

2019 Voter's Guide Levy County



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Voter's Bill of Rights and Responsibilities [Section 101.031(2), Florida Statutes]

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current address.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.



Dear Voter,

I am pleased to publish the new Voter's Guide for 2019 now updated to include those officials elected in the 2018 General Election!

Please take a minute to look through the back pages of this guide where you will find that up-to-date list of all of your federal, state, county, and judicial officers. I urge you to call, e-mail or write your officials if there is an issue about which you feel strongly; they do want to hear from you.

With some of the things that happened here in Florida during 2012, the Florida Legislature passed a wide range of elections, ethics, and campaign finance reforms this year—expanding early voting dates and times, changing contribution limits, and allowing unsigned Vote by Mail ballots to be “cured” among them. More information about these reforms can be found on our website.

We reorganized our website last year, and also now have a mobile version! This new mobile site connects you to the most-asked information—checking your registration status, requesting and tracking the status of a Vote by Mail ballot, and finding your polling place. Now, if you use a Smartphone, you can stay connected with us! Whether you're looking for information on registration, Vote by Mail voting, candidates, election results or any one of the numerous community outreach programs we have, you can find it all on our website, www.votelevy.com.

If you can't find the information you need in this booklet or on our website, please don't hesitate to call the office. My staff and I are 100% customer-service oriented and are always happy to answer any questions or help solve any problem. We are here to serve you!

Sincerely,

Tammy Jones
Supervisor of Elections

Registering to Vote

Who can register and vote?

A legal resident of Florida with a valid residence address in Levy County, who fulfills all the following conditions, is eligible to register to vote in Levy County:

- A citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age (pre-register as early as age 16, but must be 18 to vote)
- Not have been convicted of a felony without having civil rights restored
- Not have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting without having civil rights restored

When can I register to vote?

You can register to vote at any time; however, registration books for any election close 29 days prior to Election Day. A person registering to vote when the books are closed will not be eligible to vote in the upcoming election, but will be eligible for all future elections.

How can I register?

If you go to the Supervisor of Elections office in Bronson, your application process begins immediately. Our office is the best source for providing new voters with information.

If you go to one of the mandated agencies, you can apply to register there at the same time as taking care of other business, such as driver's license, etc. The application must be processed through the Supervisor of Elections office.

See #1 under Frequently Asked Questions for specific locations and information on all methods of applying to register to vote.

NOTE: The Florida Voter Registration Application (FVRA) may be used for any record change as well as a new registration. **Name and party changes require an original signature and should be made on the FVRA.**

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where can I go to register to vote?

- Supervisor of Elections Office
421 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621
- Driver's License Offices - Tax Collector Offices (Bronson, Chiefland, and Williston)
- Public Libraries (Bronson, Cedar Key, Chiefland, Williston, and Yankeetown)
- Children & Family Services Centers that provide public assistance and food stamps (WIC, AFDC, Medicaid and Public Health)
- Department of Labor Offices serving persons with disabilities
- Armed Forces Recruiting Offices
- Military Voting Assistance Officers
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

All of the above agencies are required to accept your completed form and forward it to our office within five days for processing. Every application received is acknowledged in writing with a Voter Information Card verifying eligibility or a letter requesting more information.

2. Can I register online?

Visit www.votelevy.com and click on the Register to Vote tab. You will then be redirected to the Register to Vote Florida web page. Follow the instructions in order to submit your application.

Please Note: Anyone who registers by mail and who has never previously voted in Florida and who does not hold a current and valid Florida driver's license, Florida ID card, or a Social Security number, has to provide a copy of a current and valid identification or fit one of the exemptions listed below. Such identification or exemption may be provided when registering or at any time prior to voting for the first time in the state. Acceptable ID includes a valid U.S. Passport, Military ID, Student ID, Public Assistance ID and others; contact the elections office for additional information. Certain persons are exempt:

- Persons 65 years of age or older
- Voters with a temporary or permanent disability
- Uniformed Services on active duty and their dependents
- Merchant Marine members and their dependents
- Civilians residing outside the U.S. who are eligible to vote in Florida

3. Do I have to re-register (a) if I haven't voted in a long time, or (b) every time I move?

(a) Failure to vote or contact our office in four years may result in being removed from the voter list.

- Inform the elections office of any change of address within the county or state
- Respond to any request for Address Confirmation in order to keep your record current as an active voter

Note: It is suggested that a voter make some form of contact at least every two years to ensure active status.

(b) You do not have to re-register, but you do have to notify the elections office of your new address. Your address determines your precinct.

4. Do I have to choose a political party?

No, it is not required. If you do not choose a party, you will be registered as "No Party Affiliation." Voters registered as No Party Affiliation or in a minor party may not vote for party (Democrat and Republican) candidates in a primary election (see #5 & #6), but may vote on nonpartisan candidates and issues. Party affiliation does not matter in the general election.

