

Important Dates for Supervisors 2007 - 2008

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Qualifying Dates

- Two main qualifying periods
 - Federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender (April 28-May 2)
 - Statewide, multicounty, county, district and political party executive committee (June 16 -- June 20)
- State qualifying dates are moved 3 weeks earlier

Audits

- Required for Primary and General Election, but not the Presidential Preference Primary
- Dates in handout are last date possible
- Times are triggered when county canvassing board certifies election, which may vary from county to county

Audits

- Must begin immediately following certification of election by county canvassing board
- Must be completed and results made public by 11:59 on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board
- Filed with Department within 15 days after completion of audit

Audits

- | County A | County B |
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| ■ Final certification – Sat., Aug. 30 | ■ Final certification, Tues. Sept. 2 |
| ■ Begin audit no later than Sun., August 31 | ■ Begin audit no later than Wed., Sept. 3 |
| ■ Finish and publish results by 11:59 p.m. Sun., Sept. 7 | ■ Finish and publish results by 11:59 p.m., Wed., Sept. 10 |
| ■ Send to DOS, Sept. 22 | ■ Send to DOS, Sept. 25 |

Certification of Results

- Distinctions between primary and general election timetable
 - 1st unofficials – 3rd day for primaries; 4th day for general elections
 - 2nd unofficials – 5th day for primaries; 9th day for general elections
 - Final certification – 7th day for primaries; 12th day for general election

Certification of Results

- Final Certifications
 - Due by 5 p.m. on 7th day for primary
 - Due by 12 noon on 12th day for general election

- Presidential Preference Primary – using the general election timetable

Other Important Changes

- Provisional ballot voters have until 5 p.m. of the 2nd day after the election to provide evidence (provisional ballots will now be included in the 1st unofficial results)
- Initiative petitions must be turned in to supervisor within 30 days after the voter signed the petition
- Supervisors have 30 days to check initiative petitions from the time they are received

Other Important Changes

- Voter history information is required to be sent to the Department within 35 days following the election
- Canvassing of absentee ballots can begin on the Wednesday before the election
- Absentee ballot requests are good through the next two regularly scheduled general elections

Other Important Changes

- Overseas absentee ballots sent 45 days before the general election
- Election night returns due to Department by 11:59 p.m. election night

Holidays

- Registration books close on New Year's Eve 2007
- Early voting for the Presidential Preference Primary will be held on Martin Luther King's birthday
- Deadline for mailing overseas ballots for the PPP is on Christmas Day

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Important Dates for Supervisors of Elections

2008 Election Dates

Presidential Preference PrimaryJanuary 29, 2008
Primary Election.....August 26, 2008
General Election.....November 4, 2008

Candidate Qualifying Dates

Federal, Judicial, State Attorney
and Public Defender.....Noon, April 28, 2008 -- Noon, May 2, 2008
Statewide, Multi-county, County, District and Political Party
Executive Committee.....Noon, June 16, 2008 – Noon, June 20, 2008
Write-in candidates for President ^{8A^m}
and Vice President.....~~Noon, June 30, 2008~~ ^{July 1} – Noon, July 8, 2008

Voter Registration Book Closing Dates

Presidential Preference PrimaryDecember 31, 2007
Primary Election.....July 28, 2008
General Election.....October 6, 2008

Early Voting Dates

Presidential Preference PrimaryJanuary 14, 2008 – January 27, 2008
Primary Election.....August 11, 2008 – August 24, 2008
General Election.....October 20, 2008 – November 2, 2008

2007 DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 30 Last day for affected county commissions to opt out of state funding scheme for voting systems (Bay, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Clay, Collier, Escambia, Hillsborough, Indian River, Jackson, Lake, Lee, Levy, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Nassau, Okaloosa, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, St. Johns, Sumter, Taylor, and Washington) *(Section 10 of CS/HB 537 – no later than June 30, 2007)*
- October 31 Deadline for major political parties to submit list of presidential candidates to the Secretary of State for the Presidential Preference Primary ballot. *(Section 103.101, F.S. – By October 31 of the year preceding the Presidential Preference Primary)*
- October 31 HHS Polling Place Accessibility Grant Funds Financial Reports due to Division of Elections from supervisors
- November 6 Secretary of State to submit names of presidential candidates to the Presidential Candidate Selection Committee *(Section 103.101, F.S. – on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of the year preceding the Presidential Preference Primary)*
- November 6 Presidential Candidate Selection Committee meets in Tallahassee *(Section 103.101, F.S. – 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November preceding the Presidential Preference Primary)*
- November 7 5 p.m., Presidential Candidate Selection Committee submits names of candidates to the Department of State for the Presidential Preference Primary ballot *(Section 103.101, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. of the day following the meeting)*

