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**GENERAL ELECTION**  
**November 5, 2024**

# THREE CHOICES FOR VOTING



## 1 BY MAIL

### Want to Vote By Mail?

For your convenience, any registered voter may vote by mail. To request a Vote by Mail ballot, you must provide the information we have on file for you such as your FL ID#, FL DL# or the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. One request can cover you through the upcoming General Election.

Call the Elections Office at (850) 229-6117.

**Requests for vote by mail ballots must be made 12 days prior to Election Day for ballot to be mailed. All vote by mail ballots must be in the Supervisor's Office by 7 p.m. (ET) on Election Day, in order to count.**

#### Signature Update

Any time there is a change in your signature or identifying "mark", you must complete a new registration application & submit it to the Elections Office. If your signature on your voter record and the signature on your vote by mail ballot do not match, your vote by mail ballot will not count.

### How To MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

Our tabulation system uses an optical scanner to read your ballot.

You must completely fill in the oval for your vote to count.

**CORRECT**



**INCORRECT**



Please do **not** use a check mark; do **not** mark the oval with an X; and do **not** circle the oval.

## 2 EARLY VOTING

### Early Voting Dates:

**BEGINS: October 26, 2024**

**ENDS: November 2, 2024**

**8:00 am - 6:00 pm (ET)**

*Secure Ballot Intake Stations available at each location during early voting.*

#### LOCATIONS:

Gulf County Supervisor of Elections Office  
 401 Long Avenue  
 Port St. Joe, FL

Charles Whitehead Public Library  
 314 North Second Street  
 Wewahitchka, FL

**Florida Law requires the voter to present both picture AND signature identification.**

*For additional information contact the Supervisor of Elections Office or check our website at:*

**WWW.VOTEGULF.GOV**

### The GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

**IS OPEN TO ALL VOTERS REGISTERED BY OCTOBER 7, 2024**

**PLEASE BE SURE YOUR RESIDENCE ADDRESS IS UP TO DATE TO SAVE YOU TIME ON ELECTION DAY! CONTACT YOUR ELECTIONS OFFICE IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS.**

## 3 ELECTION DAY

### November 5, 2024

#### POLLS OPEN

**7:00 am - 7:00 pm (ET)**

*Secure Ballot Intake Stations not available on Election Day.*

- Polling locations are listed on your voter information card, or check the precinct finder on our website.
- If voting at the polls, you must vote in the precinct of your legal residence.
- Confirm your address listed above. If different, call (850) 229-6117 before going to vote.
- **VERY IMPORTANT!** All polling locations provide disability compliant voting equipment.

**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ, MARK AND BRING THIS SAMPLE BALLOT WITH YOU ON ELECTION DAY TO ASSIST YOU WHILE VOTING YOUR BALLOT.**

This is a "SAMPLE" Ballot for informational purposes only. Please study this sample ballot and use it as a guide for voting. This is not an "Official" ballot – **DO NOT** return this to the Elections Office.

This sample ballot was prepared in accordance with Section 101.20, Florida Statutes, and furnished by the Gulf County Supervisor of Elections.

**MAKE FREEDOM COUNT  
 VOTE!**

# OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

## GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA • NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Instructions: to vote, fill in the oval (●) completely next to your choice. Use only the marking device provided or a black or blue pen. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.

To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval (●) and print the name clearly on the blank line provided for the write-in candidate.

