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OKALOOSA COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS PREPARES FOR AMENDMENT 4 TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 8, 2019

December 20, 2018 - Okaloosa County, FL – The Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections offices are preparing for the enactment of Amendment 4 - the Voting Restoration Amendment approved by Florida voters in the November General Election - on January 8, 2019. Both offices will be accepting new voter registration applications, including applications by former convicted felons who will be eligible to register beginning January 8.

A majority of convicted felons in Florida who have completed their sentences, including parole and probation, will be eligible to have their voting rights automatically restored on January 8. Those convicted of murder or sexual offenses will not be eligible unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights through the clemency process currently in place.

Voters who have previously been removed from the voter rolls due to a felony conviction must re-register after the date of restoration on January 8. Any applications received prior to January 8, 2019, will be processed according to the law currently on the books and may not be eligible.

Individuals who are unsure of their status should contact the Clerk of Circuit Court in the county where they were sentenced or the Florida Department of Corrections where they were supervised or incarcerated. Individuals may search or apply for Restoration of Civil Rights through the Florida Commission on Offender Review, Office of Executive Clemency.

The Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections will continue voter registration and education efforts, as well as provide support to community groups and third party voter registration organizations, to encourage and assist individuals who will become newly eligible following the January 8, 2019, effective date. For more information, please call the Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections at (850)689-5600/(850)651-7272.

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