## PRESS RELEASE: Candidate Party Change Deadline: June 10, 2023

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Florida law requires that any person seeking partisan state or county public office must be a registered member of their political party for 365 days before the beginning of the qualifying period in 2024. Any person seeking partisan state or county public office and who wishes to run without a party affiliation must have no party affiliation during the same referenced timeline. The party change deadline for candidates is June 10, 2023.

Potential candidates may stop by the Elections Office to complete a Florida Voter Registration Application, or use Florida's Online Voter Registration System to update their party affiliation here: <a href="https://registertovoteflorida.gov">https://registertovoteflorida.gov</a>

## **Law References:**

Any person seeking to qualify for nomination as a candidate of any political party shall, at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing:

- 1. The party of which the person is a member.
- 2. That the person has been a registered member of the political party for which he or she is seeking nomination as a candidate for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which the person seeks to qualify.

Section 99.021, Florida Statutes

Any person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate with no party affiliation shall, at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing that he or she is registered without any party affiliation and that he or she has not been a registered member of any political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which the person seeks to qualify.

Section 99.0955, Florida Statutes