bronough Street  
   Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
   850.245.6200

1. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President assumes office for the remainder of the term.
2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice-President, the President shall nominate a successor who must be confirmed by a majority vote of both Houses before assuming office.
3. In the event that both the President and Vice-President are incapacitated, the Speaker of the House would succeed to the Presidency.
4. There are 538 electoral votes. The nominee for President must have a majority of 270 to be elected.

There are 100 **United States Senate** seats (Two per state). For more information on the United States Senate visit their website at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov). Florida is represented by:

**Senator**

**Marco Rubio** (Republican)  
284 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202.224.3041

**District Office**

201 S. Orange Ave.  
Orlando, FL 32801  
407.254.2573  
FL Toll Free 866.630.7106

**Senator**

**Bill Nelson** (Democrat)  
716 Senate Hart Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202.224.5274  
202.228.2183 FAX

U.S. Court House Annex  
111 North Adams Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
850.942.8415  
850.942.8450 FAX

**District Office**

Landmark Two, Suite 410  
225 East Robinson Street  
Orlando, FL 32801  
407.872.7161  
407.872.7165 FAX  
FL Toll Free 888.671.4091

Next Election: 2022

Next Election: 2018

Qualifications: 30 years of age or older  
Citizen of the United States for at least 9 years  
Resident of the state

Method of Filing: Filing Fee 6% of annual salary or by petition

Term of Office: 6 years

Filing Official: Director, Division of Elections  
Room 316, R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
850.245.6200

1. When a vacancy occurs in the office of the United States Senate, the Governor shall appoint a successor. That person shall hold office until the first day of December following the next General Election which occurs more than 120 days after such vacancy is created.

There are 435 **United States Representatives**. Florida has 27 Congressional districts. Osceola County is in the 9th District. For more information about the House of Representatives, visit their website at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov).

**9<sup>th</sup> District**

**Darren Soto (Democrat)**

1429 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

202.225.9889

Kissimmee Office  
805 Bryan Street  
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Fax

**Next Election: 2018**

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**Qualifications:** 25 years of age or older  
Citizen of the United States for at least 7 years  
Resident of the state

**Method of Filing:** Filing Fee 6% of annual salary or by petition

**Term of Office:** 2 years

**Filing Official:** Director, Division of Elections  
Room 316, R.A. Gray Building  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
850.245.6200

1. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the United States Representatives, the Governor shall call a special election.

**Governor and Lieutenant Governor**

Governor:  
**Rick Scott** (Republican)

Lieutenant Governor:  
**Carlos Lopez-Cantera** (Republican)

Mailing Address: Office of the Governor  
The Capitol – State of Florida  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Phone: Citizen Hotline: 850.488.7146  
Switchboard: 850.488.7146

Internet Address: [www.flgov.com](http://www.flgov.com)

Qualifications: 30 years of age or older  
Registered and qualified elector of state for at least 4 years preceding elections

Methods of Filing: 6% of annual salary or by petition

Term of Office: 4 years                      Next Election: 2018

Filing Official: Director, Division of Elections  
Room 316, R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
850.245.6200

1. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor, the Lt. Governor becomes Governor for the remainder of the term. When the Lt. Governor succeeds the governor, or a vacancy occurs in the office of Lt. Governor, the Senate President Pro Tempore assumes the duties of the Lt. Governor.

Effective January 7, 2003, the ***Florida Cabinet*** consists of the Attorney General, the Chief Financial Officer and the Commissioner of Agriculture.

<b><u>Attorney General</u></b>	<b><u>Chief Financial Officer</u></b>	<b><u>Commissioner of Agriculture</u></b>
<p><b>Pam Bondi</b> (Republican)                      The Capitol PL-01                      Tallahassee, FL 32399                      850.414.3300                      FL Toll Free 866.966.7226</p>	<p><b>Jeff Atwater</b> (Republican)                      200 East Gaines Street                      Tallahassee, FL 32399-0300                      877.693.5236</p>	<p><b>Adam H. Putnam</b> (Republican)                      The Capitol                      Tallahassee, FL 32399                      800.435.7352</p>
<p>Website:  <a href="http://www.myfloridalegal.com">www.myfloridalegal.com</a></p>	<p>Website:  <a href="http://www.fldfs.com">www.fldfs.com</a></p>	<p>Website:  <a href="http://www.doacs.state.fl.us">www.doacs.state.fl.us</a></p>
<p>Next Election: 2018</p>	<p>Next Election: 2018</p>	<p>Next Election: 2018</p>

**Qualifications:** Qualified elector of state

**Method of Filing:** Filing Fee 6% of annual salary or by petition

**Term of Office:** 4 years

**Filing Official:** Director, Division of Elections  
 Room 316, R.A. Gray Building  
 500 South Bronough Street  
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
 850.245.6200

1. If a vacancy occurs in one of these offices, the position is filled by gubernatorial appointment until a successor is elected.

