Presidential Preference Primary Election January 29, 2008 - Sample Ballot



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PHOTO & SIGNATURE I.D.

Florida Law requires election workers to ask for photo and signature identification prior to voting. If you do not have proper identification, you will be allowed to vote a Provisional Ballot.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS - DEADLINE

Voted Absentee Ballots must be received at the Department of Elections office in DeLand by 7 p.m. Election Day in order to be counted. They cannot be dropped off at your polling place.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENT

(Vote for One)

- Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
- Hillary Clinton
- Christopher J. Dodd
- John Edwards
- Mike Gravel
- O Dennis J. Kucinich
- Barack Obama
- O William "Bill" Richardson III

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESIDENT

(Vote for One)

- Rudy Giuliani
- Mike Huckabee
- O Duncan Hunter
- Alan Keyes
- John McCain
- Ron PaulMitt Romney
- Tom Tancredo
- Fred Thompson

To vote, completely fill in

the oval next to your choice.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 3, 4, AND 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 27

(LEGISLATIVE)

Property Tax Exemptions; Limitations On Property Tax Assessments

This revision proposes changes to the State Constitution relating to property taxation. With respect to homestead property, this revision: (1) increases the homestead exemption except for school district taxes and (2) allows homestead property owners to transfer up to \$500,000 of their Save-Our-Homes benefits to their next homestead. With respect to nonhomestead property, this revision (3) provides a \$25,000 exemption for tangible personal property and (4) limits assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property except for school district taxes.

In more detail, this revision:

- (1) Increases the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed value between \$50,000 and \$75,000. This exemption does of apply to school district taxes.
- (2) Provides for the transfer of accumulated Save-Our-Homes benefits. Homestead property owners will be able to transfer their Save-Our-Homes benefit to a new homestead within 1 year and not more than 2 years after relinquishing their previous homestead; except, if this revision is approved by the electors in January of 2008 and if the new homestead is established on January 1, 2008, the previous homestead must have been relinquished in 2007. If the new homestead has a higher just value than the previous one, the accumulated benefit can be transferred; if the new homestead has a lower just value, the amount of benefit transferred will be reduced. The transferred benefit may not exceed \$500,000. This provision applies to all taxes.
- (3) Authorizes an exemption from property taxes of \$25,000 of assessed value of tangible personal property. This provision applies to all taxes.
- (4) Limits the assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property to 10 percent each year. Property will be assessed at just value following an improvement, as defined by general law, and may be assessed at just value following a change of ownership or control if provided by general law. This limitation does not apply to school district taxes. This limitation is repealed effective January 1, 2019, unless renewed by a vote of the electors in the general election held in 2018.

Further, this revision:

- a. Repeals obsolete language on the homestead exemption when it was less than \$25,000 and did not apply uniformly to property taxes levied by all local governments.
- b. Provides for homestead exemptions to be repealed if a future constitutional amendment provides for assessment of homesteads "at less than just value" rather than as currently provided "at a specified percentage" of just value.
- c. Schedules the changes to take effect upon approval by the electors and operate retroactively to January 1, 2008, if approved in a special election held on January 29, 2008, or to take effect January 1, 2009, if approved in the general election held in November of 2008. The limitation on annual assessment increases for specified real property shall first apply to the 2009 tax roll if this revision is approved in a special election held on January 29, 2008, or shall first apply to the 2010 tax roll if this revision is approved in the general election held in November of 2008.
- O YES
- O NO

CITY OF DELAND REFERENDUM ELECTION QUESTION ONE

Amendment to DeLand's Charter abolishing Board of Adjustment and transferring variance requests to Planning Board

Shall DeLand's Charter be amended to create economic efficiencies by abolishing the Board of Adjustment and providing that the Planning Board shall have the power and responsibility to hear and grant or deny requests for variances from the zoning ordinances of the City of DeLand?

- O YES
- O NO

QUESTION TWO

Amendment to DeLand's Charter to provide for internet based competitive bidding for the purchase of good, supplies, and materials

Shall DeLand's Charter be amended to create economic efficiencies by expressly permitting the use of internet based bidding for the letting of city contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies or other materials?

- O YES
- O NO
- * Only eligible voters residing within the city limits of the City of DeLand can vote on these races.



2008 UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Primary Election

August 26, 2008

Book closing deadline: July 28, 2008

General Election

November 4, 2008

Book closing deadline: October 6, 2008

EARLY VOTING

Beginning January 14, Volusia County registered voters may cast their ballot early for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.

Early Voting Sites will be open through January 26; Monday - Saturday; 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

DELAND AREA: Supervisor of Elections Office, 125 W. New York Avenue, 1st Floor

Deltona Area: Deltona Regional Library, 2150 Eustace Avenue

DAYTONA BEACH AREA: Daytona Beach Regional Library (City Island), 105 E. Magnolia Avenue

New Smyrna Beach Area: New Smyrna Beach Regional Library, 1001 S. Dixie Freeway

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