5. Does being "No Party Affiliation" or minor party mean I can vote for anyone in a primary?

No, Florida is a *closed primary state*. Usually, only the two major parties (Democrat and Republican) have primaries, which are nominating elections. Florida Statute 101.021 states, "It is unlawful for any elector to vote in a primary for any candidate running for nomination from a party other than that in which such elector is registered." However, all voters may vote in a primary for nonpartisan races, such as school board members, judges, and referenda. The only other exception is for a Universal Primary Contest.

6. What is a Universal Primary Contest?

If, in any race, only candidates of one party have qualified, and there are no minor party, No Party Affiliation, or write-in candidates for the general election, that race will be on the primary ballot for ALL registered voters of the jurisdiction, regardless of party registration.

7. How do I change my political party?

A party change should be made on a Florida Voter Registration Application with the signature of the voter. Party changes will not be processed while the registration books are closed 29 days prior to a primary election.

8. If my name has changed (marriage, divorce, other legal act), how do I change my name on your records?

A name change should be made on a Florida Voter Registration Application with the signature of the voter's new name. Please include your former name on the form as well. If your address has also changed, you can make the address change on the same document.

9. How do I change my address?

My address change is within Levy County - Use our online form for address changes within Levy County. Address changes within the county of registration can also be made in writing, by email, fax, telephone, or just about any contact with the elections office.

I am moving into Levy County from another Florida county - Use our online form for address changes if you are moving into Levy County from another Florida county.

I have moved OUT of Levy County into another Florida county - Use the Register to Vote tab to change your address.

10. What identification do I need to vote?

Voter Information Cards cannot be used for identification. Photo and signature ID is required for voting. If the photo ID does not also contain your signature, an additional ID that includes your signature shall be required. Photo ID must be current and valid. Approved forms of photo ID are:

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida ID Card issued by the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles
- Military ID
- Current U.S. Passport
- Debit or Credit Card
- Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Veteran Health ID Card issued by the VA
- License to carry a concealed weapon
- Employee ID Card issued by the Government

11. How do I get a replacement Voter Information Card?

Voters may request a duplicate Voter Information Card from the Supervisor of Elections with a signed, written request or through our website form.

12. I've moved since the last time I voted, and I forgot to change my address. Do I go to my old precinct to vote?

Before you go vote, call the Supervisor of Elections office to change your address over the telephone and find your new precinct and polling location. You may also change your address at the new precinct on Election Day. It is a felony to vote in a precinct in which you do not live.

13. If it is not convenient to go to the polls for an election, how can I vote?

You may vote by mail or vote early before Election Day. To vote by mail, request a ballot by telephone, mail, email, fax, website form or in person, to be sent to you or picked up by you. Or, you may vote early at the Supervisor of Elections Office. For early voting dates, and times please visit www.votelevy.com.

14. Can someone pick up or return a Vote by Mail ballot for me?

You may name, in writing, a designee to pick up a ballot for you, no earlier than five days before an election, and provide certain required information. The designee for pick-up must provide identification. You can also have someone else return your ballot.

15. Does Power of Attorney apply when voting?

Power of Attorney cannot be used to vote or sign another voter's registration form.

16. When does my Vote by Mail ballot have to be returned to your office?

The ballot must be in our office by 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Election Day in order to be counted. However, if you are overseas and voting in a federal election, your ballot must be dated and/or postmarked by the date of the election and we must receive it within 10 days of the election for it to be counted.

17. How do voters' names get removed and/or re-instated?

(a) If a voter moves to another county in Florida and registers there, the statewide Florida Voter Registration System will notify our office of the change and that voter will be listed as "Moved" from our county.

(b) If a voter registers in another state and indicates a prior registration here in Florida, we will be notified, in most cases, and the Florida registration will be canceled.

(c) If we receive notification from the post office that a voter's address has changed, we will send an Address Confirmation card to the new address for the voter to verify the effect on his/her registration. If that, or any other piece of First-Class mail, comes back to the office as Returned Undeliverable, we send an Address Confirmation Final Notice, and if we receive no response within 30 days, or if it comes back Undeliverable as well, the voter will be placed on Inactive status.

(d) Voters on the Inactive list can be re-instated by updating their voter registration, appearing to vote, or requesting an absentee ballot. However, after two general (federal) elections from the date the final notice was sent, all Inactive voters who show no activity will be removed from the registration records and must register again in order to vote.

18. If I'm not currently registered, what is the registration deadline for an election?

The registration deadline is **29** days prior to any election.