*Osceola County is part of the Ninth Judicial Circuit and has an elected **State Attorney** and **Public Defender**.*

**State Attorney**

**Aramis D. Ayala** (Democrat)

Osceola County Courthouse  
2 Courthouse Square, Suite 3500  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407.742.5200

or

415 N. Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801  
407.836.2400

NEXT ELECTION: 2020

**Public Defender**

**Bob Wesley** (Democrat)

Osceola County Courthouse  
2 Courthouse Square, Suite 1600  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407.742.7100

or

435 N. Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801  
407.836.4800

NEXT ELECTION: 2020

Qualifications:	Qualified elector of the state
Method of Filing:	Filing Fee 6% of annual salary or by petition
Term of Office:	4 years
Filing Official:	Director, Division of Elections Room 316, R.A. Gray Building 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250 850.245.6200



*There are 40 Senatorial districts in the State of Florida. Osceola County is represented by District 15. For more information about the **Florida State Senate**, visit their web site at [www.leg.state.fl.us](http://www.leg.state.fl.us).*

**District 15**

**Victor M. Torres (Democrat)**

226 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(850) 487-5015

**District Office**

101 Church Street, Suite 305  
Orlando, FL 32801  
(407)846-5187

Next Election: 2020

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**Qualifications:** 21 years of age  
Qualified elector of the state  
Resident of district for at least 2 years

**Method of Filing:** Filing Fee 6% of annual salary or by petition

**Term of Office:** 4 years / Total of 8 years consecutively

**Filing Official:** Director, Division of Elections  
Room 316, R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
850.245.6200

1. If a vacancy occurs in the office of State Senate, the vacancy will be filled according to Florida Statute 100.111.

There are 120 Representative Districts in Florida. Osceola County is represented by Districts 39, 42 and 43. For more information about your **Florida State Representative**, please visit their web site at [www.leg.state.fl.us](http://www.leg.state.fl.us).

**District 39**

**Josie Tomkow** (Republican)  
 House Office Building  
 402 South Monroe Street  
 Tallahassee, FL 32399  
 850.717.5039  
[josie.tomkow@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:josie.tomkow@myfloridahouse.gov)

**District Office**  
 315 Pontotoc Street  
 Auburndale, FL 33823  
 863.969.5666

Next Election: 2018

**District 42**

**Mike LaRosa** (Republican)  
 317 House Office Building  
 402 South Monroe Street  
 Tallahassee, FL 32399  
 850.717.5042  
[mike.larosa@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:mike.larosa@myfloridahouse.gov)

**District Office**  
 1224 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Saint Cloud, FL 34769  
 407.891.2555

Next Election: 2018

**District 43**

**John Cortes** (Democrat)  
 1003 The Capitol  
 402 South Monroe Street  
 Tallahassee, FL 32399  
 850.717.5043  
[john.cortes.myfloridahouse.gov](http://john.cortes.myfloridahouse.gov)

**District Office**  
 231 Ruby Avenue, Suite A  
 Kissimmee, FL 34741  
 407.846.5009  
 407.846.5010

Next Election: 2018

**Qualifications:** Qualified elector of state

**Method of Filing:** Filing Fee 6% of annual salary or by petition

**Term of Office:** 2 years / Total of 8 years consecutively

**Filing Official:** Director, Division of Elections  
 Room 316, R.A. Gray Building  
 500 South Bronough Street  
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
 850.245.6200

1. If a vacancy occurs in the office of State Representative, the Governor shall call a special election to fill the position.

Osceola County's **Constitutional Officers** are elected county-wide. Their duties are specified by the Florida Constitution and State Statutes.

