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## **GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE GS3 FOR ELECTION RECORDS**



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# GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

## FOREWORD

The **general records schedules** established by the Department of State are intended for use by state, county, city and special district public records custodians. If you are unsure of your organization's status as a "public agency," consult your legal counsel and/or the Florida Attorney General's Office for a legal opinion. The Department of State publishes the following general records schedules:

<b>GS1-SL</b>	<b>State and Local Government Agencies</b>
<b>GS2</b>	<b>Law Enforcement, Correctional Facilities and District Medical Examiners</b>
<b>GS3</b>	<b>Election Records</b>
<b>GS4</b>	<b>Public Hospitals, Health Care Facilities and Medical Providers</b>
<b>GS5</b>	<b>Public Universities and Colleges</b>
<b>GS7</b>	<b>Public Schools Pre-K-12 and Adult and Career Education</b>
<b>GS8</b>	<b>Fire Departments</b>
<b>GS9</b>	<b>State Attorneys</b>
<b>GS11</b>	<b>Clerks of Court</b>
<b>GS12</b>	<b>Property Appraisers</b>
<b>GS13</b>	<b>Tax Collectors</b>
<b>GS14</b>	<b>Public Utilities</b>
<b>GS15</b>	<b>Public Libraries</b>

All Florida public agencies are eligible to use the GS1-SL, which provides retention periods for the most common administrative records, such as routine correspondence and personnel, payroll, financial and legal records. General records schedules GS2 through GS15 are applicable to program records of specific functional areas, such as elections administration, tax collecting or law enforcement, each of which has unique program responsibilities and thus unique records retention requirements. The GS2 through GS15 should be used in conjunction with the GS1-SL to cover as many administrative and program records as possible.

The retention periods set forth in the general records schedules are based on federal and state laws and regulations, general administrative practices and fiscal management principles. Please note that these are **minimum** retention periods; public agencies may retain their records longer at their discretion. In fact, certain accreditation committees may have standards that require longer retention periods. Contact your accrediting organization for more information on their requirements. In addition, federal, state or local laws and regulations regarding recordkeeping and records retention for specific agencies or specific types of records might require a longer retention than indicated in this general schedule. Agencies should be aware of all laws and regulations relating to their records and recordkeeping requirements. However, remember that a public agency is **not** permitted to **reduce** the retention periods stated in a general records schedule.

For additional information on records retention and disposition, please refer to *Managing Florida's Public Records* handbook, which, along with all Florida general records schedules, is available on the Department of State's Records Management website at [info.florida.gov/records-management/](http://info.florida.gov/records-management/).

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**I. STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

This general records schedule is issued by the Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services in accordance with the statutory provisions of Chapters 119 and 257, *Florida Statutes*.

Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, defines the terms "public records," "custodian of public records" and "agency," as well as the fundamental process by which disposition of public records is authorized under law.

Chapter 257, *Florida Statutes*, establishes the Florida State Archives and the Records and Information Management Program under the direction of the Division of Library and Information Services and specifically provides for a system for the scheduling and disposition of public records. Chapter 257 also authorizes the Division to establish and coordinate standards, procedures and techniques for efficient and economical records creation and recordkeeping, and it requires all agencies to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer (RMLO).

**II. DETERMINING RETENTION REQUIREMENTS**

In determining public records retention requirements, four values must be considered to ensure that the records will fulfill their reason for creation and maintenance: administrative, legal, fiscal and historical. These four values have been evaluated in depth to determine the retention requirements of the records listed in this general records schedule.

There are two particular financial factors that may impact the retention period of an agency's records:

- A. Audits - The term "audit" is defined by Section 11.45, *Florida Statutes*, as encompassing financial, operational and performance audits. The Florida Auditor General's Office describes these audits as follows:
  - 1. Financial audit means an examination of financial statements in order to express an opinion on the fairness with which they are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and an examination to determine whether operations are properly conducted in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements. Financial audits must be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Audit requirements for state financial assistance provided by State of Florida agencies to nonstate entities are established by the Florida Single Audit Act, Section 215.97, *Florida Statutes*. When applicable, the scope of financial audits shall encompass the additional activities necessary to establish compliance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, Title 31 U.S.C. ss. 7501-7507, and other applicable federal laws.
  - 2. Operational audit means an audit conducted to evaluate management's performance in establishing and maintaining internal controls, including controls designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse, and in administering assigned responsibilities in accordance with applicable laws, administrative rules, contracts, grant agreements and other guidelines. Operational audits must be conducted in accordance with government auditing standards. Such audits examine internal controls that are designed and placed in operation to promote and encourage the achievement of management's control objectives in the categories of compliance, economic and efficient operations, reliability of financial records and reports, and safeguarding of assets, and identify weaknesses in those internal controls.

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3. Performance audit means an examination of a program, activity or function of a governmental entity conducted in accordance with applicable government auditing standards or auditing and evaluation standards of other appropriate authoritative bodies. The term includes an examination of issues related to a number of defined criteria.

The Records Management Program does not track or maintain information on which audits apply to which records in which agencies. Different agencies are subject to different types of audits at different times, and each agency is responsible for knowing what audits might be conducted and retaining needed records for that purpose. For instance, some agencies might be subject to the Federal Single Audit Act, while others are not. In general, any records relating to finances or financial transactions might be subject to audit.

Audits may be conducted by the Florida Auditor General, independent public accountants, or other state or federal auditors as well as grant funding agencies and national or statewide professional accreditation or certification groups. Your finance office, your legal office and the Auditor General's Office are good sources of information regarding which specific records your agency should retain for audit purposes.

**Because conceivably any record in any agency might be required for audit, we are no longer including the “provided applicable audits have been released” language on selected retention items. Each agency is responsible for ensuring that any and all auditable records are maintained for as long as necessary to meet that agency’s audit requirements.**

- B. Grants - Any public agency receiving local, state or federal grant money will need to be familiar with grantor agency requirements.

### **III. SCHEDULING AND DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC RECORDS**

The procedures for scheduling and disposition of public records, which are applicable to all public agencies, consist of two separate but related actions:

- A. Establishing a Records Retention Schedule - A retention schedule describing the records and setting the minimum retention period is required for each record series. A record series, as defined in Rule 1B-24, *Florida Administrative Code*, is “a group of related public records arranged under a single filing arrangement or kept together as a unit (physically or intellectually) because they consist of the same form, relate to the same subject or function, result from the same activity, document a specific type of transaction, or have some other relationship arising from their creation, receipt, or use.” Examples of series that agencies might maintain are Personnel Files, Client Case Files, Project Research Files, Equipment Maintenance and Repair Records, and Procurement Files. Each record series might contain records in a variety of forms and formats that collectively document a particular program, function or activity of the agency.

The records retention schedule officially establishes the *minimum* length of time that the record series must be retained. **This retention applies to the agency’s record (master) copy of the records – those public records specifically designated by the custodian as the official record. The retention period for duplicates – copies of records that are not the official record of an agency – is always “Retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost” (“OSA”) unless otherwise specified. Therefore, we are no longer including the OSA retention statement for duplicates in each retention item.**

1. **General records schedules** establish retention requirements for records documenting administrative and program functions common to several or all

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government agencies, such as personnel, accounting, purchasing and general administration. General records schedules can cover a significant proportion of an agency's record series. The *General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies* can be used by all state and local agencies in determining their records retention requirements.

Certain agencies can use other general records schedules in conjunction with the GS1-SL. For example, along with using the GS1-SL, public universities and colleges should use the *GS5 for Public Universities and Colleges* for program records unique to their functions and activities. Similarly, along with using the GS1-SL, State Attorneys should use the *GS9 for State Attorneys* and property appraisers should use the *GS12 for Property Appraisers*. Please see the Foreword for a complete list of general records schedules, and contact the Records Management Program to verify which general records schedules are appropriate for use by your agency.

If a similar record series is listed in two general record schedules, the schedule with the longer retention requirement shall take precedence.

REMEMBER: The retention period stated in the applicable schedule is the **minimum** time a record must be maintained. If two or more record series are filed together, the combined file must be retained through the longest retention period of those records.

