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Voters head to polls starting Monday

Navigate Florida's 2026 election rules with this complete midterm voting guide

By Anthony Man
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

In-person early voting in the midterm elections is about to begin in Florida.

Polls show the marquee races, for governor and U.S. Senate, are

much closer than the last midterm elections. South Florida has close congressional races that could help determine which party controls the House of Representatives.

And depending where voters live in Broward or Palm Beach counties, they will also see contests

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for county commission, mayor, city commission or school board. Voters will also be asked if they want to raise, maintain or cut taxes.

Here's everything you need to know to make voting-by-mail, early voting and Election Day voting go

smoothly — and make sure your ballot gets counted.

MANY VOTING OPTIONS

Early in-person voting starts Monday, Oct. 19, in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties, and lasts for 14 days. Dozens of locations are available in each of the three counties.

Meanwhile, Florida residents have been voting by mail for more

than three weeks. Just under 174,000 votes have been cast through Thursday in South Florida, and 741,000 statewide.

Elections supervisors are eyeing a decrease in the number of people who have requested vote-by-mail ballots compared to the 2022 midterm elections.

They expect even heavier use of

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Library Manager Michele Andrews reads during story time at the Parkland Library. If the Amendment 3 property tax measure passes, "we may not be able to do as many programs for the public, I think definitely there would be less," Andrews said. **CARLINE JEAN/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL**

Cities tally possible losses if Amendment 3 passes

Proponents want property tax cuts, but local governments say they'll face hard choices

By Abigail Hasebroock
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

Parkland's mayor worries about how scaling back the city's beloved programs and services could compromise the quality of life keeping families in the community.

The Lake Clarke Shores mayor cautions that hard choices lie ahead for town officials, starting with spending cuts.

Palmetto Bay's mayor supports the idea of tax relief — but believes doing away with property taxes is a disservice to local governments.

Officials from these three

communities across Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties are outlining their concerns about Florida's Amendment 3 ahead of the Nov. 3 general election.

In interviews with the South Florida Sun Sentinel, they laid out in detail how their communities

could be affected by the property tax cuts and how they're preparing.

In recent months, the property tax measure has drawn support and opposition, with recent polls varying widely on whether

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Seniors will pay more for Medicare

Big changes coming across all plans in 2027

By Cindy Krischer Goodman
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

Florida's 5.3 million Medicare enrollees face a sweeping financial squeeze in 2027 as rising monthly premiums, higher prescription deductibles, and shrinking Medicare Advantage benefits hit simultaneously.

Medicare experts warn that keeping coverage on "autopilot" during Open Enrollment (through Dec. 7) could take a heavy toll on seniors' fixed incomes come January.

"It looks like Medicare is going to be more expensive," said Beatrice Scafidi, SHINE liaison with the Area Agency on Aging of Palm Beach/Treasure Coast. "I think the deductible and premiums are going to go up, and your visits to the doctor will cost you more. Your co-pays are going to go up, so if you paid \$10 bucks to see your primary last year, you may need to pay \$20."

An additional 140,000 Florida seniors enrolled in Medicare for 2027. Federal projections show as many as 700,000 additional Floridians joining Medicare by 2030. Despite a growing pool of paying members, insurers face severe

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Your Guide to Medicare 2027 next Sunday in the Sun Sentinel. And check out The Prime supplement in today's newspaper.

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Florida parents against out-of-state student surge find ally in Jolly

By Steven Walker
ORLANDO SENTINEL

Marsha Tripp graduated from the University of Florida in the 1980s. Her son is now a sophomore at the Gainesville school, but she worried that his path to

UF was tougher than hers because of the growing number of out-of-state students attending Florida's top-ranked university.

UF is now enrolling more than twice as many students from other states than it did 10 years ago, and she fears those students are taking

spots from deserving Floridians.

"That's a slap in the face for our kids who take all these AP classes, and who work hard to get into these universities," said the Ocala mother.

That's a sentiment shared by plenty of other Florida parents and by David Jolly, the Democratic

candidate for governor.

Jolly, who has dedicated a page of his campaign website to out-of-state enrollment, says he wants to give Florida high school students "preferred application status" at state universities.

He hasn't offered specifics or

proposed a new cap on out-of-state students. But he said Florida taxpayers support the state's public universities, so their academically successful children deserve an opportunity to be educated here.

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