

Notice of Development of Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Elections

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

1S-2.034: Polling Place Procedures Manual

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: This rule will amend the incorporated polling place procedures manual to require statewide Spanish-language assistance at the polls because the state's Puerto Rican American population has increased since the devastation of Hurricane Maria in September 2017, but there is currently no uniformity in Spanish-language assistance. The manual will also be updated to reflect statutory changes, including additional forms of identification at polling places and substitution of the term “vote-by-mail ballot” for the term “absentee ballot,” and address circumstances encountered by voters and poll workers in past elections.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Polling Place Procedures Manual

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 20.10(3), 97.012(1), 102.014(5)

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 97.055, 97.061, 98.461, 100.011, 100.061, 101.021, 101.031, 101.043, 101.045, 101.048, 101.049, 101.051, 101.111, 101.131, 101.23, 101.49, 101.5601, 101.5608, 101.5610, 101.5611, 101.5614, 101.56062, 101.56075, 101.69, 102.012, 102.014, 102.031, 104.20

A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: August 6, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Heritage Hall, Department of State, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Candice Edwards at (850) 245-6536 or candice.edwards@dos.myflorida.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Ashley E. Davis at (850) 245-6531 or ashley.davis@dos.myflorida.com

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

1S-2.034 Polling Place Procedures Manual.

The Department of State, Division of Elections, is required to create a polling place procedures manual to guide election officials and poll workers in the proper implementation of election procedures and laws. Form DS-DE 11 (effective ~~XX/201906/2014~~), entitled “Polling Place Procedures Manual,” is hereby incorporated by reference and available at the following link: ~~[insert new hyperlink]~~ <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref 04186>. The form is also available from the Division of Elections, R. A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, by contact at (850) 245-6200, or by download from the Division of Elections’ rules webpage at: <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/http://election.dos.state.fl.us/index.html>.

Rulemaking Authority 20.10(3), 97.012(1), 102.014(5) FS. Law Implemented 97.055, 97.061, 98.461, 100.011, 100.061, 101.021, 101.031, 101.043, 101.045, 101.048, 101.049, 101.051, 101.111, 101.131, 101.23, 101.49, 101.5601, 101.5608, 101.5610, 101.5611, 101.5614, 101.5617, 101.56062, 101.56075, 101.69, 102.012, 102.014, 102.031, 104.20 FS. History—New 7-4-02, Amended 1-25-04, 3-16-06, 1-1-08, 8-13-08, 8-25-10, 1-18-12, 6-19-14,