2. **Individual records schedules** establish retention requirements for records that are unique to particular agencies. These schedules are used for records that are not in a general schedule. Individual records schedules may **only** be used by the agency for which they were established.

To establish an individual records schedule, an agency must submit a Request for Records Retention Schedule, Form LS5E-105REff.2-09, to the Records Management Program for review and approval. This "105" form is available on the Records Management website at [info.florida.gov/records-management/forms-and-publications/](http://info.florida.gov/records-management/forms-and-publications/).

Records become eligible for disposition action once they have met the retention requirements specified in an established retention schedule and any other applicable requirements (e.g., litigation). The individual schedule remains effective until there is a change in series content or until other factors are introduced that would affect the retention period, at which time a new individual records retention schedule should be submitted for approval. If a new general records schedule is later established that requires an equal or longer retention period for the same records, that general records schedule supersedes the individual records schedule. If you have an individual schedule that requires a longer retention, contact the Records Management Program for guidance.

- B. Final Disposition of Public Records - Section 257.36(6), *Florida Statutes*, states that "A public record may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of only in accordance with retention schedules established by the division." This means that all records, regardless of access provisions, must be scheduled before disposition can occur (see Sections 119.07-119.0714, *Florida Statutes*, regarding access provisions). Agencies must identify an appropriate general records schedule or individual records schedule for any records being disposed of. If an appropriate retention schedule for the records does not exist, one must be established by following the procedures listed above for individual records schedules.

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Agencies must maintain internal **records disposition documentation**, including retention schedule number, retention schedule item number (including, when needed, the suffix 'a' for the record copy or 'b' for duplicates), record series title, inclusive dates, volume in cubic feet of physical records destroyed (for electronic records, record the number of bytes and/or records and/or files if known, or indicate that the disposed records were in electronic form), disposition action (manner of disposition) and date. A form titled *Records Disposition Document*, which is recommended for use in documenting records disposition, is available on the Records Management website at [info.florida.gov/records-management/forms-and-publications/](http://info.florida.gov/records-management/forms-and-publications/). Agencies must maintain this documentation as a permanent record but should **not** submit it to the Records Management Program for review or approval.

**IV. DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF RETENTION PERIOD REQUIREMENTS**

When trying to determine when records are eligible for disposition, agencies must be aware of the different types of retention requirements. For instance, records with a retention of "3 anniversary years" will have a different eligibility date from records with a retention of "3 fiscal years" or "3 calendar years."

A. Anniversary Year - from a specific date

Example: 3 anniversary years

If a record series has a retention of "3 anniversary years," the eligibility date would be 3 years after the ending date of the series.

B. Calendar Year - January 1 through December 31

Example: 3 calendar years

If a record series has a retention of "3 calendar years," the eligibility date would be 3 years after the end of the calendar year of the last record in the series.

C. Fiscal Year - depends on agency type

- State government agencies, school districts - July 1 through June 30
- Local government agencies - October 1 through September 30

Example: 3 fiscal years

If a record series has a retention of "3 fiscal years," the eligibility date would be 3 years after the end of the fiscal year of the last record in the series.

D. Months or Days

Examples: 6 months; 90 days

If a record series has a retention of "6 months," the eligibility date would be 6 months after the ending date of the record series.

If a record series has a retention of "90 days," the eligibility date would be 90 days after the ending date of the record series.

E. Retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost (OSA)

With this retention, a record is eligible for disposition whenever it is no longer of any use or value to the agency or when it has been replaced by a more current record. The retention could vary from less than one day to any length of time thereafter.

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**F. Triggering Event**

With this retention, records become eligible for disposition upon or after a specific triggering event.

Examples:

Retain until youth turns age 25.

Retain for life of the structure.

3 anniversary years after final action.

**Example: Calculating Eligibility Dates**

If the **ending date** for a specific record series is **7/31/2017**, when are these records eligible for disposition under different retention period types?

Retention Period	Start Counting From	Add # of Years	Retain Through
3 anniversary years	7/31/2017	+3	= 7/31/2020
3 fiscal years (local govt.)	9/30/2017	+3	= 9/30/2020
3 fiscal years (school district)	6/30/2018	+3	= 6/30/2021
3 calendar years	12/31/2017	+3	= 12/31/2020

**V. ARCHIVAL VALUE**

- A. **State Agencies** - The State Archives of Florida identifies records having enduring historic, administrative or fiscal value that may be eligible for permanent preservation. If a record series description indicates that the records "**may have archival value**," the state agency must contact the State Archives of Florida for archival review before disposition of the records. The RMLO or other agency representative should contact the Archives by telephone at 850.245.6750 or by email at [recmgt@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:recmgt@dos.myflorida.com). The Archives will provide guidance for the transfer of the records to the State Archives or other appropriate disposition of the records. For records indicating both a **Permanent** retention **and** possible archival value, agencies should contact the State Archives after five years for archival review and guidance as to whether, when and how to transfer the records to the Archives.
- B. **All Other Agencies** - When preparing to dispose of records that have met their required retention, carefully consider the potential historical research value of those records. Some records that do not have a permanent retention still might have enduring value to your community as evidence of the interactions between government and citizens and as sources of information about local government, society and culture. For your convenience, we have indicated that "**This series may have archival value**" for series that are most likely to have such historical or archival value. Not all such records will be determined to be archival; conversely, some records without this statement in the series description might have archival value. Records of historical value to your community should be preserved locally for the benefit of historians and other researchers. Technical assistance in determining archival value is available from State Archives staff at 850.245.6750.

**VI. ELECTRONIC RECORDS**

Records retention schedules apply to records regardless of the format in which they reside. Therefore, records created or maintained in electronic format must be retained in accordance with the minimum retention requirements presented in these schedules. Printouts of standard correspondence are acceptable in place of the electronic files. Printouts of electronic communications (email, instant messaging, text messaging, multimedia messaging, chat



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messaging, social networking, or any other current or future electronic messaging technology or device) are acceptable in place of the electronic files, **provided that the printed version contains all date/time stamps and routing information.** However, in the event that an agency is involved in or can reasonably anticipate **litigation** on a particular issue, the agency must maintain in native format any and all related and legally discoverable electronic files.

**VII. FACTORS THAT MAY INFLUENCE THE DISPOSITION OF RECORDS**

- A. Litigation - When a public agency has been notified or can reasonably anticipate that a potential cause of action is pending or underway, that agency should **immediately** place a hold on disposition of **any and all** records related to that cause. Your agency's legal counsel should inform your Records Management Liaison Officer and/or records custodian(s) when that hold can be lifted and when the records are again eligible for disposition.
- B. Public Records Requests - According to Section 119.07(1)(h), *Florida Statutes*, the custodian of a public record may not dispose of a record "for a period of 30 days after the date on which a written request to inspect or copy the record was served on or otherwise made to the custodian of public records by the person seeking access to the record. If a civil action is instituted within the 30-day period to enforce the provisions of this section with respect to the requested record, the custodian of public records may not dispose of the record except by order of a court of competent jurisdiction after notice to all affected parties."
- C. Accreditation Standards - Some public agencies receive national or statewide accreditation or certification by professional societies, organizations and associations. Examples include the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and COLA (formerly the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation). In an effort to enhance the professionalism of their members, these groups may place additional requirements on public agencies beyond those mandated under state or federal law. Agencies may therefore choose to maintain their records for a longer period of time than required by established records retention schedules in order to meet accreditation standards.
- D. Records in Support of Financial, Operational or Performance Audits - These records should be retained in accordance with the following guidelines provided by the Florida Office of the Auditor General:

Records must be retained for **at least** three fiscal years (most financial records must be retained for a minimum of five fiscal years in accordance with guidelines of the Department of Financial Services and the Office of the Auditor General). **If subject to the Federal Single Audit Act (pursuant to 2CFR200.501(a)) or other federal audit or reporting requirements, records must be maintained for the longer of the stated retention period or three years after the release date of the applicable Federal Single Audit Act or completion of other federal audit or reporting requirements.** Finally, if any other audit, litigation, claim, negotiation, or other action involving the records has been started before the expiration of the retention period and the disposition of the records, the records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues arising from it. However, in no case can such records be disposed of before the three fiscal year minimum.