<b><u>Clerk of the Court</u></b>	<b><u>Sheriff</u></b>	<b><u>Property Appraiser</u></b>
<p><b>Armando Ramirez</b> (Democrat)                      2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2000                      Kissimmee, FL 34741                      407.742.3500  <a href="mailto:aramirez@osceolaclerk.org">aramirez@osceolaclerk.org</a></p> <p>Website:  <a href="http://www.osceolaclerk.com">www.osceolaclerk.com</a></p> <p>Next Election: 2020</p>	<p><b>Russ Gibson</b> (Democrat)                      2601 E. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy.                      Kissimmee, FL 34744                      407.348.1100  <a href="mailto:rgib@osceola.org">rgib@osceola.org</a></p> <p>Website:  <a href="http://www.osceolasheriff.org">www.osceolasheriff.org</a></p> <p>Next Election: 2020</p>	<p><b>Katrina Scarborough</b>                      (Democrat)                      2505 E. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy.                      Kissimmee, FL 34744                      407.742.5000  <a href="mailto:ksca@property-appraiser.org">ksca@property-appraiser.org</a></p> <p>Website:  <a href="http://www.property-appraiser.org">www.property-appraiser.org</a></p> <p>Next Election: 2020</p>

<b><u>Tax Collector</u></b>	<b><u>Supervisor of Election</u></b>
<p><b>Bruce Vickers</b> (Democrat)                      2501 E. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy.                      Kissimmee, FL 34744                      407.742.4000  <a href="mailto:bvickers@osceola.org">bvickers@osceola.org</a></p> <p>Website:  <a href="http://www.osceolataxcollector.com">www.osceolataxcollector.com</a></p> <p>Next Election: 2020</p>	<p><b>Mary Jane Arrington</b> (Democrat)                      2509 E. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy.                      Kissimmee, FL 34744                      407.742.6000  <a href="mailto:maryjane@votesceola.com">maryjane@votesceola.com</a></p> <p>Website:  <a href="http://www.votesceola.com">www.votesceola.com</a></p> <p>Next Election: 2020</p>

Qualifications: Qualified elector of Osceola County

Method of Filing: Filing Fee 6% of annual salary or by petition

Term of Office: 4 years

Filing Official: Supervisor of Elections  
 2509 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway  
 Kissimmee, FL 34744  
 407.742.6000

Osceola County's **Board of County Commissioners** are elected by district. Commission meetings are held in the Commission Chambers, 1 Courthouse Square, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kissimmee. Their duties are outlined by the Florida Constitution, State Statutes and the County Charter.

**District 1**

Precincts: 100 - 158

**Peggy Choudhry**  
(Democrat)

1 Courthouse Square  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407.742.2000

[peggy.choudhry@osceola.org](mailto:peggy.choudhry@osceola.org)

Website: [www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org)

Next Election: 2020

**District 2**

Precincts: 200 - 251

**Viviana Janer** (Democrat)

1 Courthouse Square  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407.742.2000

[viviana.janer@osceola.org](mailto:viviana.janer@osceola.org)

Website: [www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org)

Next Election: 2018

**District 3**

Precincts: 300 - 390

**Brandon Arrington** (Democrat)  
*Chairman*

1 Courthouse Square  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407.742.2000

[barr@osceola.org](mailto:barr@osceola.org)

Website: [www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org)

Next Election: 2020

**District 4**

Precincts: 400 - 471

**Cheryl Grieb** (Democrat)

1 Courthouse Square  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407.742.2000

[cheryl.grieb@osceola.org](mailto:cheryl.grieb@osceola.org)

Website: [www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org)

Next Election: 2018

**District 5**

Precincts: 500 - 571

**Fred Hawkins, Jr.** (Republican)

*Vice-Chairman*  
1 Courthouse Square  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407.742.2000

[fhaw@osceola.org](mailto:fhaw@osceola.org)

Website: [www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org)

Next Election: 2020

Qualifications: Registered voter and reside in the district they represent

Method of Filing: Filing Fee 6% of annual salary or by petition

Term of Office: 4 years

Filing Official: Supervisor of Elections  
2509 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.742.6000

Osceola County's **School Board Members** are non-partisan seats and are elected by district. School Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:45 PM and on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM at 817 Bill Beck Boulevard, Kissimmee. Their duties are specified in the Florida Constitution and State Statutes.