- November 9 Last date for delegates of presidential candidates to qualify (*Section 103.101, F.S. – no later than the 2nd Friday in November preceding the Presidential Preference Primary*)
- November 12 Last date for presidential candidate to have name removed from the Presidential Preference Primary ballot. (*Section 103.101, F.S. – prior to the 2nd Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November preceding the Presidential Preference Primary*)
- November 20 Last date for Department of State to certify the names of presidential candidates to the supervisors of elections (*Section 103.101, F.S. - no later than the 3rd Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of the year preceding the Presidential Preference Primary*)
- December 25 Deadline for supervisor to mail absentee ballots to overseas voters for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Rule 1S-2.013, F.A.C. – at least 35 days prior to the Presidential Preference Primary*)
- December 30 Last date for supervisors to designate early voting sites for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.657, F.S. – no later than the 30th day before an election*)
- December 30 Last date for supervisors to e-mail to overseas voters the list of candidates for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.6952, F.S. – not later than 30 days before each election*)
- December 31 Voter Education and Poll Worker Recruitment and Training Grant Funds Annual Reports due to the Division of Elections from supervisors
- December 31 Voter registration closes for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 97.055, F.S. – on the 29th day before each election*)

December 31

Poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for
Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.131, F.S. –
at least 14 days before early voting begins*)

2008 DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 7 Last date for supervisors to approve poll watchers for early voting sites for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.131, F.S. – no later than 7 days before early voting begins*)
- January 9 Last date for supervisors to appoint poll workers for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 102.012, F.S. – at least 20 days before each election*)
- January 14 Early voting begins for Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.657, F.S. – on the 15th day before an election*)
- January 15 Noon, poll watcher designations for the Presidential Preference Primary due (*Section 101.131, F.S. – prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election*)
- January 22 Last date for supervisors to approve poll watchers for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.131, F.S. – on or before the Tuesday before the election*)
- January 22 Last day to mail sample ballots to voters in lieu of publication for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.20, F.S. – at least 7 days prior to an election*)
- January 23 7 a.m., canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- January 23 5 p.m., deadline for supervisors to receive requests for absentee ballots to be mailed to voters for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.62, F.S. – no later than 5 p.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- January 24 1st day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.62, F.S. – up to 5 days prior to the election*)

- January 25 Last date for supervisors to mail absentee ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.62, F.S. – no later than 4 days before the election*)
- January 25 5 p.m., deadline for late registration for individuals covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act (*Section 97.0555, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election*)
- January 27 Early voting ends for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.657, F.S. – on the 2nd day before an election*)
- January 28 Last date to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.20, F.S. – prior to the day of the election*)
- January 29 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION (*Section 103.101, F.S. – on the last Tuesday in January*)
- January 29 11:59 p.m., preliminary election returns must be filed with the Department of State (*s. 102.141, F.S. – by 11:59 p.m. on election night*)
- January 31 5 p.m., deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to supervisors (*Section 101.048, F.S. – not later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election*)
- January 31 Supervisors to certify list maintenance activities to the Division (*Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – no later than January 31 of each year*)
- February 1 Initiative petition signature certification deadline (*Article XI, Section 5, Florida Constitution – no later than February 1 of the general election year*)

- February 2 Noon, deadline for county canvassing board to file 1st unofficial results of Presidential Preference Primary with the Department of State (*Section 102.141, F.S. – no later than noon of the 4th day after a general or other the election*)
- February 7 3 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board to file 2nd unofficial results of Presidential Preference Primary with the Department of State, if necessary (*Section 102.141, F.S. – no later than 3 p.m. of the 9th day after the election*)
- February 8 Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for Presidential Preference Primary (*Rule 1S-2.031, F.A.C. – ballot postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the federal election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the election*)
- February 10 Noon, deadline for county canvassing board certificates to be filed with the Department of State for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 102.112, F.S. – noon on the 12th day following the election*)
- February 10 County canvassing board to file a report with the Division of Elections on the conduct of the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 102.141, F.S. – at the same time that the results of an election are certified*)
- February 28 Last date for provisional ballot information to be available on free access system for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.048, F.S. – no later than 30 days following the election*)
- March 4 Legislative Session begins (*Article III, Section 3, Fla. Const. – 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in March*)
- March 4 Supervisors to file precinct level results of the Presidential Preference Primary with the Division (*Section 101.573, F.S. – within 35 days after a presidential preference primary*)

