

Division of Elections' Overview

New Supervisor of Elections' Workshop September 2019

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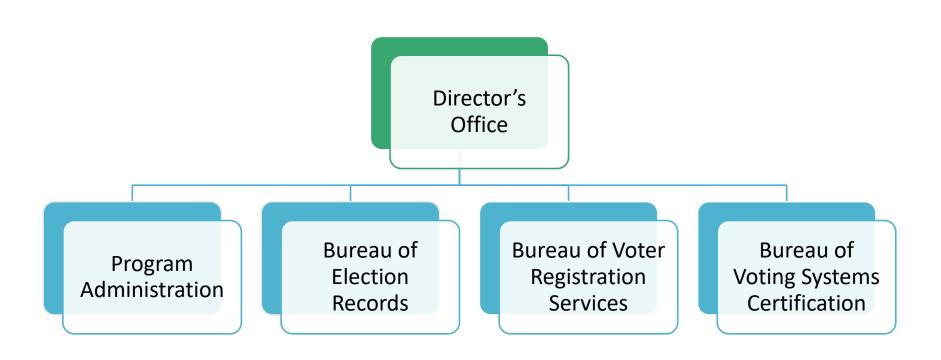
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Topics

Division of Elections – Organization **Unit Duties Program Administration Duties Public Records** Resources

Division of Elections - Organization



Duties

Administrative arm to the Secretary of State

Interpret, implement, and enforce election laws

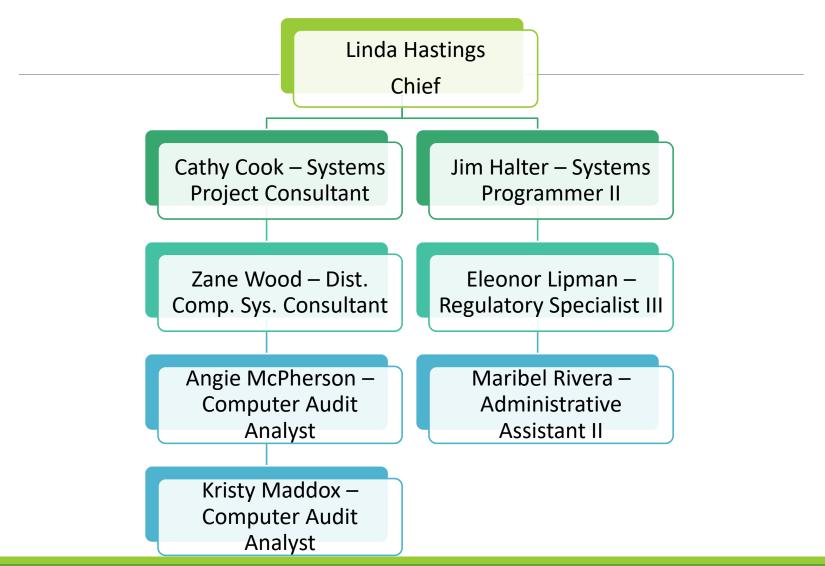
Assistance regarding election law and administration

Administration of federal grants under the Help America Vote Act

Advisory
opinions in
coordination
with General
Counsel's Office

Rulemaking

Bureau of Voting Systems Certification



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Test voting systems & voting process (periphery) items

Develop test standards & review new technology as required Conduct election observations – routine/official

Provide technical assistance

Conduct bi-ennial review and year round updates – county minimum security procedures