- E. Federal, state or local laws and regulations regarding recordkeeping and records retention for specific agencies or specific types of records might require a longer retention than indicated in this general schedule. Agencies should be aware of all laws and regulations relating to their records and recordkeeping requirements.

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**VIII. REFORMATTING STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise prohibited by law or rule, the record copy of public records as defined by Section 119.011(12), *Florida Statutes*, may be reformatted to microfilm or electronic form as long as the requirements of Rule 1B-26.003 or 1B-26.0021, *Florida Administrative Code*, are met.

- A. Electronic Recordkeeping is defined in Rule 1B-26.003, *Florida Administrative Code*, which provides standards and guidelines for creation and maintenance of record (master) copies of public records in electronic form.
- B. Microfilm Standards are defined in Rule 1B-26.0021, *Florida Administrative Code*, which provides standards for microfilming of public records to ensure that the film, photography methods, processing, handling and storage are in accordance with methods, procedures and specifications designed to protect and preserve such records on microfilm.

**IX. RECORDS VOLUME CONVERSION TO CUBIC FOOT MEASUREMENTS**

Cassette tapes, 200	1.0 cubic foot
Letter-size file drawer	1.5 cubic feet
Legal-size file drawer	2.0 cubic feet
Letter-size 36" shelf	2.0 cubic feet
Legal-size 36" shelf	2.5 cubic feet
Magnetic Tapes, 12	1.0 cubic foot
3 x 5 cards, ten 12" rows	1.0 cubic foot
3 x 5 cards, five 25" rows	1.0 cubic foot
4 x 6 cards, six 12" rows	1.0 cubic foot
5 x 8 cards, four 12" rows	1.0 cubic foot
16mm microfilm, 100 rolls	1.0 cubic foot
35mm microfilm, 50 rolls	1.0 cubic foot
Map case drawer, 2" x 26" x 38"	1.1 cubic feet
Map case drawer, 2" x 38" x 50"	2.2 cubic feet
Roll storage, 2" x 2" x 38"	0.1 cubic foot
Roll storage, 2" x 2" x 50"	0.2 cubic foot
Roll storage, 4" x 4" x 38"	0.3 cubic foot
Roll storage, 4" x 4" x 50"	0.5 cubic foot

(One roll of microfilm contains approximately 1.0 cubic foot of records.)

Cubic foot calculation: (Length" x Width" x Height") ÷ 1,728 = cubic feet

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**RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULES**

**APPLICATIONS: REPLACEMENT OF VOTER INFORMATION CARD**

**Item #8**

This record series consists of requests by qualified voters for replacement of lost, stolen, destroyed, or mutilated voter information cards. These records are created pursuant to Section 97.071(2), *Florida Statutes*, Voter information card (formerly Section 97.072, *Florida Statutes*); and Section 97.052(1)(a), *Florida Statutes*, Uniform Statewide Voter Registration Application. If a voter registration application form is used, the retention applies only if the form is used solely to request a replacement card. **If the form is also used to update a voter registration record, then the record must be maintained in accordance with the retention schedule for VOTER REGISTRATION: BOOKS AND OFFICIAL RECORDS.** See also "VOTER REGISTRATION: CHANGE OF NAME, PARTY, SIGNATURE, OR RESIDENCE RECORDS."

**RETENTION:** Retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost.

**CAMPAIGN AND REGISTRATION RECORDS: CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES/PARTIES**

**Item #143**

This record series documents the registration, qualification, and financial activities relating to candidates, committees, and parties. The series includes candidates' qualifying records created pursuant to Chapter 99, *Florida Statutes*, Candidates, or Chapter 105, *Florida Statutes*, Nonpartisan elections, including oaths, resign-to-run submissions, candidate petition certifications or notifications, and financial disclosure statements, regardless of whether qualifying is by fee or by petition method. Records documenting financial activities include treasurers' reports, correspondence, and supporting documents for candidates, committees, and parties, as well as independent expenditure reports filed pursuant to Section 106.071, *Florida Statutes*, Independent expenditures; electioneering communications; reports; disclaimers. Records documenting registration include the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer for political committees created pursuant to Section 106.03, *Florida Statutes*, Registration of political committees. Records documenting the organization and operation of committees of continuous existence pursuant to Section 106.04, *Florida Statutes*, Committees of continuous existence, include committee applications, the certification or denial of application for committee status, annual reports, and finance reports. The retention period is based on Section 98.015(5), *Florida Statutes*, Supervisor of elections . . . duties, which reads, "The supervisor shall preserve statements and other information required to be filed with the supervisor's office pursuant to chapter 106 for a period of 10 years from date of receipt." See also "PETITION RECORDS: BALLOTTED ISSUES," and "ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY."

**RETENTION:** 10 anniversary years after receipt.

**COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD CERTIFICATES: FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS**

**Item #19**

This record series consists of certifications of the total number of votes cast for each person for each office and the office for which each was nominated or elected. The record copy of this document for federal, state, and multicounty races is filed with the Department of State and an additional record copy is maintained by the county elections office. These records are created pursuant to Section 102.151, *Florida Statutes*, which reads in part, "The county canvassing board shall make and sign duplicate certificates containing the total number of votes cast for each person nominated or elected, the names of persons for whom such votes were cast, and the number of votes cast for each candidate or nominee. One of such certificates which relates to offices for which the candidates or nominees have been voted for in more than one county shall be immediately transmitted to the Department of State, and the second copy filed in the supervisor's office." For retention of county canvassing board meeting minutes, use *General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies*, Item #32, MINUTES: OFFICIAL MEETINGS.

**RETENTION: Permanent.** Retain original format for 22 months from the date of the applicable election as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions, after which records may be stored in alternate formats in accordance with Rule 1B-26, *Florida Administrative Code*, Records Management – Standards and Requirements.

**EARLY VOTING REPORTS**

**Item #145**

This record series consists of reports listing the daily total number and the names of early voters at each early voting location during an early voting period. These reports are also reported daily to the Division of Elections for the duration of the early voting period. These records are created pursuant to Section 101.657, *Florida Statutes*, Early voting. This retention is for the copy retained by the Supervisors of Elections; this retention does not apply to the copy received by the Division of Elections that is retained for 4 calendar years after receipt of last report for election cycle.

**RETENTION:** 3 months after the date of the applicable election as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions.

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**ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY**

**Item #168**

This record series documents general, special or primary elections in Florida. The series may include, but is not limited to, affidavits, affirmations, declarations and oaths executed at early voting sites, at the polls or at supervisors' offices (e.g., request for assistance, request to obtain ballot, designations, name or address change at the polls, signature difference at the polls, election day emergency designee and affidavit and supporting documentation); applications for registration; applications/requests for vote-by-mail ballot; ballots (official ballots and stubs, federal write-in absentee ballot, mail ballot election ballot, provisional ballot, sample ballot, state write-in ballot, vote-by-mail ballot); ballot image files containing records of the content of each ballot cast on an electronic voting system; ballot inspection certification; book closing statistics; conduct of election reports; early voting certificates; election parameter records; election security device records; overvote/under report data, petition signature records for candidates; poll watcher and worker records; precinct, early voting, polling place and drop box location records; precinct registers; precinct election returns; protest of election returns; provisional ballot voters' certificates; voter authorization slips and stubs; voter challenge records; voting history; voting machine votes case summary list; voting system audit records; and any other record relating to a specific election. See Appendix for list of election records and applicable *Florida Statutes* citations. Retention period is pursuant to Title 52 U.S. Code s. 20701, Retention and preservation of records and papers by officers of elections and Section 101.545, *Florida Statutes*, Retention and destruction of certain election materials.

***Book closing statistics and precinct election returns may have archival value. Agencies should ensure appropriate preservation of records determined to have long-term historical value.***

**RETENTION:** 22 months from the date of the applicable election as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions. The original format must be retained for the required retention after which records may be disposed or stored in alternate formats in accordance with Rule 1B-26, *Florida Administrative Code*, Records Management – Standards and Requirements.

