



REMEMBER...

**Your OPINION is IMPORTANT
BUT it is your VOTE that COUNTS!**

YOU MAY VOTE IF...

- 1. You are a US Citizen**
- 2. You are 18 or older**
- 3. You are registered to vote**

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500
(202) 456-1111 or (202) 456-1414
www.whitehouse.gov
(4 Year Term)

PRESIDENT
Donald J. Trump (R) 2020

VICE PRESIDENT
Michael R. Pence (R) 2020

U.S. SENATOR (6 Year Term)
Bill Nelson (D) 2018
United States Senate
716 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-5274
Toll Free in Florida: 1-888-671-4091
www.billnelson.senate.gov

Marco Rubio (R) 2022
United States Senate
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-3041
Toll Free in Florida: 1-866-630-7106
www.rubio.senate.gov

U.S. HOUSE 17TH DISTRICT (2 Year Term)
Tom Rooney (R) 2018
2160 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-5792 DC or (863) 402-9082
www.rooney.house.gov

STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor/Lieutenant Governor and Cabinet
The Capitol, 400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001
www.flgov.com
(4 Year Term - 2018)

GOVERNOR
Rick Scott (R) (850) 488-7146

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R) (850) 488-7146

ATTORNEY GENERAL
Pam Bondi (R) (866) 966-7226

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
Adam H. Putnam (R) (800) 435-7352

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
Pam Stewart (R) (850) 245-0505

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Jeff Atwater (R) (877) 693-5236

STATE LEGISLATORS

SENATE DISTRICT 26 (4 Year Term)

Denise Grimsley (R) 2020
295 E Interlake Blvd
Lake Placid, FL 33852
(863) 465-2626 or 850-487-5026 TLH
www.flsenate.gov

HOUSE OF REPS DISTRICT 55 (2 Year Term)

Cary Pigman (R) 2018
55 S Parrott Ave
Okeechobee, FL 34974
(863) 462-5019 or (850) 717-5055 TLH
www.myfloridahouse.gov

LOCAL POLITICAL PARTY

OKEECHOBEE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Weston Harvey 863-634-2848

OKEECHOBEE REPUBLICAN PARTY
Jim Craig 574-249-9495

OKEECHOBEE CITY GOVERNMENT

(Nonpartisan / City Residents Only)
(4 Year Term)

55 SE 3rd Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974
863-763-3372
www.cityofokeechobee.com

CITY COUNCIL

<i>Noel Chandler</i>	2018
<i>Monica Clark</i>	2020
<i>Mike O`Conner</i>	2020
<i>Gary Ritter</i>	2018
<i>Dowling R. Watford, Jr.</i>	2018

CITY CLERK *Lane Gamiotea* 2018

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS
(4 Year Term)
(Terms Expire 2020)

SHERIFF *Noel Stephen* (R)
(863) 763-3117
www.okeesherriff.org

CLERK OF THE COURT *Sharon Robertson* (D)
(863) 763-2131
www.clerk.co.okeechobee.fl.us

PROPERTY APPRAISER *Mickey Bandi* (R)
(863) 763-4422
www.okeechobeeepa.com

TAX COLLECTOR *Celeste Watford* (D)
(863) 763-3084
www.okeechobeeountytaxcollector.com

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS *Diane Hagan* (D)
(863) 763-4014
www.voteokeechobee.com

COUNTY JUDGE
(6 Year Term)

Jerald (Jerry) Bryant 2018
(863) 763-3193

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(Elected at Large)

(4 Year Term)

304 NW 2nd Street, Room 123
Okeechobee, FL 34972
863-763-6441
www.co.okeechobee.fl.us

Dist. 1	<i>David Hazellief</i> (R)	2020
Dist. 2	<i>Bryant Culpepper</i> (R)	2018
Dist. 3	<i>Brad Goodbread</i> (R)	2020
Dist. 4	<i>Terry Burroughs</i> (R)	2018
Dist. 5	<i>Kelly Owens</i> (R)	2020

SCHOOL BOARD

(Nonpartisan / Elected at Large)

(4 Year Term)

700 SW 2nd Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974
863-462-5000
www.okee.k12.fl.us

Dist. 1	<i>Joe Arnold</i>	2018
Dist. 2	<i>Malissa Morgan</i>	2020
Dist. 3	<i>Dixie Ball</i>	2018
Dist. 4	<i>Amanda Fuchswanz</i>	2020
Dist. 5	<i>Jill Clericuzio Holcomb</i>	2018

JUDICIAL OFFICES

19TH CIRCUIT STATE ATTORNEY (4 Year Term)

Bruce H. Colton (R) 2020

312 NW 3rd Street, Suite 260
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-5557

19TH CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER (4 Year Term)

Diamond R. Litty (R) 2020

312 NW 3rd Street, Suite 220
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-7977

19TH CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

(6 Year Term)

	<i>Sherwood Bauer, Jr.</i> (#3)	2018
	<i>Robert E. Belanger</i> (#12)	2018
	<i>Barbara W. Bronis</i> (#17)	2020
	<i>Laurie Buchanan</i> (#10)	2020