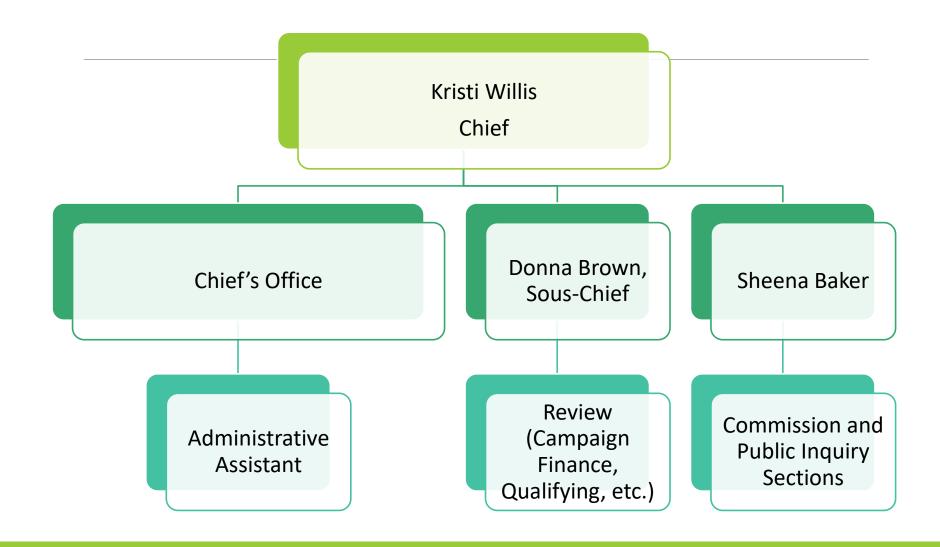
Maintain online local elections dates database

Review, update & provide technical assistance for rules

Track & maintain county voting systems/equipment info

Collect and analyze various post-election reports

Bureau of Election Records



Bureau of Election Records

Candidate qualifying (federal, state, multicounty, special district) Political committees & electioneering communication organizations

Campaign finance reports

Handbooks for candidates, campaign treasurers, and political entities

Notices of General Election

County candidate Lists (Electronic DSDE80 system)

Ballot certification

Candidate pronunciation webpage

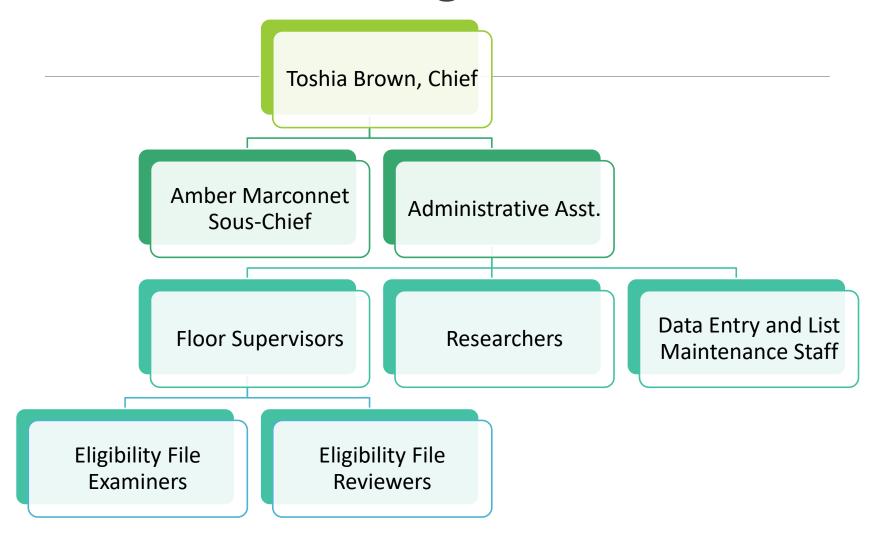
County canvass certificates of election results (Electronic System)

Collect and analyze various post-election reports

Issuance of commissions

Repository for minority reports and seals

Bureau of Voter Registration Services



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Voter Registration

- Out-of-State cancellations (instate/out-of-state)
- Mail-in voter application reroutes to the SOE Offices
- HSMV Verifications
- Voter Assistance Hotline & OVR Help

Ineligibility

- Mental incapacity
- Felony (federal, Florida, out-of-state, sex offenders)
- Deceased
- Other

