

PUBLIC NOTICE 2018

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING DATES

BOOK CLOSING DEADLINE: The deadline to register to vote or change your political party affiliation in order to participate in an upcoming election is 29 days before the election. The registration deadlines for 2018 are: General Election: October 9, 2018 If you wish to register to vote or change your political party affiliation, visit www.RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov. If you have relocated from another Florida county to Washington County, or relocated within Washington County change your address with the Supervisor of Elections office as soon as possible.

PUBLIC TEST OF VOTE TABULATING EQUIPMENT: On Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 9:00 AM the Washington County Canvassing Board will convene in the Supervisor of Elections office located at 1331 South BLVD, Suite 900, Chipley, FL, to test the ballot tabulation equipment to be used for the November 6, 2018 General Election. The Canvassing Board may also discuss other matters relating to the November 6, 2018 General Election. This meeting is open to the public.

EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES FOR AUGUST 28, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION: Saturday, October 27, 2018 through Saturday, November 3, 2018 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM (Sunday 9 AM – 5 PM) Early voters will have reserved parking at the front of the Supervisor of Elections office.

REQUEST AND CANVASS ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOTS: The deadline to request a Vote Mail Ballot for the November 6, 2018 Primary Election is Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. You can request a Vote By Mail Ballot by phone at 850-638-6230; by email via www.wcsoe.org; by mail or in person at 1331 South BLVD, Suite 900, Chipley, Florida 32428. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your signature on file in the Supervisor of Elections Office is up-to-date. Florida Statute 98.077(4) requires that the signature on the Vote by Mail Ballot Voter Certificate Envelope match the voter signature on file at the start of the Canvass of Absentee Ballots. Prior to the canvass of absentee ballots, absentee ballot voter certificate envelopes for the 2018 General Election received prior to 8:00 A.M. on Monday, November 5, 2018, will be available for public inspection from 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 A.M. November 5, 2018, at the Supervisor of Elections Office. Those wishing to inspect absentee ballot envelope certificates received after 8:00 A.M. on November 5, 2018, must be present prior to the begin of canvassing on each date listed below and throughout the day on November 6, 2018. Pursuant to Section 101.68(2)(c)(2), Florida Statutes, if any elector or candidate present believes that an absentee ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of that ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon a defect in the voter's certificate may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope. The Washington County Canvassing Board will convene on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 9:30 A.M. to begin the Canvass of Vote By Mail Ballots. The Canvassing Board will reconvene on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. to Canvass Vote By Mail Ballots for the General Election.