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## **SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS REDUCES BUDGET BY 9 PERCENT**

**Indian River County, FL-** The Indian River County Office of Management & Budget requested a 3% budget reduction for all constitutional officers when submitting their FY 2012 – 2013 budget. Supervisor of Elections, Leslie Swan said, "I am extremely pleased to report that our proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year is \$1,044,430, which is a 9.21% budget reduction, **three times** the requested amount."

Swan commented, "The staff at the Supervisor of Elections office has worked diligently to implement cost-saving measures while continuing to provide excellent customer service to the citizens of Indian River County." This past fiscal year, the Elections office consolidated polling locations and reduced expenses by over \$120,000. As a result of the redistricting process, Swan also plans to reduce the number of voting precincts from 54 to 37, saving additional taxpayer dollars. Swan said, "Consolidating polling locations and reducing the number of voting precincts is not a one-time savings. Budgets throughout the coming years will benefit from these aggressive measures."

The Supervisor of Elections office has turned to new technologies to help compensate for the 45.5% reduction in staff over the past four years. The Elections office contracted with a vendor to print, process, and mail absentee ballots resulting in a tremendous savings in ballot printing costs. The ballots are printed on an "as-needed" basis, so there is no need to stock large quantities of ballots which may never be used and are later destroyed.

For the upcoming Presidential Election, Swan allocated additional funds for a two-card ballot. To date, there are eleven constitutional amendments proposed for the 2012 General Election ballot, which may cause the ballot to be printed utilizing two ballot cards per voter.

Again this year, Swan has voluntarily reduced her own salary and personal benefits by 18.1%. Also of note, the proposed budget amount of \$1,044,430 is a 9.75% decrease from the last Presidential Election budget four years ago.