Reporting/

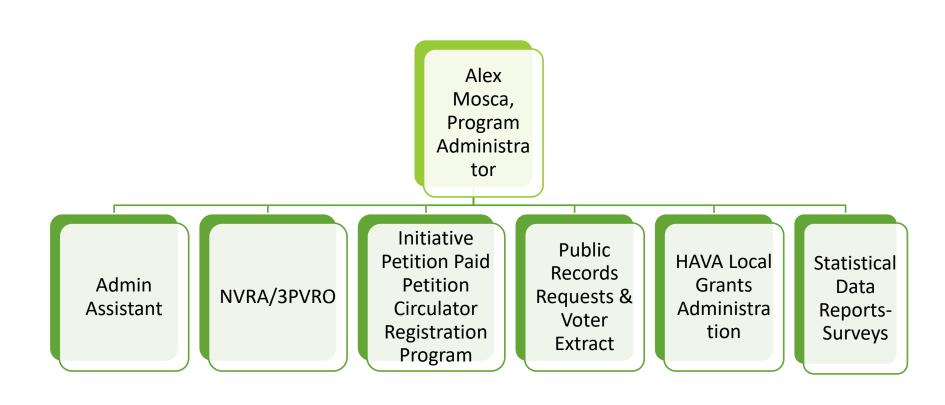
Research

- Election Night results reporting
- Voter by Mail ballot request files & access applications
- Research for legal office/election fraud complaints
- Other statistical reports/public records

FVRS Quality Control

- Duplicate registration records
- Aged felon and deceased file reports
- Inactive registered Voters
- Administrative Input Errors-Date of Birth, DL, etc.

Program Administration Unit





Help America Vote (HAVA)

- 2002 Federal Law
- Requirements
- State Plan
- Federal Election Administration Funds and Grants
- Funds Reporting Requirements/Timelines
- Election Assistance Commission's Election Administration and Voting Survey
- Every federal general election year
- Voter Education Survey

National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)

1995 - Federal Law

National mail-in registration form

Motor Voter

Voter registration agencies

State and regional agency coordinators

Training

Constitutional Amendments

- Oversees the process by which citizens propose constitutional amendments by initiative (next slide)
- Ballot position
- Public notice
 - Publication in newspaper of general circulation in each county
 - Polling place booklets
- Spanish translation
- Database of amendments:
 - https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/laws-rules/constitutionalamendments/

Amendment by Initiative Petition

Submission - approval Judicial review (Supreme Court) and fiscal impact review Ballot position Signature verification Passage

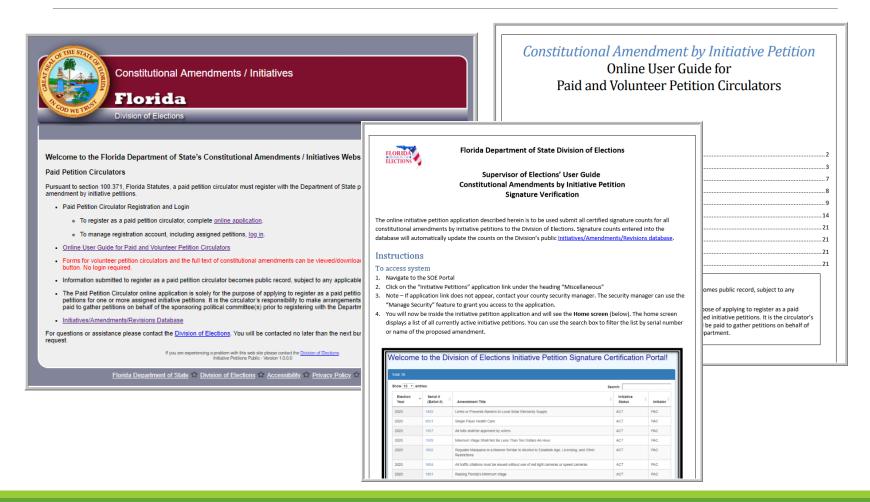
- Approval within 7 days of properly completed submission by sponsoring political committee
- No merit review only format
- 10% of signatures for ballot placement
- Must meet thresholds in an at least ½ (7) of congressional districts
- 8% of the voters who cast votes in the last presidential election
- Must meet thresholds in at least ½ (14) of congressional districts
- Petitions must be turned in within 30 days of signing if collected by paid petition circulator
- Supervisors of Elections have 30 days from date of receipt to verify and certify to Division (advanced payment required unless undue burden affidavit on file)
- Minimum 60% approval

