

Broward County Supervisor of Elections

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VOICE OF THE ELECTIONS

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**Message from Dr. Brenda C. Snipes**

Dear Voter:

The election season is getting under way with the opening event scheduled for March 11, 2014. This is the time when voters in five municipalities will go to the polls to elect their city officials. Voters in Lauderdale Lakes will cast ballots to restructure the city commission by reducing the number of members on the board. Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Sea Ranch Lakes, West Park, Hillsboro Beach and Lighthouse Point will all elect members to serve as their municipal leaders.

This election is the first since the passage of new election laws which are described in detail within this publication. The absentee ballot process now has new features. As an example, there is now a procedure in place for a person to submit a missing signature if they forgot to sign the absentee ballot certificate. It is now a crime for those who receive pay or any form of compensation to collect more than two absentee ballots during an election cycle. Voters who choose to vote in the supervisor's office on election day must sign an affidavit verifying that they have an emergency which prevents them from going to their assigned polling place. More details for each of these new components of the law are included in this publication.

By now, every Broward County registered voter should have received a new voter information card. There may be changes such as a new precinct number, new polling location, or precinct boundary shifts. Please review your card carefully. It will contain notations of any change that may affect you.

Election day workers (pollworkers) and Voting System Technicians (VSTs) should be receiving their renewal cards within the next few weeks. Individuals who wish to become election day workers can go to our website for more details or contact the pollworker office at 954-459-9911.

As usual, our website ([www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org)) is filled with information to assist you in preparing for the 2014 election cycle. You will note that we are now on Facebook, all in an effort to keep you informed as the election season ramps up.

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**E. Pat Larkins**  
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Pompano Beach, FL 33060

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**Phone: 954-357-7050**  
[www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org)

**E-mail:**  
[thevote@browardsoe.org](mailto:thevote@browardsoe.org)

# THE NEW ELECTION LAW

The Governor Rick Scott signed the House Bill (HB) 7013 on May 21, 2013. The effective date of the new law is January 1, 2014. Here are some of the highlights of the bill:

- New field on the voter application form to elicit the voter's email address and whether the applicant wishes to receive sample ballots by email.
- Moves Primary Election date from twelve (12) weeks to ten (10) weeks before the General Election. Primary Election is scheduled for August 26, 2014.
- New procedure to set the date for the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP).
- Electors who move to another county will be allowed to cast a regular ballot if the new county uses electronic database (poll book) in the polling place.
- The first ballot summary for Joint Resolution is limited to 75 words.
- Allows late registration for military—an individual or accompanying family member who has returned from military deployment or activation has until 5:00 p.m. on Friday before the election to register in the SOE's office.
- No solicitation of electors within 100 feet of a SOE office where absentee ballots are requested or printed; solicitation areas may not be designated outside 100 feet.
- Early voting
  - ◊ Sites expanded to include fairground, civic center, courthouse, county commission building, stadium, convention center, government owned senior center or government owned community center. The Supervisor of Elections is allowed to designate one additional site per election in an area of the county that does not have an eligible early voting location.
  - ◊ Increases possible days—Early voting as a minimum of eight (8) days with discretion and up to fourteen (14) days.
  - ◊ Minimum eight (8) hours and maximum twelve (12) hours per day.
- Absentee Ballots
  - ◊ First degree misdemeanor for any person who provides or offers to provide, and any person who accepts a monetary or other benefit in exchange for physically possessing more than 2 absentee ballots per election in addition to his or her own ballot or a ballot belonging to an immediate family member.
  - ◊ Requires absentee ballots to be mailed to addresses on file; a written request signed by the voter is required if ballot is mailed to an address other than the one on file.
  - ◊ Limits election day delivery of absentee ballot to a voter or a voter's immediate family member unless the voter executes affidavit as to an emergency that precludes the voter from going to the voter's assigned polling place.
  - ◊ SOE is required to provide voter with a specific reason for the ballot's rejection.
  - ◊ The voter is allowed to cure the missing signature if he or she completes an absentee ballot affidavit and provides an ID by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. ID and affidavit delivery methods: mail, personal delivery, delivery by someone other than voter, fax or email.
  - ◊ An absentee ballot from an overseas elector will be counted in the Presidential Preference Primary or General election if received by the SOE up to 10 days after election day and post marked prior to election.



# REPRECINCTING IN BROWARD COUNTY

## Phase 1—Census (2010)

It all begins with the Census which is mandated by the U.S. Constitution every ten years. One purpose of the census is to establish the allocation of seats among units, such as the allocation of congressional seats among the states or legislative seats among counties (reapportionment).



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## Phase 2—Redistricting (2012)

It is the process of adjusting electoral district boundaries, usually in response to the census results. District boundaries determine which voters can take part in electing representatives.

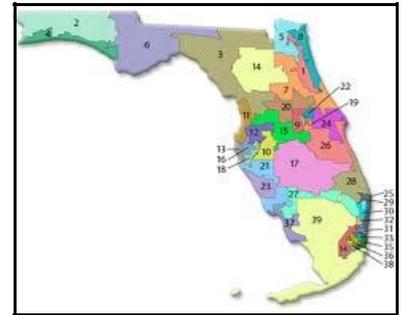
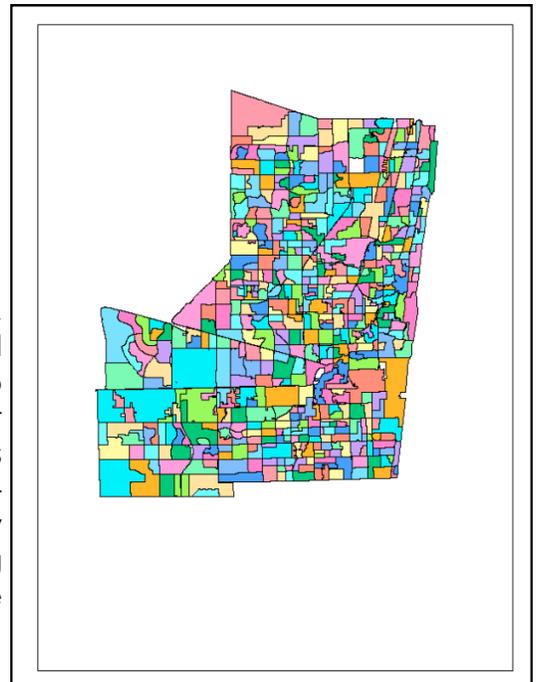


