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Media Alert

## **ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE**

**Indian River County FL** -Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan reminds voters that Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> is the last day voters can request an absentee ballot to be sent through the mail by the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Office. Voters requesting an absentee ballot by mail must contact the Supervisor of Elections Office by 5:00 p.m. on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Absentee ballots may be requested online, in person, by phone, fax, mail, or email. Call (772) 226-3440 or visit [www.voteindianriver.com](http://www.voteindianriver.com) and click "Request Absentee Ballot".

Once voted, the ballot must be placed in the official return envelope provided and the voter must sign the voter certificate on the backside of the envelope. It is important that the signature on the absentee ballot certificate matches the signature that the Elections Office has on the voter's record. Since it is common for signatures to change throughout the years, voters are encouraged to update their signature by submitting a voter registration application and checking the "signature update" box.

Voted ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, August 26. Voted absentee ballots will not be accepted at the polling site on Election Day. Any ballots received after Election Day will not be counted, even if the ballot is postmarked by August 26, 2014. Voters may check the status of their absentee ballot by clicking "Track My Absentee Ballot" on the homepage.

Voters may continue to pick up absentee ballots from the Supervisor of Elections Office through the day prior to Election Day. New legislation states that absentee ballot pick up on Election Day is only permitted in the case of an emergency.

Absentee ballots cannot be forwarded by the U.S. Post Office, nor can they be held at the post office. Voters who have moved will not receive their absentee ballot even if they have filed a change of address with the post office to have their mail forwarded.

Supervisor Swan reminds voters that Florida law allows all qualified voters to request an absentee ballot. This makes voting by mail accessible and convenient for all who choose to participate. All voted absentee ballots will be canvassed despite closeness of the race.

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