Citizen's Initiative Petition – Undue Burden

IMPORTANT: Pay	(Section 99	IT OF UNDUE BURDEN 0.097(4), Florida Statutes) s will preclude or invalidate the filing of an undue burden			
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Paid Petition Circulator Registration Program



Special Salary Qualification Certification

Section 145.09, Fla. Stat. Rule 1S-2.0115, F.A.C.

\$2000 annual extra pay

Pass open book exam with score of 90% or better

Conduct a primary AND a gubernatorial or presidential election

Attend mandatory FSASE orientation course

Minimum of 2 years as SOE

Earn 20 credits per the Rule

Annual recertification requires 24 credits

Special Election Reimbursement

What special elections qualify for reimbursement?

Elections called under s. 100.101, F.S. (will be called by Governor)

Procedures

- Reimbursement must be based on the actual expenses (paid invoices)
- SOE must file actual expenses with county and copy with DOS
- Reimbursement only for expenses that are solely caused by and required for conduct of election
- Reimbursement will be based upon a "first in, first out" submission
- If funds not currently available, payment is rolled over to next FY

DE Reference Guide 0005 + online checklist available

Mail Ballot Elections

(ss. 101.6101 - .6107, F.S.)

When mail ballot election can occur:

- Referendum election
- Body responsible for calling election and SOE authorize the mail ballot election
- Secretary of State approves the SOE's written plan/timetable

•When they are prohibited:

- When a candidate is to be nominated, elected, or recalled
- When election is held on the same date as another election for same voters

Procedures:

- Resolution from governing body calling for mail ballot election
- SOE must conduct the mail ballot election
- Costs paid for by jurisdiction initiating the election
- Election Code's vote-by-mail voting provisions apply to extent they do not conflict with Mail Ballot Election Act

DE Reference Guide 0015

Government in the-Sunshine Public Records

- Government-in-the Sunshine
 - Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (Public Records)
 - Chapter 286, Florida Statutes (Public Business)
 - S.286.011, Florida Statutes (Public meetings and records)
- Public Records Requests
- Exemptions
- Records Management
 - Retention/Disposition
 - General Schedule -3 (Election Records)
- Florida Attorney General
 - Official interpreter of public records law
 - Government-in-the Sunshine Manual
 - Mediation Program



Disposal of Unused Election Materials (s. 101.545, F.S.)

- Prior approval required
- Dispose of unused ballots, forms, and other election materials
- •After the election for which such ballots, forms, or other election materials were prepared
- Procedures:
 - Submit written request to DOE
 - DOE will review and approve