- March 31 Noon, petitions for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method due to supervisors (*Sections 99.095 and 105.035, F.S. – before noon of the 28th day preceding the 1st day of the qualifying period for the office sought*)
- April 14 Qualifying offices may begin accepting and holding qualifying papers for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period (*Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period*)
- April 18 Written resignations due for officers qualifying as judicial, state attorney or public defender candidates if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other (*Section 99.012, F.S. – at least 10 days prior to the first day of the qualifying period*)
- April 21 Deadline for supervisors to certify to the Division the number of valid signatures for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method (*Section 99.095 and 105.035, F.S. – no later than the 7th day before the 1st day of the qualifying period*)
- April 28 Noon, qualifying begins for all federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates (*Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – at any time after noon ... of the 120th day prior to the primary election*)
- May 2 Legislative Session ends (*Article III, Section 3, Fla. Const. – a regular session of the Legislature shall not exceed 60 consecutive days, unless extended by three-fifths vote of each house*)

- May 2 Noon, qualifying ends for all federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates (*Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – not later than noon of the 116th day prior to the date of the primary election*)
- May 4 Deadline for partisan candidates to change party affiliation (*Section 99.021, F.S. – 6 months preceding the General Election*)
- May 8 First date state write-in absentee ballots made available to overseas voters (*Section 101.6951, F.S. – 180 days prior to the General Election*)
- May 9 Deadline for Department of State to certify to the supervisors the names of all duly qualified federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates who have qualified with the Department (*Section 99.061, F.S. – within 7 days after the closing date for qualifying*)
- May 19 Noon, petitions for statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method due to supervisors (*Section 99.095, F.S. – before noon of the 28th day preceding the 1st day of the qualifying period for the office sought*)
- June 2 Qualifying offices may begin accepting and holding qualifying papers for statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period (*Section 99.061, F.S. – not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period*)
- June 6 Written resignations due for officers qualifying as a candidate for statewide, multi-county, county or district office if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other (*Section 99.012, F.S. – at least 10 days prior to the first day of the qualifying period*)

- June 9 Deadline for supervisors to certify to the Division the number of valid signatures for statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method (*Section 99.095, F.S. – no later than the 7th day before the first day of the qualifying period*)
- June 16 Noon, qualifying begins for all statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates (other than state attorney and public defender) (*Section 99.061, F.S. – noon of the 71st day prior to the primary election*)
- June 20 Noon, qualifying ends for all statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates (other than state attorney and public defender) (*Section 99.061, F.S. – not later than noon of the 67th day prior to the primary election*)
- June 23 Supervisors to submit to the Department a list containing the names, party affiliations, and addresses of all candidates and the offices for which they qualified (*Section 99.092, F.S. – immediately after the last day for qualifying*)
- June 27 Deadline for Department of State to certify to the supervisors the names of all duly qualified statewide, multicounty, and district candidates who have qualified with the Department (*Section 99.061, F.S. – within 7 days after the closing date for qualifying*)
- July 20 Supervisor to remit filing fees to the state executive committee of the political party of the candidates (*Section 99.061, F.S. – within 30 days after the close of qualifying*)
- July 22 Deadline for supervisors to mail absentee ballots to overseas voters for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – not fewer than 35 days before the primary election*)

- July 27 Last date for supervisors to designate early voting sites for the Primary Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – not later than the 30th day prior to the election*)
- July 27 Last date for supervisors to e-mail to overseas voters the list of candidates for the Primary Election (*Section 101.6952, F.S. – not later than 30 days before each election*)
- July 28 Voter registration closes for the Primary Election (*Section 97.055, F.S. – on the 29th day before each election*)
- July 28 Poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for Primary Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – at least 14 days before early voting begins*)
- July 31 Supervisors to certify list maintenance activities to the Division (*Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – no later than July 31 of each year*)
- August 4 Last date for supervisors to approve poll watchers for early voting sites for the Primary Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – no later than 7 days before early voting begins*)
- August 6 Last day state write-in ballot is available to overseas voters (*Section 101.6951, F.S. – 90 days prior to a general election*)
- August 6 Last date for supervisors to appoint poll workers for the Primary Election (*Section 102.012, F.S. – at least 20 days prior to any election*)
- August 11 Early voting begins for the Primary Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – early voting shall begin on the 15th day before an election*)

