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## **Last Day to Register to Vote is January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan reminds Indian River County residents that they **MUST** be registered to vote by January 3, 2012 in order to be eligible to vote in the January 31, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary Election. In accordance with Florida Statute 97.055, the registration books close on the 29<sup>th</sup> day before each election. Once the registration books are closed, voter registration and party changes may be accepted for the purpose of subsequent elections only.

Florida runs closed Primary Elections. In Florida, Primary Elections (unlike in municipal, general and special elections), you may only vote for the party candidates of the party for which you are registered. This election is a Republican Primary Election. Since there is only one democrat candidate and no minor party candidates or amendments on the ballot for this election, it will be a partisan election for registered Republicans only. Only persons registered as "Republican" may vote in this election.

To be eligible to vote in this election, voters must be at least 18 years of age, a US citizen, a legal resident of the State of Florida and Indian River County, and registered as Republican. Persons who have been convicted of a felony or adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting must have their right to vote restored before they are eligible to vote.

Voter registration applications are available at the Supervisor of Elections office, public libraries, county offices, city halls or state agencies that provide public assistance. Applications are also available on the Supervisor of Elections website at [www.voteindianriver.com](http://www.voteindianriver.com). Completed applications must be signed, dated and returned to the Supervisor of Elections office by the close of business on January 3, 2012.

It is important to keep your voter information up to date. The information you provide determines your voting precinct and voter eligibility. Registered voters may check their status at [www.voteindianriver.com](http://www.voteindianriver.com). To do so, click "Am I Registered?" on the website. Then, insert your last name, birthdate and the house number of your address and follow the online instructions.