Resources

Division of Elections Websites

Reference Guides and Checklists

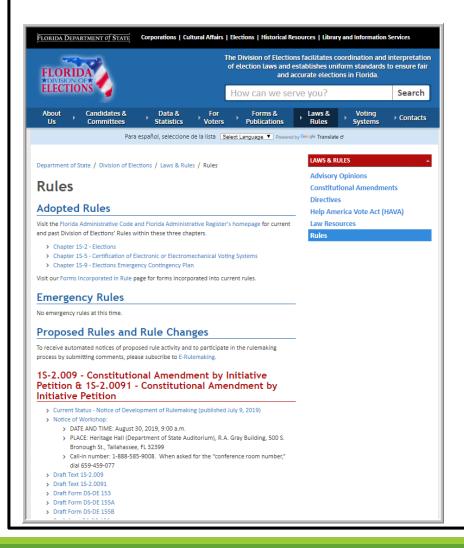
Publications and Forms

Reports

DOE Main Website

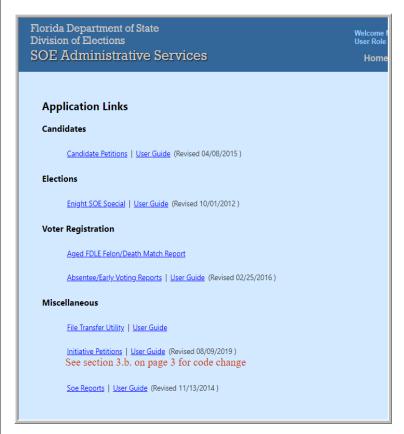


Rulemaking





Special Resources



SOE Portal

SOE Resources Internal Webpage



Key Dates to Remember



ı	Page 5	2020 Date			
Н	Date	Event	Legal Reference		
	January 14 (Tue)	First day of regular Legislative Session.	Art. III, §3(b), Fla. Const Regular session of the legislature shall convene on the 2nd Tuesday after the 1st Monday in January of each even-numbered year.		
	January 17 (Fri)	First day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of vote-by-mail ballot request information to the Department of State for the Preference Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – 60 days prior to the Presidential Preference Primary Election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. and continuously until 15 days after the		

Election Dates and Activities Calendar

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Page 1 2020 Highlights					
Candidate Qualifying Period					
U.S. Representative, Judicial, State Attorney (All except 20th Circuit) and Public Defender (All except 20th Circuit)	Noon, April 20 - Noon, April 24				
State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special Districts	Noon, June 8 - Noon, June 12				
Write-in candidates for President and Vice President	8:00 am, June 23 - Noon, June 30				
Presidential Preference Prima	Presidential Preference Primary Election				
Voter Registration Deadline (book closing)	February 18				
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline - for UOCAVA Voters (Absent Stateside and Overseas Uniformed and Civilian Voters)	February 1				
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline - For Domestic Voters (7-day mailing window)	February 6 - February 13				
Early Voting - Mandatory (8-day period starting on the 10th day and ending on the 3rd day before Election Day)	March 7 - March 14				
Early Voting - Additional Optional Days (A county may offer early voting on one or more of these days)	March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 15				
Election Day	March 17				
Primary Election					
Voter Registration Deadline (book closing)	July 20				
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline - for UOCAVA Voters (Absent Stateside and Overseas Uniformed and Civilian Voters)	July 4				
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline - For Domestic Voters (7-day mailing window)	July 9 - July 16				
Early Voting - Mandatory (8-day period starting on the 10th day and ending on the 3rd day before Election Day)	August 8 - August 15				
Early Voting Period - Additional Optional Days (A county may offer early voting on one or more of these days)	August 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 16				
Election Day	August 18				
General Election					
Voter Registration Deadline (book closing)	October 5				
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline - for UOCAVA Voters (Absent Stateside and Overseas Uniformed and Civilian Voters)	September 19				
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline - For Domestic Voters (7-day mailing window)	September 24 - October 1				
Early Voting - Mandatory (8-day period starting on the 10th day and ending on the 3rd day before Election Day)	October 24 - October 31				
Early Voting Period - Additional Optional Days (A county may offer early voting on one or more of these days)	October 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and November 1				
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o security procedures due to the Department of e Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.015, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.015, F.A.C - At least 45 days before early voting begin for the election in which they are to take effect.	
r Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Elections address and registration list ce activities for prior six months.	§§98.065 and 98.075, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041 F.A.C – No later than January 31 of each year.	
r Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail bsent statewide and uniformed overseas voters for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S At least 45 days prior to each election.	
atition signature certification deadline.	Art. XI, §5, Fla. Const. and §100.371(1), F.S. – No later than February 1 of the yea in which the General Election is held.	
Elections to submit to the U.S. Department of rmation on county compliance with 45-day yte-by-mail ballot send-out for the Presidential Primary Election.	43 days before the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	
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registered voter or poll watcher may file a p another voter in the same county for the	§101.111, F.S No sooner than 30 days before an election.	