**District 1**

Precincts: 100 - 158

**Jay Wheeler**

817 Bill Beck Boulevard  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.462.6598

[wheelerj@osceolaschools.net](mailto:wheelerj@osceolaschools.net)

Website: [www.osceolaschools.net](http://www.osceolaschools.net)

Next Election: 2018

**District 2**

Precincts: 200 - 251

**Kelvin Soto**

Chairman

817 Bill Beck Boulevard  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.361.2462

[sotokelv@osceolaschools.net](mailto:sotokelv@osceolaschools.net)

Website: [www.osceolaschools.net](http://www.osceolaschools.net)

Next Election: 2020

**District 3**

Precincts: 300 - 390

**Tim Weisheyer**

817 Bill Beck Boulevard  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.361.0235

[weisheyt@osceolaschools.net](mailto:weisheyt@osceolaschools.net)

Website: [www.osceolaschools.net](http://www.osceolaschools.net)

Next Election: 2020

**District 4**

Precincts: 400 - 471

**Clarence Thacker**

817 Bill Beck Boulevard  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.462.5642

[thackerc@osceolaschools.net](mailto:thackerc@osceolaschools.net)

Website: [www.osceolaschools.net](http://www.osceolaschools.net)

Next Election: 2018

**District 5**

Precincts: 500 - 571

**Ricky Booth**

Vice-Chairman

817 Bill Beck Boulevard  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.462.5782

[boothr@osceolaschools.net](mailto:boothr@osceolaschools.net)

Website: [www.osceolaschools.net](http://www.osceolaschools.net)

Next Election: 2018

Qualifications: Qualified elector of Osceola County and reside in the district they represent

Method of Filing: Filing Fee 4% of annual salary or by petition

Term of Office: 4 years

Filing Official: Supervisor of Elections  
2509 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.742.6000

**Osceola County Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Seat 1**

**Jacqueline Henry**  
Heritage Park  
1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.847.4465, Ext. 3  
407.847.0959 FAX

Website: [www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org)

Next Election: 2018

**Seat 2**

**Brenda Jean Harnage  
Burchett**  
Heritage Park  
1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.847.4465, Ext. 3  
407.847.0959 FAX

Website: [www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org)

Next Election: 2020

**Seat 3**

**Larry Schneck**  
Heritage Park  
1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.847.4465, Ext. 3  
407.847.0959 FAX

Website: [www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org)

Next Election: 2018

**Seat 4**

**Mildred Ramirez**  
Heritage Park  
1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.847.4465, Ext. 3  
407.847.0959 FAX

Website: [www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org)

Next Election: 2020

**Seat 5**

**Deborah Livingston**  
Heritage Park  
1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.847.4465, Ext. 3  
407.847.0959 FAX

Website: [www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org)

Next Election: 2018

Qualifications: Qualified elector of Osceola County

Method of Filing: Filing Fee of \$25.00 or by petition

Term of Office: 4 years

Filing Official: Supervisor of Elections  
2509 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.742.6000

**Special Districts** – for additional information regarding the following special districts, call the individual numbers listed.

### Community Development Districts

Anthem Park .....	813.933.5571
Brighton Lakes .....	407.566.1935
Celebration .....	407.566.1935
Championsgate .....	407.647.7600
Concorde Estates .....	813.933.5571
Enterprise .....	407.566.1935
Gramercy Farms .....	813.933.5571
Harmony .....	407.566.1935
Harmony Central .....	850.222.7206
Harmony West .....	850.222.7206
Overoaks .....	954.753.5841
Portofino Vista .....	954.764.7150
Remington .....	407.647.7600
Reunion East .....	407.581.9800
Reunion West .....	407.581.9800
Shingle Creek .....	813.933.5571
Stevens Plantation .....	407.422.2454
Stoneybrook South .....	954.426.2105
Tapestry .....	407.841.5524
Villa Sol .....	407.566.1935
Westside .....	407.581.9800
Xentury City .....	954.753.5841

### Common Facility Districts

Crescent Lakes .....	407.742.2200
Cypress Woods .....	407.742.2200
Indian Creek .....	407.742.2200
Indian Ridge Villas .....	407.742.2200
Indian Point .....	407.742.2200

*Common Facility Districts calls are directed to the Osceola County Attorney*

**Judicial Offices**

Florida Supreme Court Justices      [www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org)

Jorge Labarga, Chief Justice  
Ricky Polston  
Charles T. Canady  
Barbara J. Pariente  
R. Fred Lewis  
Peggy A. Quince  
C. Alan Lawson

