

# Florida Senate Bill 90

## FACT SHEET

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In late April, the Florida Legislature passed SB 90, an election administration bill revising certain sections of the Florida Election Code. On May 6, Governor DeSantis signed the bill into law, with immediate effect. The new law addresses, among other things, voter registration, vote-by-mail ballots, and the use of drop boxes for vote-by-mail ballots. A brief explanation of changes that may affect voters is provided here:

### Voter Registration

The new law does not change the process for new voter registration applications. However, applications to update an existing voter registration record will now require additional information, necessary to establish an applicant's identity and eligibility.

Specifically, name and party changes, which must be made using a Florida Voter Registration Application, must now include the voter's Florida Driver License number or Florida ID Card number, and the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number.

Address changes within the state may be submitted to the supervisor of elections by phone or email and must include the voter's date of birth and last four digits of his/her Social Security number or Florida driver license or Florida ID card number, whichever may be verified in the supervisor's records. Address changes may also be submitted on a voter registration application or other written notice.

### Vote-by-Mail (Absentee) Ballots

One request for a vote-by-mail (absentee) ballot will cover all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next scheduled general election. All requests currently on file for vote-by-mail ballots will be good through the end of 2022. Note: The elections office will continue to notify all voters who have standing requests on file when their requests are expiring and need to be renewed.

A designee who is picking up or returning vote-by-mail ballots for another voter, now may lawfully possess only his or her own ballot and those of immediate family members, in addition to two other ballots. Immediate family includes spouse or parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the designee or designee's spouse

A person making a request for a vote-by-mail ballot on behalf of another must disclose the voter's name, address, Florida Driver License number or Florida ID Card number, or the last four digits of the elector's Social Security number, whichever may be verified in the voter's record, as well as his or her own name, address, Florida Driver License or ID Card number or the last four of his or her Social Security number.

A request for a ballot to be mailed to an address other than the voter's address on file must be in writing and signed by the voter and include the voter's Florida driver license number or Florida ID card number or the last four digits of his/her Social Security number.

**Note:** Due to the new law, the online vote-by-mail request service on our website is temporarily unavailable. Until further notice, if you would like to request a vote-by-mail ballot, please call our office at 941.861.8618 or visit any of our offices in Sarasota, Venice, or North Port during business hours (M-F, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

### Return of Vote-by-Mail (Absentee) Ballot

Secure drop boxes will be provided and monitored by election personnel at all three elections offices in Sarasota, Venice and North Port, and all early voting sites during posted hours of operation. The location of drop boxes will be published on our website at least 30 days prior to each election.

For questions, please contact the supervisor of elections at 941.861.8619 or visit [SarasotaVotes.gov](http://SarasotaVotes.gov).