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## Phase 3—Reprecincting (2013)

As a result of the reprecincting which follows the census and redistricting processes, 215 precincts have been consolidated reducing the number of precincts to 577. Precincts range in size from 217 to 6,660 voters. All Broward voters should have received a new voter information card in the mail shortly after the New Year.

Since Florida re-draws districts for Congress, State Senate, State House, County Commission and School Board every ten years, it is an opportunity for the Supervisor to review the makeup and the size of each precinct. Last year, when all the other districts were redistricted voters may have experienced a change in the number of a district. This may also occur for reprecincting. A voter may experience a new precinct number and/or a polling place change. Some voters will notice no change to the precinct number or polling place.



**Precinct Finder**

1. Enter complete *Street Number* of your home address.
2. Enter complete or partial *Street Name* of your home address.
3. Click the *Locate Precinct* button.

A list of address that match the search criteria entered is displayed.

1. Select the radio button next to your home address.
2. Click the *Continue* button.

Address Number*	Direction	Street Name*	Street Type	Post Direction
<input type="text"/>				

\*Required

## CHECK-OUT OUR WEBSITE

The Supervisor of Elections would like to remind voters of the "Precinct Finder" tool that is available on our website. Voters are welcomed to use the Precinct Finder to locate their precinct information, find out about their district, current elections, past elections, sample ballot (federal elections only) and polling place. This tool is located on the main page (top tool bar).

## HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE



**TELEVISED TRAINING !**  
February 26, 2014

**MARCH 17—MARCH 21, 2014**

Dr. Brenda C. Snipes, Broward County Supervisor of Elections is pleased to announce the 2014 High School Voter Registration Drive week. In partnership with the Broward County School Board, the Supervisor of Elections encourages all eligible high school students to register/pre-register to vote.

The office of the Supervisor of Elections has teamed up with BECON TV, who will be hosting our countywide HSVR Video Conference Training. Students and teachers will not have to leave their schools to attend this live video training.

This drive is open to all public, private and charter high schools.

# 2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**MARCH 11, 2014**

**ATTENTION VOTERS!**

*The polls are open from  
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day*

**Cities Voting in the 2014 Municipal Election:**

Lauderdale Lakes (city wide referendum),  
Hillsboro Beach, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea,  
Lighthouse Point, Sea Ranch Lakes and West Park

**Ph. 954-357-7050**

[www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org)



## Follow us...

Continue being informed about election law updates, registration drives, press releases, etc. through FACEBOOK.

## How to Become an Election Day Workers !

Registered voters are welcome to assist on election day by working any of the available positions:

- \* Pollworker
- \* Voting System Technician
- \* EVID Operator
- \* Early Voting Pollworker
- \* Call Center Operator

For more information, contact our office at 954-459-9911



## Please Review Your Voter Info Card Carefully!

**ATTN VOTER: YOUR VOTER INFORMATION CARD MAY HAVE CHANGED**

Precinct Number and/or Polling Location

A001

**PLEASE NOTICE AREAS THAT MAY HAVE CHANGED AND DESTROY ANY OLD CARDS**

YOUR PRECINCT NUMBER <i>EL NUMERO DE SU RECINTO ELECTORAL</i> ▶ A001		
YOUR POLLING LOCATION <i>Su Centro De Votación</i>		
Voting Location 123 Any Street, Anytown FL 3301		
YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR A REPRESENTATIVE IN EACH DISTRICT LISTED <i>USTED TIENE EL DERECHO DE VOTAR POR UN REPRESENTANTE DE CADA DISTRITO EN NUMERADO</i>		
US CONGRESS <i>Congreso de los EUA</i>	STATE SENATE <i>Senado Estatal</i>	STATE HOUSE <i>Cámara Estatal</i>
20	31	94
COUNTY COMMISSION <i>Comisión del Condado</i>	SCHOOL BOARD <i>Junta Escolar</i>	MUNICIPALITY <i>Municipio</i>
9	5	Anytown
REGISTRATION NO. 121212121	<i>NO. DE INSCRIPCIÓN</i>	

VOTER INFORMATION CARD, BROWARD COUNTY, FL <i>TARJETA DE INFORMACIÓN DEL ELECTOR, CONDADO DE BROWARD, FL</i>		
REGISTRATION NUMBER <i>Número de Inscripción</i>	REGISTRATION DATE <i>Fecha de Inscripción</i>	PRECINCT <i>Recinto Electoral</i>
12121212	Jan/01/2001	A001
Sample A. Sample Voting Location 123 Any House US FL 12345		
		Date issued: Jan/01/2014
<i>Brenda C. Snipes</i> Dr. Brenda C. Snipes, Supervisor of Elections		

**SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS MAY HAVE CHANGED**

**Make sure you have the most recent card by checking the date issued**

For additional info visit [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org)

### REGISTERED VOTERS

*As of January 14, 2014*

Democrat: 561,329

Republican: 241,705

Other: 282,848

**Total: 1,085,882**