**ELECTION RECORDS: UNUSED BALLOTS, FORMS, AND OTHER ELECTION MATERIALS**

Unused/blank forms are not public records. Approval by the Division of Elections is required to dispose of unused election materials pursuant to Section 101.545, *Florida Statutes*, which reads in part, "All unused ballots, forms, and other election materials may, with the approval of the Department of State, be destroyed by the supervisor after the election for which such ballots, forms, or other election materials were to be used."

**CONTACT THE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FOR DISPOSAL AUTHORIZATION.**

**ELECTION RETURNS: COUNTY TABULATION**

**Item #35**

This record series consists of the voting results for each office or other items on the ballot as the count is completed. These records are created pursuant to Section 101.5614, *Florida Statutes*, Canvass of returns, and Section 102.071, *Florida Statutes*, Tabulation of votes and proclamation of results.

**RETENTION: Permanent.** Retain original format for 22 months from the date of the applicable election as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions, after which records may be stored in alternate formats in accordance with Rule 1B-26, *Florida Administrative Code*, Records Management – Standards and Requirements.

**JOURNALS: ELECTIONS FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS**

**Item #42**

This record series consists of summaries of all elections financial transactions. For retentions for other financial records, see *General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies*.

**RETENTION:** 10 fiscal years **OR** 3 years after release of any applicable Federal Single Audit, whichever is later.

**LIST OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED OR ELECTED**

**Item #21**

This record series consists of a list submitted to the Department of State by the county supervisor listing the names of all county and district officers nominated or elected, the office for which each was nominated or elected, and the mailing address of each. These records are created pursuant to Section 102.151, *Florida Statutes*, which reads in part, "The supervisor shall transmit to the Department of State, immediately after the county canvassing board has canvassed the returns of the election, a list containing the names of all county and district officers nominated or elected, the office for which each was nominated or elected, and the mailing address of each."

**RETENTION:** Retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost.

**MAIL BALLOT ELECTION RECORDS**

**Item #169**

This record series documents elections conducted by mail ballot. The series may include, but is not limited to, Supervisors of Elections' requests and written plans for mail ballot elections with supporting documentation and approval or denial by the Department of State; ballots; envelopes; certificates; requests for replacement ballots; challenges; and other election records created pursuant to Section 101.6101-101.6107, *Florida Statutes*, the Mail Ballot Election Act.

**RETENTION:** 1 anniversary year after date of the election as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions, applicable to the request.

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**MAIL, UNDELIVERABLE FIRST CLASS: ELECTION MATERIALS**

**Item #43**

This record series consists of voter information cards, vote-by-mail ballots, mail ballots, and other required election materials that are undeliverable ("not claimed," "declined," "refused," expiration of forwarding address, etc.). **For returned mail from voter address list maintenance activities, see "VOTER ADDRESS LIST MAINTENANCE RECORDS."**

**RETENTION:** 2 anniversary years after receipt.

**PETITION RECORDS: BALLOTTED ISSUES**

**Item #170**

This record series consists of petition records requesting consideration of various constitutional and nonconstitutional initiatives, referenda, public measures and other questions that made ballot position and/or appeared on the ballot. The records may include, but are not limited to, qualified signatures of registered voters and affidavits, paperwork, memoranda, documentation, etc. relating to the petition process. Records are created pursuant to Section 101.161, *Florida Statutes*, Referenda; ballots, and Section 105.036, *Florida Statutes*, Initiative for method of selection for circuit or county court judges. Retention is based on Section 100.371, *Florida Statutes*, Initiatives; procedure for placement on ballot, which requires retention of related records (signature forms) for 1 year following the election in which the issue appeared on the ballot. See also "CAMPAIGN AND REGISTRATION RECORDS: CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES/PARTIES" and "PETITION RECORDS: UNBALLOTTED ISSUES."

**RETENTION:** 1 anniversary year after the date of the applicable election as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions, in which the issue made ballot position or appeared on the ballot.

**PETITION RECORDS: MUNICIPAL RECALL**

**Item #150**

This records series consists of records relating to a municipal recall under Section 100.361, *Florida Statutes*, Municipal recall. The series includes signed and filed municipal recall petitions, the signature verification certificate, the supervisor of elections determination whether threshold for requisite signatures was met, the clerk's certification to the governing body whether requisite signatures met or not, the defensive statement, the Recall Petition and Defense and signed petitions, and the municipal officer's written resignation. Retention is based on Section 100.361(9), *Florida Statutes*, which requires that "The clerk shall preserve in his or her office all papers comprising or connected with a petition for recall for a period of 2 years after they were filed."

**RETENTION:** 2 anniversary years after the petition was initially filed.

**PETITION RECORDS: UNBALLOTTED ISSUES**

**Item #171**

This record series consists of petition records requesting consideration of various constitutional and non-constitutional initiatives, referenda, public measures and other questions that did not successfully make ballot position in accordance with applicable local or state law, or is no longer seeking ballot position. The records may include, but are not limited to, signatures of registered voters and affidavits, paperwork, memoranda, documentation, etc. relating to the petition process. Records may have been created pursuant to Sections 101.161, Referenda; ballots, 100.371, Initiatives, and 105.036, *Florida Statutes*, Initiative for method of selection of circuit or county court judges. See also "PETITION RECORDS: BALLOTTED ISSUES."

**RETENTION:** Retain until notification that the request is closed, withdrawn, removed or committee that circulated the petition is no longer seeking ballot position.

**PRECINCT BOUNDARY RECORDS AND MAPS**

**Item #69**

This record series consists of maps drawn to scale with all major observable features; worded description of the geographical boundaries; all precinct reorganization correspondence; and printed copies of maps outlining precinct boundaries and affixing precinct numbers thereon which are available for general use/sale. These records are created pursuant to Section 101.001, *Florida Statutes*, Precincts and polling places; boundaries (formerly Section 98.031, *Florida Statutes*). See also "ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY."

**RETENTION: Permanent.** Retain original format for 22 months from the date of the first election (as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions) following creation of record, after which records may be stored in alternate formats in accordance with Rule 1B-26, *Florida Administrative Code*, Records Management – Standards and Requirements.

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**PRECINCT MAP REFERENCE MATERIALS**

**Item #125**

This record series consists of copies of descriptions of property being annexed by local governments that will change precinct boundaries or lines, including correspondence, reports, maps, certifying statements, and municipal service plans; maps giving street, township, and range for each quadrant of the county upon which the approved platted subdivisions are drawn and affixed; and maps approved and certified by the government entity showing street names and geographical boundaries of approved subdivision and development therein which aid the supervisor of elections in establishing, changing, and reorganizing precincts and polling place locations. These records are created pursuant to Section 101.001, *Florida Statutes*, Precincts and polling places; boundaries (formerly Section 98.031, *Florida Statutes*). This series does **not** include the record (master) copy of Precinct Boundary Records and Maps (see that item).

**RETENTION:** 22 months after certification of the next federal election.

**RESIDENTIAL STREET ADDRESS LIST**

**Item #153**

This record series consists of lists maintained by the Supervisor of Elections to verify legal addresses of voters residing in the county. This series is created pursuant to Section 98.015(12), *Florida Statutes*, Supervisor of elections; election, tenure of office, compensation, custody of registration-related documents, office hours, successor, seal; appointment of deputy supervisors; duties. This information is forwarded to the Department of State to compile and maintain a statewide electronic database of valid residential street addresses pursuant to Section 98.045(4), *Florida Statutes*, Administration of voter registration.

**RETENTION:** Retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost.

**SUPERVISORS' REPORTS OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES**

**Item #15**

This record series consists of reports submitted to the Department of State by the supervisor of elections containing the names, party affiliations, and addresses of all candidates and the offices for which they qualified. These records are created pursuant to Section 99.092(2), *Florida Statutes*, which reads, "The supervisor of elections shall, immediately after the last day for qualifying, submit to the Department of State a list containing the names, party affiliations, and addresses of all candidates and the offices for which they qualified."