- August 12 Noon, poll watcher designations for the Primary Election due (*Section 101.131, F.S. – prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election*)
- August 19 Last date for supervisors to approve poll watchers for the Primary Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – on or before the Tuesday before the election*)
- August 19 Last date to mail sample ballots to voters in lieu of publication for the Primary Election (*Section 101.20, F.S. – at least 7 days prior to any election*)
- August 20 7 a.m., canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the Primary Election (*Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- August 20 5 p.m., deadline for supervisors to receive requests for absentee ballots to be mailed to voters for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – no later than 5 p.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- August 21 1st day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – up to 5 days prior to the election*)
- August 22 Last date for supervisors to mail absentee ballots for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – no later than 4 days before the election*)
- August 22 5 p.m., deadline for late registration for individuals covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act (*Section 97.0555, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election*)
- August 24 Early voting ends for the Primary Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – early voting shall end on the 2nd day before an election*)

- August 25 Last date to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the primary election (*Section 101.20, F.S. – prior to the day of the election*)
- August 26 PRIMARY ELECTION (*Section 100.061, F.S. – on the Tuesday 10 weeks prior to the general election*)
- August 26 11:59 p.m., preliminary election returns must be filed with the Department of State (*s. 102.141, F.S. – by 11:59 p.m. on election night*)
- August 28 5 p.m., deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to supervisors (*Section 101.048, F.S. – not later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election*)
- August 29 Noon, deadline for county canvassing board to file 1st unofficial results of the Primary Election with the Department of State (*Section 102.141, F.S. – no later than noon of the 3rd day after a primary election*)
- August 29 Deadline for Governor to certify names of presidential electors to the Department of State (*Section 103.021, F.S. – on or before September 1*)
- August 31 3 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board to file 2nd unofficial results for the Primary Election, if necessary (*Section 102.141, F.S. – no later than 3 p.m. of the 5th day after a primary election*)
- September 2 5 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board certificates to be filed with the Department of State for the Primary Election (*Section 102.112, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the 7th day following a primary*)
- September 2 County canvassing boards to file a report with the Division of Elections on the conduct of the Primary Election (*Section 102.141, F.S., - at the same time that the results of an election are certified*)

- September 3 County canvassing board to begin manual audit of the voting system for the Primary Election (*Section 101.591, F.S. – immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board*)
- September 3 Supervisors to transmit to the Department of State a list containing the names of all county and district officers nominated or elected, the office for which each was nominated or elected, and the mailing address of each (*Section 102.151, F.S. – immediately after the county canvassing board has canvassed the returns of the election*)
- September 9 11:59 p.m., deadline for results of the manual audit to be made public (*Section 101.591, F.S. – no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board*)
- September 20 Last date for supervisors to mail absentee ballots to overseas voters for the General Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – not less than 45 days before the general election*)
- September 24 Report of manual audit due to Division of Elections (*Section 101.591, F.S. – within 15 days after completion of the audit*)
- September 25 Deadline for provisional ballot information to be made available on free access system for the Primary Election (*Section 101.048, F.S. – no later than 30 days following the election*)
- September 30 Supervisors to file precinct level results of the Primary Election with the Division (*Section 101.573, F.S. – within 35 days after a primary election*)
- October 5 Last date for supervisors to designate early voting sites for the General Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – not later than the 30th day prior to the election*)

- October 5 Last date for supervisors to e-mail to overseas voters the list of candidates for the General Election (*Section 101.6952, F.S. – not later than 30 days before each election*)
- October 6 Voter registration closes for the General Election (*Section 97.055, F.S. – on the 29th day before each election*)
- October 6 Poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for General Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – at least 14 days before early voting begins*)
- October 13 Last date for supervisors to approve poll watchers for early voting sites for the General Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – no later than 7 days before early voting begins*)
- October 15 Last date for supervisors to appoint poll workers for the General Election (*Section 102.012, F.S. – at least 20 days prior to any election*)
- October 20 Early voting begins for the General Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – early voting shall begin on the 15th day before an election*)
- October 21 Noon, poll watcher designations for the General Election due (*Section 101.131, F.S. – prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election*)
- October 28 Last date for supervisors to approve poll watchers for the General Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – on or before the Tuesday before the election*)
- October 28 Last date to mail sample ballots to voters in lieu of publication for the General Election (*Section 101.20, F.S. – at least 7 days prior to any election*)

- October 29 7 a.m., canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the General Election (*Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- October 29 5 p.m., deadline for supervisors to receive requests for absentee ballots to be mailed to voters for the General Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – no later than 5 p.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- October 30 1st day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the General Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – up to 5 days prior to the election*)
- October 31 Last date for supervisors to mail absentee ballots for the General Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – no later than 4 days before the election*)
- October 31 5 p.m., deadline for registration for individuals covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act (*Section 97.0555, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election*)
- October 31 HHS Polling Place Accessibility Grant Funds Financial Reports due to the Division of Elections
- November 2 Early voting ends for the General Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – early voting shall end on the 2nd day before an election*)
- November 3 Last date to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the General Election (*Section 101.20, F.S. – prior to the day of the election*)
- November 4 GENERAL ELECTION (*Section 100.041, F.S. – on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of each even-numbered year*)
- November 4 11:59 p.m., preliminary election returns must be filed with the Department of State (*s. 102.141, F.S. – by 11:59 p.m. on election night*)