Fifth District Court of Appeal      [www.5dca.org](http://www.5dca.org)

Jay P. Cohen, Chief Justice  
Richard B. Orfinger  
Thomas D. Sawaya  
Vincent G. Torpy, Jr.  
Kerry I. Evander  
F. Rand Wallis  
Wendy W. Berger  
Brian Lambert  
William D. Palmer  
James A. Edwards  
Erik Eisnaugle

Senior Judges

Charles M. Harris  
Emerson R. Thompson, Jr.  
Robert J. Pleus, Jr.  
Bruce W. Jacobus

Qualifications:              Must be an attorney

Term of Office:              6 years

For additional qualifying information contact:

Director, Division of Elections  
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500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
850.245.6200



**Judicial Offices Continued****Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida**    [www.ninthcircuit.org](http://www.ninthcircuit.org)**Circuit Judges**

Gail Adams	Lisa Taylor Munyon
Alan S. Apte	Michael Murphy
Elaine A. Barbour	Donald A. Myers, Jr.
Alice Blackwell	Julie H. O’Kane
Mark S. Blechman	Renee A. Roche
Keith A. Carsten	Heather Pinder Rodriguez
A. James Craner	Jose R. Rodriguez
Daniel P. Dawson	Margaret H. Schreiber
Patricia A. Doherty	Tim Shea
Robert J. Egan	Kim Shepard
Jenifer M. Harris	Patricia L. Strowbridge
Heather L. Higbee	Diana M. Tennis
John E. Jordan	Janet C. Thorpe
John Marshall Kest	Dan Traver
Sally D.M. Kest	Thomas W. Turner
Alicia L. Laimore	Grey Tynan
Frederick J. Lauten, <i>Chief Judge</i>	Christi L. Underwood
Bob Leblanc	Kevin B. Weiss
Marc L. Lubet	Keith White
Leticia Marquez	Reginald K. Whitehead
Jon B. Morgan	Wayne C. Wooten

Qualifications:            Must be an attorney

Term of Office:            6 years

For additional qualifying information contact:            Director, Division of Elections  
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 500 South Bronough Street  
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
 850.245.6200

**Judicial Offices Continued**

***Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida*** [www.ninthcircuit.org](http://www.ninthcircuit.org)

**County Judges**

**Group 1**

**Carol Draper**

2 Courthouse Square  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407.742.2513

Next Election: 2018

**Group 2**

**Heather K. O'Brien**

2 Courthouse Square  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407.742.2509

Next Election: 2018

**Group 3**

**Stefania Jancewicz**

2 Courthouse Square  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407.742.2495

Next Election: 2020

**Group 4**

**Hal C. Epperson, Jr.**

2 Courthouse Square  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407.742.2554

Next Election: 2018

Qualifications: Must be an attorney

Filing Fee: 4% of annual salary or by petition

Term of Office: 6 years

For additional qualifying information contact: Supervisor of Elections  
2509 E. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy.  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.742.6000

*NOTE: In Florida all judges are Non-Partisan*

**Kissimmee City Commission** - meetings are held each Tuesday at 6:00 PM in the City Commission Chambers, located at 101 N. Church Street, Kissimmee. Commissioners are non-partisan and run at large.

**Mayor – Seat 5**

**Jose Alvarez**

Kissimmee City Hall  
101 Church Street  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407.518.2300

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Website:

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Next Election: 2018

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Next Election: 2020

Qualifications: Qualified elector of municipality  
Other qualifications as required by City Charter

Method of Filing: Election Assessment of 1% of annual salary

Term of Office: 4 years

Filing Official: Supervisor of Elections  
2509 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway  
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**Qualifications:** Qualified elector of municipality  
 Other qualifications as required by City Charter

**Method of Filing:** Filing Fee 1% of annual salary and petition

**Term of Office:** 4 years beginning in 2012

**Filing Official:** Supervisor of Elections  
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 Kissimmee, FL 34744  
 407.742.6000

## Who can register to vote?

### In order to register to vote in the State of Florida, you must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States of America
2. Be a Florida Resident
3. Be 18 years of age. A person who is otherwise eligible, may pre-register on or after his/her 16th birthday, and may vote in any election on or after his/her 18th birthday.
4. Not be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or in any other state.
5. Not have been convicted of a felony without your right to vote having been restored.
6. Provide your current and valid Florida Driver License or Florida Identification card number. If you do not have one of these, you must provide the last four (4) digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued any of these items, you must write "NONE" in the box indicated on the Voter Registration Application.