**RETENTION:** Retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost.

**TESTIMONIAL NOTICES**

**Item #172**

This record series consists of notices of testimonials held in honor or on behalf of any person holding public office. Section 111.012, *Florida Statutes*, Testimonials for public officers, reads in part, "notice shall state the date and place the testimonial is to be held, the name and address of the person or persons in charge of the testimonial, the name and address of the officer in whose honor or on whose behalf the testimonial is to be held, the purpose for which the testimonial is to be held, and the purpose for which the funds raised are to be used."

**RETENTION:** 5 fiscal years after filing.

**THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION REPORTING RECORDS**

**Item #173**

This record series consists of Supervisors of Elections' accounting of each third-party registration organization's voter registration applications. The series documents the number of voter registration applications provided to and received from third-party organizations. The series also includes Supervisor of Elections' transmittal form indicating third party voter registration organizations that are noncompliant. Records created pursuant to Section 97.0575, *Florida Statutes*, Third-party voter registrations. This retention is for the copy retained by the Supervisors of Elections; this retention does not apply to the copy received by Division of Elections that is retained for 2 anniversary years from the date of the record.

**RETENTION:** Retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost.

**VOTE-BY-MAIL/FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FILE REPORTS**

**Item #137**

This record series consists of vote-by-mail and federal write-in absentee ballot request information compiled and made available to the Division of Elections daily during an election cycle. These records are created pursuant to Section 101.62(3), *Florida Statutes*, Request for absentee ballots. The series also includes requests for the information from parties authorized by Section 101.62(3), *Florida Statutes*, to receive otherwise confidential and exempt information. This retention is for the copy retained by the Supervisors of Elections; this retention does not apply to the copy received by the Division of Elections that is retained for 4 calendar years after receipt of last report for election cycle.

**RETENTION:** 3 months after the date of the applicable election as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions.

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**VOTER ADDRESS LIST MAINTENANCE RECORDS**

**Item #106**

This record series consists of records relating to address list maintenance programs and activities, including the names and addresses of registered voters to whom notices were sent regarding a change or confirmation of a residential address for purposes of registration and voting in the county. The series includes returned or undeliverable Address Change Notices, Address Confirmation Request forms, Address Confirmation Final Notice forms, and pre-addressed return forms or other address change information returned by the voter, as well as the names of inactive voters. The records are created pursuant to *Florida Statutes* Section 98.065, Registration list maintenance programs, Section 98.0655, Registration list maintenance forms, and Section 98.075(2), as it relates to address list maintenance activities.

**RETENTION:** Retain as long as voter is registered or 2 anniversary years after voter is removed from the official list of registered voters, whichever occurs later.

**VOTER REGISTRATION: BOOKS AND OFFICIAL RECORDS**

**Item #94**

This record series consists of the official registration information for all qualified voters in each county. These records are created pursuant to Sections 97.053, *Florida Statutes*, Acceptance of voter registration applications; 97.057, *Florida Statutes*, Voter registration by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; 97.058, *Florida Statutes*, Voter registration agencies; 97.105, *Florida Statutes*, Permanent single registration system established; 98.035, *Florida Statutes*, Statewide voter registration system; implementation, operation, and maintenance; 98.461, *Florida Statutes*, Registration application, precinct register; contents; and 101.002 (3), *Florida Statutes*, Use of system by municipalities. Since January 1, 2006, these records are officially recorded and retained electronically in the Florida Voter Registration System. The retention period for the record copy is pursuant to Attorney General Opinion 86-18 and Florida Division of Elections opinion DE 87-06. See also "ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY," "VOTER ADDRESS LIST MAINTENANCE RECORDS," "VOTER REGISTRATION: CHANGE OF NAME, PARTY, SIGNATURE, OR RESIDENCE RECORDS," "VOTER REGISTRATION: SPECIAL APPLICANTS - IDENTIFICATION EXEMPTION RECORDS," and "VOTER REGISTRATION: VOTER POTENTIAL INELIGIBILITY SOURCE RECORDS."

**RETENTION: Permanent.** Retain original format for 22 months from the date of the first election (as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions) following creation of the record, after which records may be stored in alternate formats in accordance with Rule 1B-26, *Florida Administrative Code*, Records Management – Standards and Requirements.

**VOTER REGISTRATION: CERTIFICATION OF RECORDS MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT**

**Item #156**

This record series consists of Supervisors of Elections copies of reports filed with the Division of Elections relating to address list and voter registration eligibility maintenance activities. Each Supervisor of Elections must certify to the Department of State twice a year that he or she has conducted required activities relating to maintaining accurate and current addresses for registered voters in the Florida Voter Registration System and to processing information or records relating to the potential ineligibility of registered voters. Records created per Section 98.065(6), *Florida Statutes*, Registration list maintenance programs, and 98.075(8), *Florida Statutes*, Registration records maintenance activities; ineligibility determinations. Retention pursuant to Section 98.045(3), *Florida Statutes*, Administration of voter registration--Public records access and retention.

**RETENTION:** 2 anniversary years from date of filing.

**VOTER REGISTRATION: CHANGE OF NAME, PARTY, SIGNATURE, OR RESIDENCE RECORDS**

**Item #22**

This record series consists of notification from electors to the supervisor of elections because of a change in the elector's name due to marriage or other legal process; a change in political party affiliation; a signature update; or change of residence/mailling address. These records revise or update the official registration records for all qualified voters which, since January 1, 2006, are centrally compiled and retained in the Florida Voter Registration System. These records are created pursuant to Sections 97.1031, *Florida Statutes*, Notice of change of residence, change of name, or change of party affiliation; 98.077, *Florida Statutes*, Update of voter signature; and 101.045, *Florida Statutes*, Electors must be registered in precinct; provisions for change of residence or name. See also "ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY" and "VOTER REGISTRATION: BOOKS AND OFFICIAL RECORDS."

**RETENTION: Permanent.** Retain original format for 22 months from the date of the first election (as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions) following creation of the record, after which records may be stored in alternate formats in accordance with Rule 1B-26, *Florida Administrative Code*, Records Management – Standards and Requirements.

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**VOTER REGISTRATION: INCOMPLETE AND DENIED APPLICATIONS** **Item #129**

This record series consists of voter registration applications that have been denied or cannot be processed because they are incomplete. These records are created pursuant to Sections 97.053, *Florida Statutes*, Acceptance of voter registration applications; 97.073, *Florida Statutes*, Disposition of voter registration applications; cancellation notice; and 98.045, *Florida Statutes*, Administration of voter registration.

**RETENTION:** 2 anniversary years after notice to applicant that application is incomplete or denied.

**VOTER REGISTRATION: PREFERENCE/DECLINATION RECORDS** **Item #132**

This record series consists of records indicating that individuals declined to register to vote at any office that issues a Florida driver license/state identification pursuant to Section 97.057, *Florida Statutes*, and at a voter registration agency, defined as "any office that provides public assistance, any office that serves persons with disabilities, any center for independent living, or any public library" (Section 97.021(44), *Florida Statutes*) and Section 97.058, *Florida Statutes*, Voter registration agencies. The retention period is pursuant to Section 97.058(7), *Florida Statutes*, Voter registration agencies, which requires voter registration agencies to "retain declinations for a period of 2 years, during which time the declinations are not considered a record of the client pursuant to the laws governing the agency's records."

**RETENTION:** 2 anniversary years after receipt.

**VOTER REGISTRATION: SPECIAL APPLICANTS - IDENTIFICATION EXEMPTION RECORDS** **Item #130**

This record series consists of voter registrations and associated documentation pertaining to persons who register pursuant to Section 97.0535(1), *Florida Statutes*, and affirm that they have never been issued a current and valid Florida driver's license, Florida identification card, or social security number and is otherwise exempt from those identification requirements until such time as they vote or claim to be exempt from the provisions.

**These records are considered part of the permanent voter registration record.** See also "VOTER REGISTRATION: BOOKS AND OFFICIAL RECORDS."

