

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION ★ INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA ★ JANUARY 29, 2008
 ATTENTION VOTERS: You may mark your sample ballot and bring it with you to the polls.

REPUBLICAN PARTY ONLY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY ONLY
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE
PRESIDENT (Vote for One)	PRESIDENT (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> Rudy Giuliani	<input type="radio"/> Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
<input type="radio"/> Mike Huckabee	<input type="radio"/> Hillary Clinton
<input type="radio"/> Duncan Hunter	<input type="radio"/> Christopher J. Dodd
<input type="radio"/> Alan Keyes	<input type="radio"/> John Edwards
<input type="radio"/> John McCain	<input type="radio"/> Mike Gravel
<input type="radio"/> Ron Paul	<input type="radio"/> Dennis J. Kucinich
<input type="radio"/> Mitt Romney	<input type="radio"/> Barack Obama
<input type="radio"/> Tom Tancredo	<input type="radio"/> William "Bill" Richardson III
<input type="radio"/> Fred Thompson	<input type="radio"/>

NONPARTISAN DEMOCRATIC, REPUBLICAN AND ALL OTHER VOTERS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NO. 1
 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
 ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 3, 4 AND 6
 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 27
 (Legislative)

Property Tax Exemptions: Limitations On Property Tax Assessments

This revision proposes changes to the State Constitution relating to property taxation. With respect to homestead property, this revision: (1) increases the homestead exemption except for school district taxes and (2) allows homesteaded property owners to transfer up to \$500,000 of their Save-Our-Homes benefits to their real homestead. With respect to nonhomesteaded property, this revision (3) provides a \$25,000 exemption for tangible personal property and (4) limits assessment increases for specified nonhomesteaded real property except for school district taxes.

In more detail, this revision:
 (1) Increases the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed value between \$50,000 and \$75,000. This exemption does not apply to school district taxes.

(2) Provides for the transfer of accumulated Save-Our-Homes benefits. Homesteaded property owners will be able to transfer their Save-Our-Homes benefit to a new homestead within 1 year and not more than 2 years after relinquishing their previous homestead, except, if this revision is approved by the electors in January of 2008 and if the new homestead is established on January 1, 2008, the previous homestead must have been relinquished in 2007. If the new homestead has a higher just value than the previous one, the accumulated benefit can be transferred. If the new homestead has a lower just value, the amount of benefit transferred will be reduced. The transferred benefit may not exceed \$500,000. This provision applies to all taxes.

(3) Authorizes an exemption from property taxes of \$25,000 of assessed value of tangible personal property. This provision applies to all taxes.

(4) Limits the assessment increases for specified nonhomesteaded real property to 10 percent each year. Property will be assessed at just value following an improvement, as defined by general law, and may be assessed at just value following a change of ownership or control if provided by general law. This limitation does not apply to school district taxes. This limitation is repealed effective January 1, 2010, unless renewed by a vote of the electors in the general election held in 2018.

Further, this revision:
 a. Repeals obsolete language on the homestead exemption when it was less than \$25,000 and did not apply uniformly to property taxes levied by all local governments.

b. Provides for homestead exemptions to be repealed if a future constitutional amendment provides for assessment of homesteads "at less than just value" rather than as currently provided "a specified percentage" of just value.

c. Schedules the changes to take effect upon approval by the electors and operate retroactively to January 1, 2008, if approved in a special election held on January 29, 2008, or to take effect January 1, 2009, if approved in the general election held in November of 2008. The limitation on annual assessment increases for specified real property shall first apply to the 2009 tax roll if this revision is approved in a special election held on January 29, 2008, or shall first apply to the 2010 tax roll if this revision is approved in the general election held in November of 2008.

YES

NO

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN
 7 AM -- 7 PM**

**YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE
 AND WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE
 A SIGNATURE AND PHOTO I.D.**

MAKE FREEDOM COUNT VOTE

Some forms of acceptable I.D.:

- ★ Florida Driver's License
- ★ Florida I.D.
- ★ Passport
- ★ Student I.D.
- ★ Debit/Credit Card

If you do not have a photo or signature I.D.,
 an affidavit can be completed at the polls and
 you may vote. Call our office for details.

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IMPORTANT

The size of the print displaying the constitutional amendment on the touch screen is very small and difficult to read. State law requires us to have the whole amendment on one page. We encourage you to read the amendment on this Sample Ballot before going to the polls. Mark your Sample Ballot and bring it with you.

FLORIDA RUNS CLOSED PRIMARIES

In Florida primaries (unlike in municipal, general and special elections), you may only vote for party candidates of the party for which you are registered. (For example, only persons registered as Democrats may vote for Democratic candidates.) There is only one exception — if all candidates running for an office have the same party affiliation, and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, then all registered voters may vote on that race in the primary (Universal Primary Contest).

It is important to know that in a *primary*, if there are nonpartisan candidates (such as for judicial races) or issues (such as state referendums) being voted on, all voters may vote on these regardless of party. In general elections, all voters may vote on all races and issues.