### How to apply to register to vote:

1. Visit our office at 2509 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway in Kissimmee.
2. Complete the [Florida Voter Registration Application](http://www.voteosceola.com) online or download a copy from our web site [www.voteosceola.com](http://www.voteosceola.com) and mail it into us.
3. Attend one of our Voter Registration drives or stop by one of our booths at community events.
4. Register at the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, your college, Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, armed forces recruitment offices and all public assistance offices.
5. You can also visit our web site to find a location where you may pick up a Voter Registration Application.

### Notes:

1. You must be registered for at least 29 days before you can vote in an election.
2. The office where you register, your decision not to register, your Social Security number, Florida Driver License number and Florida Identification number will remain confidential and will only be used for verification purposes.
3. When you sign your Voter Registration Application, you are swearing to or affirming an oath.
4. Once your application has been entered into the Florida Voter Registration System, the State must verify your identity. It is important that the name you provide matches your Florida Identification, Drivers' License or Social Security information.
5. If the information on the application is not true, the applicant can be convicted of a felony of the third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years.
6. If your application is complete and you qualify as a voter, the Supervisor of Elections will mail you a Voter Information Letter as official notification that you are registered to vote. Make sure all of the information in your letter is correct. If you do not receive a confirmation letter within 8 weeks, or if you have any questions, please call our office at 407.742.6000.
7. If you need to change your address within Osceola County, you may do so by calling our office at 407.742.6000.
8. If you need to change your name or party affiliation or to update your signature, you must complete a new Florida Voter Registration Application.

**MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES**

**Osceola County Democratic Party**

Chairman Leah Carius 321.939.0321

**Osceola County Republican Party**

Chairman Mark Oxner 407.396.9408

**MINOR POLITICAL PARTIES**

**Party**

**Officer(s)**

**America's Party of Florida**

1894 Glenwood Street NE

Palm Bay, FL 32907

Website: [www.americaspartynews.com](http://www.americaspartynews.com)

Kenneth Gorey, Treasurer

Gregory Poulos, Chair

Phone: 321.729.0881

E-mail:

**Constitution Party of Florida**

16874 131<sup>st</sup> Way North

Jupiter, FL 33478-0000

Website: [www.cpflorida.com](http://www.cpflorida.com)

Lois McLain, Treasurer

William Wayland, Chair

Phone: 561.741.7592

**Ecology Party of Florida**

641 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

Website: [www.ecologyparty.org](http://www.ecologyparty.org)

Gary Hecker, Treasurer

Cara Campbell, Chair

Phone: 888.462.2468

**Green Party of Florida, Inc.**

PO Box 73

High Springs, FL 32655

Website: [www.gpfl.org](http://www.gpfl.org)

Harry Patterson, Treasurer

Jennifer Sullivan, Chair

Phone: 352.410.4484

**Independent Party of Florida**

700 Starkey Road, Suite 365

Largo, FL 33771

Sadie Abrams, Treasurer

Ernest Bach, Chair

**Party****Officer(s)**

**Libertarian Party of Florida**  
 518 Hunter Lane  
 Bradenton, FL 34212  
 Website: [www.lpf.org](http://www.lpf.org)

James Morris, Treasurer  
 Char-Lez Braden, Chair  
 Phone: 850.352.3733

**Party for Socialism and Liberation – Florida**  
 976 46<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Sarasota, FL 34234  
 Website: [www.VotePSL.org](http://www.VotePSL.org)

Eric Patterson, Treasurer  
 Bryan Ellis, Chair  
 Phone: 305.209.2503

**Reform Party**  
 7305 79<sup>th</sup> Ave., North  
 Pinellis Park, FL 33781  
 Website: [reformpartyfl.org](http://reformpartyfl.org)

Rhonda Drummond, Treasurer  
 Paul Bachman, Chair  
 Phone: 321.802.1179  
 E-mail: [info@reformpartyfl.org](mailto:info@reformpartyfl.org)

**Voting by Mail****To obtain a vote by mail ballot:**

You may request a vote by mail ballot by phone by calling 407.742.6000, by email to [soe@voteosceola.com](mailto:soe@voteosceola.com), via our web site at [www.voteosceola.com](http://www.voteosceola.com) or by mail from the Supervisor of Elections, 2509 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, FL 34744. Vote by mail ballots may be requested for all elections through the next regularly scheduled General Election. Telephone and written requests are restricted to the voter and or his/her immediate family or legal guardian.