**RETENTION: Permanent.** Retain original format for 22 months from the date of the first election (as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions) following creation of the record, after which records may be stored in alternate formats in accordance with Rule 1B-26, *Florida Administrative Code*, Records Management – Standards and Requirements.

**VOTER REGISTRATION: VOTER ELIGIBILITY CASE FILES (ELIGIBLE VOTERS)** **Item #157**

This record series consists of case files documenting potentially ineligible registered voters for which ineligibility cannot be determined or for which eligibility is established. The series may include, but is not limited to, copies of a court order or judgment that the voter was mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and has had his or her right to vote restored; a court order or judgment that the voter has been convicted of any state or federal felony and has had his or her right to vote restored; proof that the voter meets the age requirement; information that the voter is a United States citizen; information that the voter is not a fictitious person; verification that the voter has listed a residence that is his or her legal residence; or any other information indicating that the registered voter meets the eligibility requirements. This series also includes notices mailed or published to the voter of potential ineligibility, any other correspondence to or from the voter, hearing records, and determination of eligibility. These case files may have been compiled and forwarded to the Supervisor of Elections by the Bureau of Voter Registration Services, or they may have been created by the Supervisor of Elections based on information received from another source. Records created per Section 98.075(4)-(7), *Florida Statutes*, Registration records maintenance activities; ineligibility determinations. Retention is based on Title 52 U.S.C. ss. 20507(i), Requirements with respect to administration of voter registration, Public disclosure of voter registration activities.

**RETENTION:** 2 anniversary years after case closed.

**VOTER REGISTRATION: VOTER ELIGIBILITY CASE FILES (INELIGIBLE VOTERS)** **Item #158**

This record series consists of case files documenting potentially ineligible registered voters determined to be ineligible based on credible and reliable information and also documenting voters who have been removed from the official rolls by request either directly from the voter or indirectly through notice received from an out-of-state election official that the person is now registered in another state. The series may include, but is not limited to, copies of a court order or judgment that the voter is mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and has not had his or her right to vote restored; a court order or judgment that the voter has been convicted of any state or federal felony and has not had his or her right to vote restored; information that the voter does not meet the age requirement; information that the voter is not a United States citizen; information that the voter is a fictitious person; information that the voter has listed a residence that is not his or her legal residence; or any other information indicating that the registered voter does not meet the eligibility requirements. This series also includes notices mailed or published to the voter of potential ineligibility, any other correspondence to or from the voter, hearing records, and determination of ineligibility. These case files may have been compiled and forwarded to the Supervisor of Elections by the Bureau of Voter Registration Services, or they may have been created by the Supervisor of Elections based on information received from another source. Records created per



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Section 98.075(4)-(7), *Florida Statutes*, Registration records maintenance activities; ineligibility determinations. Retention is based in part on Title 52 U.S.C. ss. 20507(i), Requirements with respect to administration of voter registration, Public disclosure of voter registration activities, and Section 98.081(2), *Florida Statutes*, which authorizes the restoration of "the name of any elector . . . erroneously or illegally removed from the statewide voter registration system."

**RETENTION: Permanent.** Retain original format for 22 months from the date of the first election (as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions) following creation of the record, after which records may be stored in alternate formats in accordance with Rule 1B-26, *Florida Administrative Code*, Records Management – Standards and Requirements.

**VOTER REGISTRATION: VOTER POTENTIAL INELIGIBILITY SOURCE RECORDS** **Item #87**

This record series consists of records from state and federal agencies that are used by the supervisor of elections as a basis for identifying a registered voter as potentially ineligible pursuant to Section 98.093, *Florida Statutes*, Duty of officials to furnish information relating to deceased persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated, and persons convicted of a felony, and Title 52 U.S.C. ss. 20507(g), Requirements with respect to administration of voter registration, Conviction in Federal court. Records may include lists, judgments, or other documentation relating to: deceased persons (Florida Department of Health/Vital Statistics); adjudications of mental incapacity with respect to voting (clerks of the court); persons convicted of a felony in federal court (U.S. State Attorney's Office); convicted felons (Florida Department of Law Enforcement); persons granted clemency (Parole Commission/Board of Executive Clemency); inmate records (Florida Department of Corrections); Florida driver licenses removed from the driver license database because they have been licensed in another state (Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles); persons registered to vote in another state (state election officials); or other records from other governmental sources. For individual source records extracted from these records and used to determine eligibility of individual voters, see "VOTER REGISTRATION: BOOKS AND OFFICIAL RECORDS" and "VOTER REGISTRATION: VOTER ELIGIBILITY CASE FILES (INELIGIBLE VOTERS)."

**RETENTION:** Retain until obsolete, superseded or administrative value is lost.

**VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM: CHANGE LOGS** **Item #118**

This record series consists of reports documenting changes made in the voter registration system. The series documents such information as new registrations added, preregistrations for 16 and 17 year olds, and address changes.

**RETENTION:** 22 months after the date of the next election as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions.

**VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM: ACQUISITION RECORDS** **Item #159**

This record series consists of records relating to acquisition of approved voting systems and equipment filed with the Division of Elections at the time of purchase or acquisition. The series may include vote tabulation source code, software, updates, modifications, user and/or operator manuals, and the vendor's sworn certification. The series may also include bid invitations submitted by counties for the acquisition of voting equipment. Records created pursuant to Section 101.294(5), *Florida Statutes*, Purchase and sale of voting equipment; and Section 101.5607(1)(a), *Florida Statutes*, Department of State to maintain voting system information; prepare software. This retention is for the copy retained by the Supervisors of Elections; this retention does not apply to the Division of Elections, which retains these records for 24 months after subsequent acquisition update is filed or new system implemented.

**RETENTION:** 1 anniversary year after report of superseding acquisition report is filed.

**VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM: MAINTENANCE AND TESTING RECORDS** **Item #95**

This record series consists of maintenance records, calibration, and/or testing of voting equipment and systems, including tabulation programs used in logic and accuracy tests submitted to the Department of State. This series may include program codes, user and operator manuals and copies of all software, firmware, media, exhibits, manuals and related documentation. These records are created pursuant to Section 101.5607, *Florida Statutes*, Department of State to maintain voting system information; prepare software. Retention is based on Title 52 U.S. Code s. 20701, Retention and preservation of records and papers by officers of elections.

**RETENTION:** 22 months after certification of the election as defined in Section 97.021(13), *Florida Statutes*, Definitions, in which the machine was used for the final time before being permanently deactivated.

**VOTING SYSTEM SECURITY PROCEDURES** **Item #164**

This record series consists of written procedures for ensuring voting system security and accuracy in accordance with Section 101.015(4)(b), *Florida Statutes*, Standards for voting systems, and Rule 1S-2.015, *Florida Administrative Code*, Minimum Security Procedures for Voting Systems. The series may also include any revisions to previously approved procedures, recommendations and acknowledgements made by the Division of Elections, and samples of forms, schedules, and checklists along with instructions for their use.

