

# EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT **Vote By Mail (VBM)** AKA ABSENTEE BALLOT

Florida rules as of April 2022

## WHY SHOULD I VOTE BY MAIL (VBM)?

- Convenient: No worries about weather, long lines, unexpected illness or schedule conflicts on Election Day
- Review candidates/issues at your leisure with ballot in hand
- You can track your ballot ([votepalmbeach.gov](http://votepalmbeach.gov)) to ensure it arrived. VBM ballots are counted first.
- Historically, helps Democrats achieve record turn-out

## HOW CAN I ENROLL FOR A VBM BALLOT?

**Any registered Palm Beach County voter can obtain a VBM ballot.**

- In person at any Supervisor of Elections (SOE) office in Palm Beach County ([votepalmbeach.gov](http://votepalmbeach.gov) for hours and branch locations)
- Online at [votepalmbeach.gov](http://votepalmbeach.gov)
- By email or phone, **561-656-6208**. At any Voter Registration event

## WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD I HAVE HANDY?

- Valid Florida Drivers License or Florida ID Card and the last 4 numbers of your Social Security Number
- Your Florida address. If you want your ballot sent **elsewhere**, try to tell the SOE at least 2 months before Election Day to ensure it's timely arrival before the election. **VBM's are not forwarded**. A ballot returned as undeliverable cancels a VBM request for future elections so your VBM request will have to be renewed.
- At bottom of form, check box "All elections that I am eligible for", if applicable.

## HOW CAN I BE SURE I'M ENROLLED TO VBM FOR 2022?

- Click on **My Status** with PBC SOE website, [votepalmbeach.gov](http://votepalmbeach.gov), to make sure you are registered to VBM.

## WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY VBM BALLOT?

**In July** for the August, 23, 2022, Primary Election

**In October** for the Nov. 8, 2022, General Election

## WHAT DO I DO WITH MY COMPLETED VBM BALLOT?

- Place it in a regular mailbox **as early as possible** to avoid delivery delays and ensure it arrives before the election.
- Drop it off during early voting hours at a designated drop box.
- Bring it to any PBC Supervisor of Elections office.  
([votepalmbeach.gov](http://votepalmbeach.gov) for hours and branch locations)

**NOTE:** Under the Republicans' new voter suppression law, you are strictly limited on the number of completed VBM ballots you can deliver—your own, your immediate family's and 2 other voters. It is against the law to deliver any more than specified.

**Please remember to insert the ballot into the secrecy sleeve, THEN SIGN AND DATE THE ENVELOPE.**

## WHEN DOES MY VBM STATUS EXPIRE?

- **Under the new FL law signed by Gov. DeSantis**, your current VBM registration expires after every general election cycle (2 yrs).
- **Voters who wish to receive VBM ballots for 2023 through 2024** elections are required to re-submit a VBM Ballot Request **after** Nov. 8, 2022. (Re-submit early in odd-years (2023, 2025) to avoid delays in ballot arrivals.)
- After Nov. 8, 2022, **under the new FL law, voters must re-apply every two (2) years to Vote By Mail.**