- November 6 5 p.m., deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to supervisors (*Section 101.048, F.S. – not later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election*)
- November 8 Noon, deadline for county canvassing board to file 1st unofficial results of General Election with the Department of State (*Section 102.141, F.S. – no later than noon of the 4th day after a general election*)
- November 13 3 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board to file 2nd unofficial results of General Election with the Department of State, if necessary (*Section 102.141, F.S. – no later than 3 p.m. of the 9th day after the election*)
- November 14 Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for General Election (*Rule 1S-2.031, F.A.C. – ballot postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the federal election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the election*)
- November 16 Noon, deadline for county canvassing board certificates to be filed with the Department of State for the General Election (*Section 102.112, F.S. – noon on the 12th day following the election*)
- November 16 County canvassing boards to file a report with the Division of Elections on the conduct of the General Election (*Section 102.141, F.S., - at the same time that the results of an election are certified*)
- November 17 County canvassing board to begin manual audit of the voting system for the General Election (*Section 101.591, F.S. – immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board*)

- November 17 Supervisors to transmit to the Department of State a list containing the names of all county and district officers nominated or elected, the office for which each was nominated or elected, and the mailing address of each (*Section 102.151, F.S. – immediately after the county canvassing board has canvassed the returns of the election*)
- November 23 11:59 p.m., deadline for results of the manual audit to be made public (*Section 101.591, F.S. – no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board*)
- December 1 Supervisors of each county in which signatures are verified at no charge for a petition for a candidate or organization placed on the ballot may submit the total number of such signatures check to the Chief Financial Officer for reimbursement (*Section 99.097, F.S. – no later than December 1 of the general election year*)
- December 4 Deadline for provisional ballot information to be made available on free access system for the General Election (*Section 101.048, F.S. – no later than 30 days following the election*)
- December 8 Report of manual audit due to Division of Elections (*Section 101.591, F.S. – within 15 days after completion of the audit*)
- December 9 Supervisors to file precinct level results of the General Election with the Division (*Section 101.573, F.S. – within 35 days after a general election*)
- December 15 Report on the voter education programs implemented due to the Department of State (*Section 98.255, F.S. – by December 15 of each General Election year*)

- December 15 Report on the total number of overvotes and undervotes in the Presidential and Vice Presidential race due to the Department of State (*Section 101.595, F.S. – no later than December 15 of each general election year*)
- December 31 Voter Education and Poll Worker Recruitment and Training Grant Funds Annual Reports due to Division from supervisors



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

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May 16, 2007

To: Amy Tuck, Director, Division of Elections

From: Lynn C. Hearn, General Counsel *LCH*

Re: Deadlines in Florida Election Code

You have asked me to examine how to handle certain deadlines within the 2008 election cycle which fall on a weekend or holiday. The deadlines which fall on weekends or holidays this cycle include, but are not limited to, the deadline for supervisors to mail absentee ballots to overseas voters (§ 101.62(4)(a), Fla. Stat.), the deadline for designation of early voting sites for the presidential preference primary (§ 101.657, Fla. Stat.), the deadline for poll watcher designations for the presidential preference primary (§ 101.131, Fla. Stat.), the deadline for the Governor to certify names of presidential electors to the Department of State (§ 103.021, Fla. Stat.), and others. None of the statutes governing the deadlines in question instruct what to do if the deadline falls on a weekend day or holiday. As explained below, I recommend that we adhere to the statutory deadlines and do not move the deadlines to the following business day.

There are two provisions in the Florida Election Code ("Code") which specifically direct that a deadline which falls on a weekend or holiday be moved to the next business day:

§ 97.055(2) - if 29th day before election falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, registration books must be closed on next day that is not a Sunday or legal holiday; and

§ 106.07(1) - if 10th day following end of quarter occurs on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, report shall be filed on next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

Additionally, there are four provisions in the Code which specifically exclude Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays from a time computation:

§ 97.053(4) - voter registration applications with no clear postmark received within 5 days after book closing, "excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays," are deemed registered on the book closing date;

§ 99.061 - candidate whose check for qualifying fee is returned has 48 hours from the time of notification, "excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays," to pay fee with cashier's check