

HOW TO MAKE SURE MY VOTE IS COUNTED

THINGS TO DO - CHECK OFF LIST:

1. **CHECK THE STATUS OF MY VOTER REGISTRATION NOW.**
Call the Elections' Office at **329-0224**, or visit the website at www.putnam-fl.com/soe (instructions: Click on Voter Information, then Click on Voter Status, key in your name and birth date.)
2. **Update my signature** today with the elections office **BEFORE I VOTE**. If the signature on my voter record does not match the signature that I sign on my absentee ballot, or a provisional ballot, my voted ballot will not be counted. I will have lost my vote.
3. **Take valid picture identification and signature identification when I go to vote**, whether I vote early or at the polls. A good form of this is my valid Florida driver's license or Florida Identification issued by the Florida Driver's License Office/Tax Collector's Office.
4. Make sure I **'color in the oval using pencil, blue or black ballpoint pen'** beside each candidate I wish to vote for.
5. **If I make a mistake on my ballot, DON'T ERASE.** Erasures may cause an overvoted race. That race will not be counted by the ballot reader.
6. **Make sure I did not have any stray markings on my ballot** that may have gone into another candidate's or issue's oval by mistake, as this may cause an overvoted race.
7. **If I make a mistake don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot.**
8. **If I have questions about the ballot or need directions on how to vote, I must ask the election official to help me before I go into the booth to vote.** Or, if I have requested and received my absentee ballot and have any questions, I must call the elections' office at 329-0224 for help.
9. **Make sure I read my ballot and follow the directions.** If I vote for more candidates than the race allows in the instructions, my vote will not be counted in that race, it will be an overvoted race. Example: If the instructions reads "Vote for One", then I can vote for only one candidate; if it reads "Vote for Two", then I am allowed to vote for two candidates in that race.
10. **Study the candidates and issues before I go to vote** to save myself time; and know I have made the right choice.