**RETENTION:** 2 anniversary years after superseded.

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ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES - FIRST-TIME VOTERS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES - FIRST-TIME VOTERS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES AND CERTIFICATES: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES AND CERTIFICATES: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ABSENTEE BALLOT "IN OFFICE" VOTER CERTIFICATES: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ABSENTEE BALLOT "IN OFFICE" VOTER CERTIFICATES: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ABSENTEE BALLOT/REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FILE REPORTS  
use VOTE-BY-MAIL/FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FILE REPORTS

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

AFFIDAVITS/AFFIRMATIONS: EXECUTED AT EARLY VOTING SITES OR AT THE POLLS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

AFFIDAVITS/AFFIRMATIONS: EXECUTED AT EARLY VOTING SITES OR AT THE POLLS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ANNEXATION RECORDS  
use PRECINCT MAP REFERENCE MATERIALS

ANNUAL SPECIAL SALARY CERTIFICATION  
use *General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies*, Item #195, PAYROLL RECORDS: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS  
or *General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies*, Item #378, PERSONNEL RECORDS: SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION  
or *General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies*, Item #19, PERSONNEL RECORDS: FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM

APPLICATIONS: ABSENTEE BALLOT/REGISTRATION (FEDERAL POSTCARD APPLICATIONS)  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

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APPLICATIONS: REPLACEMENT OF REGISTRATION ID CARD  
use APPLICATIONS: REPLACEMENT OF VOTER INFORMATION CARD

BALLOT DESIGN: REQUESTS TO DEVIATE FROM UNIFORM DESIGN: FEDERAL ELECTION  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

BALLOT DESIGN: REQUESTS TO DEVIATE FROM UNIFORM DESIGN: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

BALLOT IMAGE FILES  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

BALLOT INSPECTION CERTIFICATION: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

BALLOT INSPECTION CERTIFICATION: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

BALLOT ON DEMAND REQUEST RECORDS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

BALLOT STUBS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

BALLOT STUBS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

BALLOTS, OFFICIAL: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

BALLOTS, OFFICIAL: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

BALLOTS, UNUSED  
see *ELECTION RECORDS: UNUSED BALLOTS, FORMS, AND OTHER ELECTION MATERIALS*

BOOK CLOSING STATISTICS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

BOOK CLOSING STATISTICS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

CAMPAIGN RECORDS: COMMITTEES OF CONTINUOUS EXISTENCE  
use CAMPAIGN AND REGISTRATION RECORDS: CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES/PARTIES

CANDIDATE/COMMITTEE FILES  
use CAMPAIGN AND REGISTRATION RECORDS: CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES/PARTIES

CANDIDATES' FILING FEE REPORTS  
use SUPERVISORS' REPORTS OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES

CENTRAL VOTING SYSTEM RECORDS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

CERTIFIED CANVASSING BOARD REPORTS  
use LIST OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED OR ELECTED

CHANGE OF NAME, PARTY, SIGNATURE, OR RESIDENCE RECORDS  
use VOTER REGISTRATION: CHANGE OF NAME, PARTY, SIGNATURE, OR RESIDENCE RECORDS

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CONDUCT OF ELECTION REPORTING RECORDS

use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

DAILY VOTER LOGS

use VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM: CHANGE LOGS

DECLINATIONS

use VOTER REGISTRATION: PREFERENCE/DECLINATION RECORDS

EARLY VOTING VOTER CERTIFICATES: FEDERAL ELECTIONS

use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

EARLY VOTING VOTER CERTIFICATES: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ELECTION FRAUD COMPLAINTS (copies retained by the Supervisors of Elections of complaints filed with the Department of State)

use *General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies*, Item #2, ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE RECORDS

ELECTION MATERIALS, UNUSED

see *ELECTION RECORDS: UNUSED BALLOTS, FORMS, AND OTHER ELECTION MATERIALS*

ELECTION PARAMETER RECORDS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS

use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ELECTION PARAMETER RECORDS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ELECTION RETURNS: PRECINCT (FEDERAL ELECTIONS)

use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ELECTION RETURNS: PRECINCT (STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS)

use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ELECTION SECURITY DEVICE RECORDS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS

use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

ELECTION SECURITY DEVICE RECORDS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

FEDERAL POSTCARD APPLICATIONS

use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS: ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES

use CAMPAIGN AND REGISTRATION RECORDS: CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES/PARTIES

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS: APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

use *General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies*, Item #346, FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS (LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) EXEMPTION FORM

use VOTER REGISTRATION: SPECIAL APPLICANTS - IDENTIFICATION EXEMPTION RECORDS

INACTIVE VOTER LISTS

use VOTER ADDRESS LIST MAINTENANCE RECORDS

LIST MAINTENANCE FORMS

use VOTER ADDRESS LIST MAINTENANCE RECORDS

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MAIL BALLOT ELECTION PLAN RECORDS  
use MAIL BALLOT ELECTION RECORDS

MAIL BALLOT ENVELOPES  
use MAIL BALLOT ELECTION RECORDS

MAPS: ASSESSMENT  
use PRECINCT MAP REFERENCE MATERIALS

MAPS: PLAT  
use PRECINCT MAP REFERENCE MATERIALS

MAPS: PRECINCT  
use PRECINCT BOUNDARY RECORDS AND MAPS

MENTAL COMPETENCY VOTING RIGHTS RESTORED RECORDS  
use VOTER REGISTRATION: VOTER POTENTIAL INELIGIBILITY SOURCE RECORDS

OATHS: FEDERAL OFFICE  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

OATHS: STATE AND LOCAL OFFICE  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

PETITION RECORDS: BALLOTTED ISSUES (CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS)  
use PETITION RECORDS: BALLOTTED ISSUES

PETITION RECORDS: BALLOTTED ISSUES (OTHER THAN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS)  
use PETITION RECORDS: BALLOTTED ISSUES

PETITION RECORDS: UNBALLOTTED ISSUES (CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS)  
use PETITION RECORDS: UNBALLOTTED ISSUES

PETITION RECORDS: UNBALLOTTED ISSUES (OTHER THAN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS)  
use PETITION RECORDS: UNBALLOTTED ISSUES

PETITION SIGNATURE RECORDS: BALLOTTED  
use PETITION RECORDS: BALLOTTED ISSUES

PETITION SIGNATURE RECORDS: UNBALLOTTED  
use PETITION RECORDS: UNBALLOTTED ISSUES

PETITION SIGNATURE RECORDS FOR CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL OFFICE  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

PETITION SIGNATURE RECORDS FOR CANDIDATES FOR STATE AND LOCAL OFFICE  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

POLL LISTS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

POLL LOCATION RECORDS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

POLL WATCHERS RECORDS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

POLL WATCHERS RECORDS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

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POLL WORKER RECORDS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

POLL WORKER RECORDS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACE LOCATION RECORDS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACE LOCATION RECORDS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

PRECINCT REGISTERS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

PRECINCT REGISTERS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

"PROTEST OF ELECTION" RETURNS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

"PROTEST OF ELECTION" RETURNS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

PROVISIONAL BALLOT ENVELOPES: FEDERAL OFFICE  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

PROVISIONAL BALLOT ENVELOPES: STATE AND LOCAL OFFICE  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

PROVISIONAL BALLOT VOTERS' AFFIRMATIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

PROVISIONAL BALLOT VOTERS' CERTIFICATES: FEDERAL OFFICE  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

PROVISIONAL BALLOT VOTERS' CERTIFICATES: STATE AND LOCAL OFFICE  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

PURGE FORMS  
use VOTER ADDRESS LIST MAINTENANCE RECORDS

PURGE LISTS  
use VOTER ADDRESS LIST MAINTENANCE RECORDS

QUALIFYING RECORDS: CANDIDATE  
use CAMPAIGN AND REGISTRATION RECORDS: CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES/PARTIES

QUALIFYING RECORDS: POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
use CAMPAIGN AND REGISTRATION RECORDS: CANDIDATES/ COMMITTEES/PARTIES

REGISTERED ELECTORS STATISTICAL REPORTS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

REGISTRATION ID CARD REPLACEMENT APPLICATIONS  
use APPLICATIONS: REPLACEMENT OF VOTER INFORMATION CARD

REGISTRATION RECORDS: POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
use CAMPAIGN AND REGISTRATION RECORDS: CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES/PARTIES

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REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR PETITION SIGNATURE VERIFICATION  
use *General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies*, Item #435, FINANCIAL TRANSACTION RECORDS: DETAIL

TREASURERS' RECORDS: CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES/PARTIES  
use CAMPAIGN AND REGISTRATION RECORDS: CANDIDATES/ COMMITTEES/PARTIES

VOTER AUTHORIZATION SLIPS/STUBS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

VOTER AUTHORIZATION SLIPS/STUBS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

VOTER CHALLENGE RECORDS: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

VOTER CHALLENGE RECORDS: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

VOTER LIST ACQUISITION OATHS: FEDERAL OFFICE  
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VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS: DUPLICATES AND INCOMPLETES  
use VOTER REGISTRATION: INCOMPLETE AND DENIED APPLICATIONS