<p><b>PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump JD Vance REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kamala D. Harris Tim Walz DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chase Oliver Mike ter Maat LPF</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Claudia De la Cruz Karina Garcia PSL</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Randall Terry Stephen Broden CPF</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Peter Sonski Lauren Onak ASP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jill Stein Rudolph Ware GRE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>Shall Judge Bradford L. Thomas of the First District Court of Appeals be retained in office?</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <hr/> <p>Shall M. Kemmerly Thomas of the First District Court of Appeals be retained in office?</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p><b>NO. 4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT</b> <b>ARTICLE I, NEW SECTION</b></p> <p><b>Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion</b> No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.</p> <p><b>Financial and State Budget Impact Statements</b> The proposed amendment would result in significantly more abortions and fewer live births per year in Florida. The increase in abortions could be even greater if the amendment invalidates laws requiring parental consent before minors undergo abortions and those ensuring only licensed physicians perform abortions. There is also uncertainty about whether the amendment will require the state to subsidize abortions with public funds. Litigations to resolve those and other uncertainties will result in additional costs to the state government and state courts that will negatively impact the state budget. An increase in abortions may negatively affect the growth of state and local revenues over time. Because the fiscal impact of increased abortions on state and local revenues and costs cannot be estimated with precision, the total impact of the proposed amendment is indeterminate.</p> <p><b>THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS AMENDMENT CANNOT BE DETERMINED DUE TO AMBIGUITIES AND UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING THE AMENDMENT'S IMPACT.</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
<p><b>UNITED STATES SENATOR</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Rick Scott REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Debbie Mucarsel-Powell DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Feena Bonoan LPF</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tuan TQ Nguyen NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ben Everidge NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p><b>NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT</b> <b>ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4 AND ARTICLE XII</b></p> <p><b>Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards</b> Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election and to specify that the amendment only applies to elections held on or after the November 2026 general election. However, partisan primary elections may occur before the 2026 general election for purposes of nomination political party candidates to that office for placement on the 2026 general election ballot.</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p><b>NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT</b> <b>ARTICLE I, SECTION 28</b></p> <p><b>Right to Fish and Hunt</b> Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
<p><b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b> <b>DISTRICT 2</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Neal Dunn REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yen Bailey DEM</p>	<p><b>NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT</b> <b>ARTICLE X, SECTION 29</b></p> <p><b>Adult Person Use of Marijuana</b> Allowing adults 21 years or older to possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise; allows Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and other state licensed entities, to acquire, cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, and distribute such products and accessories. Applies to Florida law; does not change or immunize violations of federal law. Establishes possession limits for personal use. Allows consistent legislation. Defines terms. Provides effective date.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>	<p><b>NO. 5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT</b> <b>ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 AND ARTICLE XII</b></p> <p><b>Annual Adjustments to the Value of Certain Homestead Exemptions</b> Proposing an amendment to the State adjustment for inflation to the value of current or future homestead exemptions that apply solely to levies other than school district levies and for which every person who has legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another person legally or naturally dependent upon the owner is eligible. This amendment takes effect January 1, 2025.</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p><b>STATE SENATOR</b> <b>DISTRICT 3</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Corey Simon REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Daryl Parks DEM</p>	<p><b>Financial and State Budget Impact Statements</b> The amendment's financial impact primarily comes from expected sales tax collections. If legal today, sales of non-medical marijuana would be subject to sales tax and would remain so if voters approve this amendment. Based on other states' experiences, expected retail sales of non-medical marijuana would generate at least \$195.6 million annually in state and local sales tax revenues once the retail market is fully operational, although the timing of this occurring is unclear. Under current law, the existing statutory framework for medical marijuana is repealed six months after the effective date of this amendment which affects how this amendment will be implemented. A new regulatory structure for both medical and non-medical use of marijuana will be needed. Its design cannot be fully known until the legislature acts; however, regulatory costs will probably be offset by regulatory fees. Other potential costs and savings cannot be predicted.</p> <p><b>THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE A NET POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE STATE BUDGET. THIS IMPACT MAY RESULT IN GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OR AN INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES.</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>	<p><b>NO. 6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT</b> <b>ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7</b></p> <p><b>Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement</b> Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution which requires public financing for campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p><b>STATE REPRESENTATIVE</b> <b>DISTRICT 7</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Jason Shoaf REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kenny Beasley DEM</p>	<p><b>JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT</b></p> <p>Shall Judge Renatha Francis of the Supreme Court be retained in office?</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <hr/> <p>Shall Judge Meredith Sasso of the Supreme Court be retained in office?</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p><b>GULF COUNTY SHALL CONTINUE THE IMPOSITION OF A 1% TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX ON LEASES OR RENTALS OF SHORT TERM ACCOMADATIONS</b></p> <p>To continue the imposition of 1% per dollar tax upon visitors to Gulf County that rent and/or lease short term until such time the tax is repealed by referendum to continue the support and funding for the promotion and advertisement of tourism for Gulf County parks and recreation for the benefit of Gulf County, Florida and its visitor; and the continued support and funding for activities, services, venues and events event that maintain the purpose of attraction of Gulf County, Florida?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
<p><b>TAX COLLECTOR</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Ashley Lister Forehand REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Candye Lewis DEM</p>	<p><b>FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL</b></p> <p>Shall Judge Stephanie Ray of the First District Court of Appeals be retained in office?</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p><b>CONTINUES FUNDING FOR TEACHERS, WORKFORCE TRAINING, STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH RENEWAL OF AD VALOREM MILLAGE REFERENDUM</b></p> <p>Shall the Gulf County School District continue the 1 mill per year ad valorem millage to retain and recruit quality teachers; provide workforce training; improve school safety and security; preserve the arts; upgrade technology and classroom resources; fund other education programs and school operational needs; beginning July 1, 2025 and ending, June 30, 2029.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>

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