

**This is your
SAMPLE BALLOT
for the
January 29, 2008
Presidential Preference Primary**

Things To Know About This Election:

- ◆ Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ◆ Absentee ballots must be turned in to the Supervisor of Elections office, not at any polling places.
- ◆ If you have moved, please change your address at the elections office before election day to avoid going to the wrong polling place.
- ◆ Early voting will be held January 14-26, Monday through Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
South Okaloosa County: NW Florida Fairgrounds, 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd, FWB
North Okaloosa County: Supervisor of Elections office, 302 Wilson St. N, Suite 102, Crestview
- ◆ Last date to request an absentee ballot: Wednesday, January 23.
- ◆ **There will be a ballot style for all voters in the January 29th Presidential Preference Primary.**

Questions?

**Visit us online at www.govote-okaloosa.com
or call us at 689-5600 or 651-7272.**



Need Help Finding Your Precinct?

Visit our website at www.govote-okaloosa.com and click on our Precinct Finder icon on the bottom of the home page. You will be able to easily type in your address and get directions to your polling place.

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Presidential Preference Races:

Florida is a closed primary state. As a nominating election, only members of that party are eligible to vote in their respective primary elections. The Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference races below will only appear on ballots for voters who are registered as Democrats or Republicans.

Democrat

PRESIDENT
PRESIDENT (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
<input type="radio"/> Hillary Clinton
<input type="radio"/> Christopher J. Dodd
<input type="radio"/> John Edwards
<input type="radio"/> Mike Gravel
<input type="radio"/> Dennis J. Kucinich
<input type="radio"/> Barack Obama
<input type="radio"/> William "Bill" Richardson III

Republican

PRESIDENT
PRESIDENT (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> Rudy Giuliani
<input type="radio"/> Mike Huckabee
<input type="radio"/> Duncan Hunter
<input type="radio"/> Alan Keyes
<input type="radio"/> John McCain
<input type="radio"/> Ron Paul
<input type="radio"/> Mitt Romney
<input type="radio"/> Tom Tancredo
<input type="radio"/> Fred Thompson

DESTIN BALLOT:

Destin candidates will be on the ballot in all of Precincts 20, 35, 44, and 50 and part of Precinct 49.

CITY OF DESTIN MUNICIPAL ELECTION	
CITY COUNCIL (Vote for No More Than Four)	
<input type="radio"/>	Dewey E. Destin Jr.
<input type="radio"/>	Gene Floore
<input type="radio"/>	Dave Janca
<input type="radio"/>	Sean Lynch
<input type="radio"/>	Stephen M. Rose
<input type="radio"/>	Sandra K. (Sandy) Trammell
<input type="radio"/>	Tom Weidenhamer
<input type="radio"/>	James T. (Jim) Wood Jr.

NOTE: Sean Lynch withdrew after ballots were printed.

Municipal Races:

Three municipalities are holding elections concurrently with the Presidential Preference Primary: Destin, Mary Esther, and Valparaiso.

Democrats and Republicans will find their respective municipal races following the Presidential race on their ballots. For voters with no party affiliation, the municipal race will appear first on their ballots.

VALPARAISO BALLOT:

Valparaiso candidates in Precinct 15 only.

CITY OF VALPARAISO MUNICIPAL ELECTION	
CITY COMMISSION (Vote for No More Than Two)	
<input type="radio"/>	Jack Blystone
<input type="radio"/>	Joe Caudill
<input type="radio"/>	Jerry Cruz
<input type="radio"/>	Thomas G. Miller
<input type="radio"/>	Brent Smith

MARY ESTHER BALLOT:

Mary Esther candidates in Precinct 21 only.

CITY OF MARY ESTHER MUNICIPAL ELECTION	
CITY COUNCIL (Vote for No More Than Three)	
<input type="radio"/>	George Crews
<input type="radio"/>	Frank P. Crowder Sr.
<input type="radio"/>	Lee Griffin
<input type="radio"/>	Richard Reinlie

Constitutional Amendment:

This amendment to the Florida Constitution that has been proposed by the State Legislature will appear on all ballot styles, regardless of party affiliation or city residence.

TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.
Use only a dark pen or pencil. If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot.
If you erase or make other marks, your vote may not count.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 3, 4, AND 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 27

Property Tax Exemptions; Limitations On Property Tax Assessments

This revision proposes changes to the State Constitution relating to property taxation. With respect to homestead property, this revision: (1) increases the homestead exemption except for school district taxes and (2) allows homestead property owners to transfer up to \$500,000 of their Save-Our-Homes benefits to their next homestead. With respect to nonhomestead property, this revision (3) provides a \$25,000 exemption for tangible personal property and (4) limits assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property except for school district taxes.

In more detail, this revision:

(1) Increases the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed value between \$50,000 and \$75,000. This exemption does not apply to school district taxes.

(2) Provides for the transfer of accumulated Save-Our-Homes benefits. Homestead property owners will be able to transfer their Save-Our-Homes benefit to a new homestead within 1 year and not more than 2 years after relinquishing their previous homestead; except, if this revision is approved by the electors in January of 2008 and if the new homestead is established on January 1, 2008, the previous homestead must have been relinquished in 2007. If the new homestead has a higher just value than the previous one, the accumulated benefit can be transferred; if the new homestead has a lower just value, the amount of benefit transferred will be reduced. The transferred benefit may not exceed \$500,000. This provision applies to all taxes.

(3) Authorizes an exemption from property taxes of \$25,000 of assessed value of tangible personal property. This provision applies to all taxes.

(4) Limits the assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property to 10 percent each year. Property will be assessed at just value following an improvement, as defined by general law, and may be assessed at just value following a change of ownership or control if provided by general law. This limitation does not apply to school district taxes. This limitation is repealed effective January 1, 2019, unless renewed by a vote of the electors in the general election held in 2018.

Further, this revision:

a. Repeals obsolete language on the homestead exemption when it was less than \$25,000 and did not apply uniformly to property taxes levied by all local governments.

b. Provides for homestead exemptions to be repealed if a future constitutional amendment provides for assessment of homesteads "at less than just value" rather than as currently provided "at a specified percentage" of just value.

c. Schedules the changes to take effect upon approval by the electors and operate retroactively to January 1, 2008, if approved in a special election held on January 29, 2008, or to take effect January 1, 2009, if approved in the general election held in November of 2008. The limitation on annual assessment increases for specified real property shall first apply to the 2009 tax roll if this revision is approved in a special election held on January 29, 2008, or shall first apply to the 2010 tax roll if this revision is approved in the general election held in November of 2008.

END OF BALLOT

YES

NO