VOTER REGISTRATION CANCELLATION RECORDS  
use VOTER REGISTRATION: VOTER POTENTIAL INELIGIBILITY SOURCE RECORDS

VOTER REGISTRATION RENEWAL CARDS  
use MAIL, UNDELIVERABLE FIRST CLASS: ELECTION MATERIAL

VOTER REGISTRATION: IDENTIFICATION EXEMPTION RECORDS  
use VOTER REGISTRATION: SPECIAL APPLICANTS - IDENTIFICATION EXEMPTION RECORDS

VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM: AUDIT RECORDS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

VOTING EQUIPMENT RECORDS  
use VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM: MAINTENANCE AND TESTING RECORDS

VOTING EQUIPMENT RECORDS AND SYSTEM: MAINTENANCE AND TESTING  
use VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM: MAINTENANCE AND TESTING RECORDS

VOTING HISTORY: FEDERAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

VOTING HISTORY: STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

VOTING MACHINE TESTING RECORDS  
use VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM: MAINTENANCE AND TESTING RECORDS

VOTING MACHINE VOTES CAST SUMMARY LISTING: FEDERAL OFFICE  
use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

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use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

VOTER REGISTRATION: VOTER INFORMATION CARDS  
use MAIL, UNDELIVERABLE FIRST CLASS: ELECTION MATERIAL  
or *General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies*, Item #393, AUDIT  
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or *General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies*, Item #394, AUDIT  
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use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY

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use ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY



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**ELECTION RECORDS: GENERAL, SPECIAL OR PRIMARY** (item #168) may include, but is not limited to, the following election records:

**ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES AND CERTIFICATES**

Section 101.64, *Florida Statutes*, Delivery of vote-by-mail ballots; envelopes; form.  
Section 101.657, *Florida Statutes* (repealed)

**ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS**

Section 101.62, *Florida Statutes*, Request for vote-by-mail ballots  
Section 101.6951, *Florida Statutes*, State write-in vote-by-mail ballot

**AFFIDAVITS/AFFIRMATIONS: EXECUTED AT EARLY VOTING SITES OR AT THE POLLS**

Section 101.49, *Florida Statutes*, Procedure of election officers where signatures differ  
Section 101.051, *Florida Statutes*, Electors seeking assistance in casting ballots

**APPLICATIONS: ABSENTEE BALLOT/REGISTRATION (FEDERAL POSTCARD APPLICATIONS)**

Section 101.694, *Florida Statutes*, Mailing of ballots upon receipt of federal postcard application  
(formerly Section 97.064, *Florida Statutes*)

**BALLOT DESIGN: REQUESTS TO DEVIATE FROM UNIFORM DESIGN**

Rule 1S-2.032, *Florida Administrative Code*, Uniform Design for Election Ballots

**BALLOT IMAGE FILES**

**BALLOT INSPECTION CERTIFICATION**

Section 101.5610, *Florida Statutes*, Inspection of ballot by election board

**BALLOT ON DEMAND REQUEST RECORDS**

Section 101.151(1)(b), *Florida Statutes*, Specifications for ballots.

**BALLOT STUBS**

**BALLOTS, OFFICIAL**

Section 101.655, *Florida Statutes*, Supervised voting by absent electors in certain facilities  
Section 101.151, *Florida Statutes*, Specifications for ballots

**BOOK CLOSING STATISTICS**

Section 98.231, *Florida Statutes* (repealed)

**CONDUCT OF ELECTION REPORTING RECORDS**

Section 102.141(10), *Florida Statutes*, County canvassing board; duties

**EARLY VOTING VOTER CERTIFICATES**

Section 101.657, *Florida Statutes*, Early voting

**ELECTION PARAMETER RECORDS**

Section 101.5607(1)(b), Department of State to maintain voting system information  
Section 101.5612, *Florida Statutes*, Testing of tabulating equipment  
Rule 1S-2.015(5)(f), *Florida Administrative Code*, Minimum Security Procedures for Voting Systems, Standards for Security Procedures

**ELECTION RETURNS: PRECINCT**

Section 98.0981(2), *Florida Statutes*, Reports; voting history; statewide voter registration system information; precinct-level election results; book closing statistics  
Section 101.5614, *Florida Statutes*, Canvass of returns  
Section 102.071, *Florida Statutes*, Tabulation of votes and proclamation of results  
Section 102.141, *Florida Statutes*, County canvassing board; duties  
Section 102.151, *Florida Statutes*, County canvassing board to issue certificates; supervisor to give notice to Department of State  
Section 102.112, *Florida Statutes*, Deadline for submission of county returns to the Department of State

**ELECTION SECURITY DEVICE RECORDS**

Rule 1S-2.015, *Florida Administrative Code*, Minimum Security Procedures for Voting Systems

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**PETITION SIGNATURE RECORDS FOR CANDIDATES**

- Section 99.095, *Florida Statutes*, Petition process in lieu of a qualifying fee and party assessment
- Section 99.0955, *Florida Statutes*, Candidates with no party affiliation; name on general election ballot
- Section 99.096, *Florida Statutes*, Minor political party candidates; names on ballot
- Section 99.09651, *Florida Statutes*, Signature requirements for ballot position in year of apportionment
- Section 105.035, *Florida Statutes*, Petition process of qualifying for certain judicial offices and the office of school board member

**POLL WATCHERS RECORDS**

- Section 101.131, *Florida Statutes*, Watchers at polls

**POLL WORKER RECORDS**

- Section 102.012, *Florida Statutes*, Inspectors and clerks to conduct elections
- Section 102.014, *Florida Statutes*, Poll worker recruitment and training
- Section 102.021, *Florida Statutes*, Compensation of inspectors, clerks, and deputy sheriffs

**PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACE LOCATION RECORDS**

- Section 101.001, *Florida Statutes*, Precincts and polling places; boundaries
- Section 101.657, *Florida Statutes*, Early Voting
- Section 101.71, *Florida Statutes*, Polling place

**PRECINCT REGISTERS**

- Section 98.461, *Florida Statutes*, Registration application, precinct register; contents
- Section 101.23, *Florida Statutes*, Election inspector to keep list of those voting

**"PROTEST OF ELECTION" RETURNS**

- Section 102.166, *Florida Statutes*, Manual recounts of overvotes and undervotes
- Section 102.167, *Florida Statutes* (repealed)

**PROVISIONAL BALLOT VOTERS' CERTIFICATES**

- Section 101.111, *Florida Statutes*, Voter challenges
- Section 101.048, *Florida Statutes*, Provisional ballots
- Section 101.049, *Florida Statutes*, Provisional ballots; special circumstances
- Rule 1S-2.037, *Florida Administrative Code*, Provisional Ballots

**REGISTERED ELECTORS STATISTICAL REPORTS**

- Section 98.231, *Florida Statutes* (repealed)

**VOTER AUTHORIZATION SLIPS/STUBS**

**VOTER CHALLENGE RECORDS**

- Section 101.111, *Florida Statutes*, Voter challenges
- Section 101.68, *Florida Statutes*, Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot

**VOTER LIST ACQUISITION OATHS**

- Section 98.095(3), *Florida Statutes* (repealed)
- Section 101.111, *Florida Statutes*, Voter challenges
- Section 102.012, *Florida Statutes*, Inspectors and clerks to conduct elections

**VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM: AUDIT RECORDS**

- Section 101.591, *Florida Statutes*, Voting system audit
- Rule 1S-5.026, *Florida Administrative Code*, Post-Election Certification Voting System Audit

**VOTING HISTORY**

- Section 98.0981, *Florida Statutes*, Reports; voting history; statewide voter registration system information; precinct-level election results; book closing statistics

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- Section 101.5614, *Florida Statutes*, Canvass of returns
- Section 102.071, *Florida Statutes*, Tabulation of votes and proclamation of results (formerly Section 101.54)

**VOTING SYSTEM OVERVOTES/UNDERVOTES REPORTS**

- Section 101.595, *Florida Statutes*, Analysis and reports of voting problems

**VOTING SYSTEM TRANSACTION LOGS**