You may designate, in writing, someone else to hand deliver a vote by mail ballot to you. When picking up ballots, the designee must provide a written authorization by the elector and picture identification. In addition, the designee must sign and complete an affidavit swearing he/she has been designated by the elector to pick up the ballot, and he must indicate his relationship, if any, to the elector. The designated person may pick up no more than 2 vote by mail ballots per election, except the designee's own ballot, and members of the designee's immediate family. The designee can pick up a vote by mail ballot on Election Day or up to five (5) days prior to Election Day ONLY.

**To vote by mail:**

Complete the ballot carefully, **FOLLOWING ALL INSTRUCTIONS**, and return it to the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 7:00 PM on Election Day. Prior to Election Day, you may vote in person at the Supervisor of Elections office, located at 2509 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, FL 34744.

It is important that the signature on your voter's certificate matches the signature in your voter registration file. Your signature on file is used to certify your ballot signature. You may update your signature by completing a new voter registration application.

**To return a vote by mail ballot:**

Once a vote by mail ballot is voted, it can be returned by mail or in person. It may not be returned to a polling location on Election Day. Please make sure you sign the ballot envelope.

**Election Facts****Voting at the polls:**

Polling locations are open on Election Day from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Anyone in line at 7:00 PM is entitled to vote. Photo and signature Identification is required to vote at the polls. If you are unable to provide identification, you may vote a provisional ballot.

A sample ballot will be mailed to you, prior to the election, listing your precinct and voting location. You may also obtain this information by visiting our web site [www.voteosceola.com](http://www.voteosceola.com) or by calling our office at 407.742.6000. You may mark and take your sample ballot with you when you vote.

**Party Affiliation and Primary Elections:**

You may register in a political party or with no party affiliation. Registration as a Democrat or a Republican entitles you to vote in that party's primary elections as well as in non-partisan and general elections. Florida is a closed primary state, which means that a qualified elector is **ONLY** entitled to vote the official primary election ballot of the political party in which the voter is registered. The ballot issued to the voter will only show the candidates of the voter's political party. If you register with no party affiliation, you may vote in non-partisan races and general elections, but not in the Democratic or Republican Primaries.

If a candidate in a primary election faces no opposition in the general election, that race will be open to all voters regardless of party affiliation. Judges, School Board Members, City Commissioners and Mayors are decided in non-partisan elections, as are all ballot issues. In



general elections you may vote for the candidate of your choice regardless of party affiliation. Also, you may vote in the general election even if you did not vote in the primary elections.

### **Early Voting:**

Early voting begins up to two weeks prior to Election Day. If you choose to vote early you will cast your vote in the same manner as at the polls on Election Day. There are several early voting sites throughout the county. Please check our website or call our office to find the most convenient site for you. Photo and signature identification are required to vote. You may vote a provisional ballot if you are unable to provide proper identification.

### **Qualifying Information**

### **Candidates**

Qualifying information for federal, state, multi-county district and judges (other than county) are available from:

Division of Elections  
Room 316, R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
850.245.6200

Qualifying information for all county and city offices are available from:

Supervisor of Elections  
2509 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407.742.6000

Each candidate must establish a campaign checking account separate from any personal accounts. The campaign account may be established at any time. ALL contributions and expenditures must be made through this account. Periodic reports must be filed with the qualifying officer. All candidates are provided qualifying information, with detailed instructions.

### **Political Committees**

A political committee is a combination of two (2) or more individuals, or a person other than an individual (corporations, etc.), the primary or incidental purpose of which is to support or oppose any candidate, issue or political party, which accepts contributions or makes expenditures during a

calendar year in an aggregate amount in excess of \$500.00, and therefore must be registered with the Supervisor of Elections.

Political committees, like candidates, must establish a checking account, and all contributions and expenditures must be made through this account. Filing as a political committee requires completion of forms listing the principal officers and their addresses, purpose of the committee, and plans for distribution of any money remaining when the committee disbands.

Information and necessary forms are available at the Supervisor of Elections' office and our web site [www.voteosceola.com](http://www.voteosceola.com). For more information call 407.742.6000.