19TH CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

(6 Year Term)

	<i>Cynthia L. Cox</i> (#13)	2020
	<i>Janet C. Croom</i> (#8)	2022
	<i>Victoria L. Griffin</i> (#11)	2020
	<i>Michael C. Heisey</i> (#4)	2020
	<i>Paul B. Kanarek</i> (#5)	2018
	<i>Steven J. Levin</i> (#7)	2020
	<i>James W. McCann</i> (#1)	2022
	<i>Michael J. McNicholas</i> (#6)	2022
	<i>Elizabeth A. Metzger</i> (#18)	2020
	<i>Lawrence M. Mirman</i> (#16)	2020
	<i>Robert L. Pegg</i> (#19)	2018
	<i>William L. Roby</i> (#14)	2020
	<i>Charles Schwab</i> (#9)	2022
	<i>Gary L. Sweet</i> (#2)	2022
	<i>Dan L. Vaughn</i> (#15)	2020

4TH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS

(6 Year Term)

	<i>Cory J. Ciklin</i>	2022
	<i>Burton C. Conner</i>	2018
	<i>Dorian K. Damoorgian</i>	2022
	<i>Alan O. Forst</i>	2020
	<i>Jonathan D. Gerber</i>	2022
	<i>Robert M. Gross</i>	2022
	<i>Mark W. Klingensmith</i>	2020
	<i>Jeffrey T. Kuntz</i>	2018
	<i>Spencer D. Levine</i>	2022
	<i>Melanie G. May</i>	2022
	<i>Carole Y. Taylor</i>	2018
	<i>Martha C. Warner</i>	2020

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

(6 Year Term)

	<i>Charles T. Canady</i>	2022
	<i>Jorge Labarga</i>	2022
	<i>C. Alan Lawson</i>	2018
	<i>R. Fred Lewis</i>	2018
	<i>Barbara J. Pariente</i>	2018
	<i>Ricky Polston</i>	2022
	<i>Peggy A. Quince</i>	2018

This brochure reflects information available
as of February 2017.

Registration Information

How to Register You may pick up an application from one of the following locations:

Supervisor of Elections office	WIC
Driver's License Office	HRS
Senior Services Center	Public Library
Hunting/Fishing License Locations	

or you may call the elections office and a form will be mailed to you. You may also visit our website at www.VoteOkeechobee.com where you will find an easy to complete online registration form.

Once you have completed your voter registration application, mail or deliver it to the elections office. A voter information card will be mailed to you.

Requirements to Register You may register to vote if you are:

- a U.S. Citizen
- a resident of the State of Florida (your county of residence)
- 18 years of age (you may pre-register at 16)
- in possession of civil rights pertaining to voting

You must **register at least 29 days prior to voting in any Election.**

Closed Primary Florida is a closed primary state, in a primary election voters may only vote for candidates in their party of registration. By not selecting a party when you register, your vote is limited in the primary election to nonpartisan races and issues. In the general election, you may vote for any candidate, regardless of party affiliation.

Party Affiliation You may choose to register in a political party (major or minor) or register with no party affiliation. You may change your party affiliation, however the completed application must be submitted at least 29 days prior to a primary election.

EXCEPTION: UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CONTEST If all candidates have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, then **ALL** qualified voters may vote on that "Universal Primary Contest" in the primary election.

Voter Responsibility It is very important that each voter keep his or her information current with the elections office.

For more information contact the Elections Office.

DIANE HAGAN
Supervisor of Elections
304 NW 2nd Street, Room 144
Okeechobee, FL 34972
863-763-4014

www.voteokeechobee.com

Voting Information

Election Day Voting Voting in a precinct in which you do not live is illegal. You must vote only at the precinct in which you reside. You are encouraged to report any changes in your registration (i.e., address, name, party affiliation) to the Elections Office. A current and valid picture / signature ID is required.

Vote by Mail (Absentee) Any registered voter may apply by mail, phone, e-mail, or in person to the Elections Office for an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots will not be forwarded, so please keep your address updated. An absentee ballot must be received by your Elections Office no later than 7 p.m. Election Day.

Early Voting The law permits voters to vote in person prior to election day. Early Voting begins up to 15 days before election day and ends the Saturday before election day. A current and valid picture / signature ID is required.

To Remain a Voter Registration is permanent as long as you remain a qualified voter and a resident of Florida, please **keep** your **address current** with the Supervisor of Elections. You may **change your address**, by phone, in person or in writing. Also, if you **change you party** OR **change your name** by marriage or other legal process, the Supervisor of Elections must be notified in writing.

Identification Requirements In order to vote you must present a current and valid picture / signature identification. It can be one form, such as a Florida driver license or Florida issued ID, or two separate forms of identification. If you do not have proper ID you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

2018 Election Schedule

Primary Election

Registration Closes: July 30, 2018

Early Vote: TBA

Primary Election: August 28, 2018

General Election

Registration Closes: October 8, 2018

Early Vote: TBA

General Election: November 6, 2018

(2018 Election Schedule Dates Subject to Change)