

**July 20, 2016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING AUGUST 30, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION  
FROM DEBBIE WILCOX MORRIS, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

**FLORIDA IS A CLOSED PRIMARY STATE. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?**

Only voters who are registered members of a political party may vote for that party's candidates in a primary election, **UNLESS** the race is a Universal Primary Contest. A Universal Primary Contest occurs when all candidates in the same race have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the General Election. All eligible voters can vote in a Universal Primary Contest.

All eligible voters regardless of party affiliation may vote on Nonpartisan offices (County Judge, School Board Members, Constitutional Amendments and Referendums).

**The deadline to register to vote or for a registered voter to change their political party affiliation for the August 30, 2016 Primary Election is AUGUST 1, 2016.**

**VOTE-BY-MAIL**

The deadline to request a Vote-By-Mail Ballot to be mailed for the August 30, 2016 Primary Election is Wednesday, August 24, 2016 (F.S. 101.62). You may request a Vote-By-Mail Ballot by phone at 547-1107; by email via [www.holmeselections.com](http://www.holmeselections.com); by mail or in person at 201 N. Oklahoma St., Ste. 102, Bonifay, FL 32425. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your signature on file in the Supervisor of Elections Office is up-to-date. Florida Statute 101.68 requires that the signature on the Vote-By-Mail Ballot Voter Certificate match the voter signature on file in the Supervisor of Elections office.

The deadline for voted absentee ballots to be returned to the Supervisor of Elections office is Tuesday, August 30, 2016 by 7:00 P.M.

**EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES FOR  
AUGUST 30, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION**

Early Voting Dates and Times for the 2016 Primary Election are as follows:

Monday, August 15, 2016 through Saturday 20, 2016 - 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, August 21, 2016 – 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

Monday, August 22, 2016, through Saturday, August 27, 2016 - 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

Early voters will have reserved parking in the rear of the courthouse. The back door to the Supervisor of Elections office will be open during Early Voting hours. If you choose to come through the main (front) entrance of the courthouse, you will be required to exit through the back door of the courthouse. There will be no entry or re-entry available to the main part of the

courthouse from the Supervisor of Elections office which is located in the basement of the courthouse.

If you do not vote early or vote by mail, you must vote at your home precinct on Election Day (F.S. 101.62(4)(c)5) unless you are precluded from doing so by an emergency. If you have an emergency that precludes you from voting at your precinct on Election Day, you will be required to complete an affidavit stating your emergency. If you are unsure of your precinct location, you can reference your voter information card, visit [www.holmeselections.com](http://www.holmeselections.com) or call the Elections Office at 547-1107.

### **PUBLIC TEST OF VOTE TABULATING EQUIPMENT**

The Holmes County Canvassing Board will convene at the office of the Supervisor of Elections, 201 N. Oklahoma St., Ste.102, Bonifay, Florida, at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, August 5, 2016. The Canvassing Board is convening for the testing of the ballot tabulating equipment to be used for the August 30, 2016 Primary Election. The Canvassing Board may also discuss other matters relating to the August 30, 2016 Primary Election and November 8, 2016 General Election. This meeting is open to the public.

### **CANVASS OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS**

The Holmes County Canvassing Board will convene in the Supervisor of Elections Office located in the basement of the Holmes County Courthouse, 201 N. Oklahoma St, Bonifay, FL, to Canvass Vote-By-Mail Ballots on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.; Monday, August 22, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.; Monday, August 29, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. and Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. and throughout the day as necessary.

Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelopes for the August 30, 2016 Primary Election will be available for public inspection one hour prior to each Canvassing Board Meeting. In order to view Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelopes on Tuesday August 30, 2016 after 1:00 P.M. you must be present throughout the day.

The Holmes County Canvassing Board will convene on Friday, September 2, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. to Canvass Provisional Ballots, if necessary and certify the first unofficial results for the August 30, 2016 Primary Election. The Canvassing Board will reconvene on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. to certify the August 30, 2016 Primary Election.

The Canvassing Board will convene on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. to conduct the audit of the voting system used in the August 30, 2016 Primary Election.

It may become necessary for the Canvassing Board to reconvene at times or places other than those specified above. If so, the location, date and time will be announced at the conclusion of the pertinent meeting and posted in four conspicuous places in Holmes County.

All meetings of the Holmes County Canvassing Board are open to the public and will be conducted at the Supervisor of Elections Office, located in the basement of the Holmes County Courthouse at 201 N. Oklahoma St., Ste. 102, Bonifay, FL

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