

**Official General Election Ballot
Polk County, Florida
November 6, 2018**

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- **Instructions:** To vote, fill in the oval (●) completely next to your choice. Use black or blue pen.
- If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.
- To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval (●) and print the name clearly on the blank line provided.

United States Senator (Vote for 1)	District Court of Appeal	Proposed Constitutional Amendments
<input type="radio"/> Rick Scott REP <input type="radio"/> Bill Nelson DEM <input type="radio"/> Write-in _____	Shall Judge Susan H. Rothstein-Youakim of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in Office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	No. 3 Constitutional Amendment, Article X, Section 29 Voter Control of Gambling in Florida This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling by requiring that in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law, it must be approved by Florida voters pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution. Affects articles X and XI. Defines casino gambling and clarifies that this amendment does not conflict with federal law regarding state/tribal compacts. The amendment's impact on state and local government revenues and costs, if any, cannot be determined at this time because of its unknown effect on gambling operations that have not been approved by voters through a constitutional amendment proposed by a citizens' initiative petition process. <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Representative in Congress, District 9 (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Wayne Liebnitzky REP <input type="radio"/> Darren Soto DEM		
Governor and Lieutenant Governor (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Ron DeSantis REP Jeanette Nuñez <input type="radio"/> Andrew Gillum DEM Chris King <input type="radio"/> Darcy G. Richardson REF Nancy Argenziano <input type="radio"/> Kyle "KC" Gibson NPA Ellen Wilds <input type="radio"/> Ryan Christopher Foley NPA John Tutton Jr <input type="radio"/> Bruce Stanley NPA Ryan Howard McJury <input type="radio"/> Write-in _____	Circuit Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Group 10 (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Melissa Gravitt <input type="radio"/> Keith P. Merritt	
	School Board, District 3 (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Sarah Fortney <input type="radio"/> Scott Jones	
	School Board, District 5 (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Kay Fields <input type="radio"/> Jennifer Sabin	
	Polk Soil and Water Conservation District, Group 2 (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Joe Garrison <input type="radio"/> Greg Williams	
	Polk Soil and Water Conservation District, Group 3 (Vote for 1)	
	Proposed Constitutional Amendments No. 1 Constitutional Amendment, Article VII, Section 6, Article XII, Section 37 Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies. The amendment shall take effect January 1, 2019.	
Attorney General (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Ashley Moody REP <input type="radio"/> Sean Shaw DEM <input type="radio"/> Jeffrey Marc Siskind NPA	<input type="radio"/> Kyle Carlton <input type="radio"/> OnDrew Hartigan	
Chief Financial Officer (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Jimmy Patronis REP <input type="radio"/> Jeremy Ring DEM <input type="radio"/> Write-in _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Matt Caldwell REP <input type="radio"/> Nicole "Nikki" Fried DEM	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
State Senator, District 22 (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Kelli Stargel REP <input type="radio"/> Bob Doyel DEM	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
County Commissioner, District 4 (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Martha Santiago REP <input type="radio"/> Karen Cooper Welzel DEM	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Justice of the Supreme Court Shall Justice Alan Lawson of the Supreme Court be retained in Office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	No. 2 Constitutional Amendment, Article XII, Section 27 Limitations on Property Tax Assessments Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to permanently retain provisions currently in effect, which limit property tax assessment increases on specified nonhomestead real property, except for school district taxes, to 10 percent each year. If approved, the amendment removes the scheduled repeal of such provisions in 2019 and shall take effect January 1, 2019.	
District Court of Appeal Shall Judge Anthony K. Black of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in Office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Shall Judge Darryl C. Casanueva of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in Office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Shall Judge Edward C. LaRose of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in Office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

Proposed Constitutional Amendments	Proposed Constitutional Amendments	Proposed Charter Amendments
<p>No. 6 Constitutional Revision, Article I, Section 16, Article V, Sections 8 and 21, Article XII, New Section Rights of Crime Victims; Judges Creates constitutional rights for victims of crime; requires courts to facilitate victims' rights; authorizes victims to enforce their rights throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes. Requires judges and hearing officers to independently interpret statutes and rules rather than deferring to government agency's interpretation. Raises mandatory retirement age of state justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years; deletes authorization to complete judicial term if one-half of term has been served by retirement age.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 11 Constitutional Revision, Article I, Section 2, Article X, Sections 9 and 19 Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes Removes discriminatory language related to real property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters. Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not affect prosecution or penalties for a crime committed before the amendment; retains current provision allowing prosecution of a crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Amendment No. 3 Charter Review Reform Amends the County Charter to increase the time between appointments of the mandatory Polk County Charter Review Commission to twelve (12) years. Adds explanatory language to the County Charter confirming the County Commission's authority to propose charter amendments and to create a special advisory charter review board at any time.</p> <p>Shall the above described amendment be adopted?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>No. 7 Constitutional Revision, Article IX, Sections 7 and 8, Article X, New Section First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities Grants mandatory payment of death benefits and waiver of certain educational expenses to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 12 Constitutional Revision, Article II, Section 8, Article V, Section 13, Article XII, New Section Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers Expands current restrictions on lobbying for compensation by former public officers; creates restrictions on lobbying for compensation by serving public officers and former justices and judges; provides exceptions; prohibits abuse of a public position by public officers and employees to obtain a personal benefit.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Proposed County Referendum Continuation of Countywide School One-Half Cent Sales Surtax for Capital Improvements to Educational Facilities Shall the Polk County School Board continue to levy a countywide one-half cent sales surtax for the next 15 years to be used for capital expenditures to improve student and campus safety, renovate, expand, modernize existing schools and facilities, upgrade technology and security projects and for new construction for growth including the purchase of land for the overall improvement to facilities, for student achievement, and well-being to become effective January 1, 2019.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> For the one-half cent sales tax <input type="radio"/> Against the one-half cent sales tax</p>
<p>No. 9 Constitutional Revision, Article II, Section 7, Article X, Section 20 Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces Prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath all state-owned waters between the mean high water line and the state's outermost territorial boundaries. Adds use of vapor-generating electronic devices to current prohibition of tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces with exceptions; permits more restrictive local vapor ordinances.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 13 Constitutional Revision, Article X, New Section, Article XII, New Section Ends Dog Racing Phases out commercial dog racing in connection with wagering by 2020. Other gaming activities are not affected.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Proposed Charter Amendments Amendment No. 1 Polk County Efficiency Commission Amends the County Charter to remove all provisions related to the Polk County Efficiency Commission. Terminates the current Charter requirement to appoint the Polk County Efficiency Commission every eight years. Deletes Charter provisions related to appointment standards, qualifications, duties of members and other officers, commission reports and required responses.</p> <p>Shall the above described amendment be adopted?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Amendment No. 2 Term Limits Amends the County Charter to prohibit an incumbent from appearing on the ballot for re-election to the office of County Commissioner if, by the end of the current term of office, the incumbent will have served (or, but for resignation would have served) as a Commissioner for twelve (12) consecutive years. Service as a Commissioner before November 20, 2018 shall be counted against the term limitation.</p> <p>Shall the above described amendment be adopted?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>No. 10 Constitutional Revision, Article III, Section 3, Article IV, Sections 4 and 11, Article VIII, Sections 1 and 6 State and Local Government Structure and Operation Requires legislature to retain department of veterans' affairs. Ensures election of sheriffs, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, tax collectors, and clerks of court in all counties; removes county charters' ability to abolish, change term, transfer duties, or eliminate election of these offices. Changes annual legislative session commencement date in even-numbered years from March to January; removes legislature's authorization to fix another date. Creates office of domestic security and counterterrorism within department of law enforcement.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>		