SOE Guide to Reports



Supervisor of Elections' Guide to Reports, Files, and Activitie

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Supervisor of Elections' Guide to the Division of Elections Reports, Files ar

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Export Summary Results File

Official Election Results Database or Export File

SOE Portal and File Transfer Utility Instructions ... Supervisors of Elections' Accounting of Third-Party Voter Registration Organization's Voter Registration Applications.. Public Records Exemption Requests - High Risk Professionals.. Ballot Certification Candidate Petition Certifications... County Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request Files County Early Voting Summary and Detail Files County Minimum Security Procedures (new and revised) (rev. 11/2018)... Early Voting Dates, Times, and Locations..... Election Night Reporting Preparation Election Coding Statement. Election Preparation Report.. Initiative Petition Signature Certification Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Test - Election Database Backup ... Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Test - Summary Results...... Request for Mail Ballot Election UOCAVA Ballots 45-Day Compliance Report..... Precinct Designations and Polling Place Locations..... Voting System Acquisition Report

Election Assistance Commission - Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS)

Supervisor of Elections' Guide to the Division of Elections Reports, Files and Activities

Supervisors of Elections' Accounting of Third-Party Voter Registration Organization's Voter Registration Applications (Rev. 11/18)

References: Rule 1S-2.042, F.A.C. Note: Rule takes precedence over some parts of section

97.0575, F.S., due to court case.

Compliance: The Division of Elections (Division) shall maintain a publicly available and current database of all third-party voter registration organizations (3PVROs)

and the voter registration forms assigned to the 3PVRO.

Each Supervisor of Elections (SOE) shall provide to the division information on voter registration forms assigned to and received from 3PVROs. The information must be provided in a format and at times as required by the

division by rule.

Purpose: To ensure the integrity of the registration process, including timely submission

of registration forms and accountability of applications forms distributed to

and returned by 3PVROs.

Record Retention: For SOEs, retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost.

General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies, Item #124. For the Division of Elections: Retained for 2 anniversary years from

date of record. (#000398-0001a)

Form(s) to be Used: DS-DE 124 – Supervisors of Elections' Accounting of 3PVRO Applications

DS-DE 148 - Supervisor of Elections' (SOE) Transmittal Form - Third-Party

Voter Registration Organizations (3PVRO) Noncompliance

Submission Date: For accounting report - by noon, each day. If the SOE's office is closed on the

day a report is due, the supervisor or designee shall submit the report on the next business day the office is open. Pursuant to Rule 15-2.042, the DS-DE 124 is not required to be submitted if the SOE did not provide applications to, or

receive any from, a 3PVRO on the preceding business day.

Submission Method: Email (preferred): 3PVRO@DOS.MyFlorida.com

Division Contact: Director's Office at 850-245-6200

Instructions for SOE: 1. By noon each day, complete form DS-DE 124 recording the number of

voter registration applications provided to, and the number of blank and nonblank applications received from, each 3PVRO the previous day.

2. Email the form to the Division of Elections as an .pdf attachment.

 To comply with Rule 1S-2.042(8)(c), F.A.C., you may report noncompliance by an individual or organization with the 3PVRO rule by completing and submitting form DS-DE 148 (link above) to the Division of Elections.

Procedural Questions vs. Statutory Interpretations

Statutory Interpretation (may need to request Advisory Opinion)

Contact DOS Office of General Counsel 850-245-6536

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Procedural Questions

Contact the Division of Elections.

See Division's Subject Directory for contact information

Advisory Opinions (s. 106.23(2), F.S.)

- Right to request an advisory opinion relating to any provisions or possible violations of Election Code:
 - Actions SOE has taken or proposes to take
 - Candidates, local election officials, political parties, registered political committees, and other persons/organization engaged in political activity can also request opinion
- Procedure for requesting: Rule 1S-2.010, Florida
 Administrative Code
- Past opinions are searchable on Division's website:
 - https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/laws-rules/advisoryopinions/

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