19. Do the courts get prospective jurors' names from voter registration rolls?

The county courts obtain their prospective jurors' names from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Federal courts obtain their prospective jurors' names from the voter registration rolls.

20. I've never voted before. Will someone show me what to do?

Yes. Our Inspector will offer you a demonstration on how to mark your ballot when you arrive at the polling place. You can also see "How to Mark a Paper Ballot" on page 13.

21. If I'm physically impaired in some way, can I bring someone with me to help me vote?

Yes, you may, but you are not required to. If you need assistance, two of our poll workers from different political parties will assist you as needed. We also have one touch screen voting machine in each polling place capable of allowing most voters with disabilities to vote secretly and independently without any assistance. See "Assistance in Voting" on page 11.

22. What happens if I make a mistake on my ballot?

Tell the poll workers you have made a mistake, and you will be issued a new ballot in exchange for your "spoiled" ballot, which is sealed in an envelope and never opened. You may be issued up to, but no more than, three ballots.

23. What happens if I forget to bring my ID with me to the polls?

Even if your name is in the electronic poll book, the law requires you to vote a provisional ballot.

24. What is a provisional ballot?

A provisional ballot is a conditional ballot, the validity of which is determined by the canvassing board. A voter has until 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election to provide proof of eligibility, if necessary, for the canvassing board to validate a ballot.

25. What hours are the polls open?

The polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Anyone in line by 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

26. Can I just turn my voted Vote by Mail ballot in at my polling place?

No, your voted Vote by Mail ballot must be turned in to our office (see #16).

27. Can I bring my children with me to the polling place?

Yes, you may bring your children with you; we ask only that they behave appropriately. Involving children helps to educate them on the importance of voting.

28. How do I find out where I need to go to vote?

Your Voter Information Card will include your precinct and polling information or you can go to our website and use the **Voter Lookup Tool** to find out where to vote on Election Day. If your precinct or polling location changes for any reason, we will send you a new Voter Information Card.

29. Can I change my political party at the polls?

Party changes cannot be made at the polls. Registration books close **29** days before a primary election, so party changes must be done prior to the book closing date in order to be in effect for that election.

30. Can I bring my marked sample ballot to the polls?

Yes, as long as you do not display it for others to see and do not leave it in the polling place. We encourage you to use the sample ballot.

31. Can I still vote if I've been convicted of a felony?

You can still vote once you've completed all terms of your sentence, including parole and/or probation.

32. How do I find out if my civil rights have been restored?

You may either call our office to ask for assistance, or you may visit the website of the Office of Executive Clemency at <https://fpc.state.fl.us/Clemency.htm> for information (website address is case-sensitive).

Military and Overseas Citizens

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The federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and conforming state legislation cover active duty members of the U.S. uniformed services, the merchant marine, spouses and dependents of all, and U.S. citizens residing overseas. They may apply for voter registration and for Vote by Mail ballots with a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) which may be obtained from a Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) or at www.fvap.gov, the website of the Federal Voting Assistance Program. Vote by Mail requests from these voters will be effective for all elections through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If the FPCA is not available, phone or send a written request by mail, fax, or email to the Supervisor of Elections and a voter registration application or Vote by Mail ballot will be sent to you however you want it sent (i.e., by mail, fax or email).

UOCAVA voters using the Florida Voter Registration Application form who indicate their status as part of the optional information will have the same privileges extended to them. Military voters residing within the county in which they wish to register should use the Florida Voter Registration Application and indicate their military status, so the Supervisor may flag the record and ensure their UOCAVA status when they move out of the county but wish to maintain voting residency.

UOCAVA voters may have Vote by Mail ballots faxed or emailed. Only overseas ballots (those with an APO, FPO or foreign address only, not Guam, American Samoa, etc.) can be returned by fax, but not by email, if the voter waives secrecy. Access to faxed ballots in the elections office is extremely restricted, and ballots are immediately placed in secrecy envelopes. Only the Voter's

Certificate, which must be signed and dated, is examined. You can track the status of your Vote by Mail ballot request and the ballot through the online **Vote By Mail** tab at www.votelevy.com.

We encourage all UOCAVA voters to include their email addresses on any forms or correspondence and to update them along with mailing addresses whenever they move. The most important thing to remember is to notify the Supervisor of Elections office of address changes so you don't jeopardize your active voter registration status. The most efficient way to notify us is by email at elections@votelevy.com.

Additional information for UOCAVA voters is available online from the Overseas Vote Foundation. Visit www.OverseasVoteFoundation.org for a very helpful and informative site for overseas voters. Or contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program: toll-free 1-800-438-8683, fax 1-703-588-0108, and email vote@fvap.gov.

As a result of the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, voters can now check Voter Registration and Ballot status or submit registration changes, questions and absentee requests through our website www.votelevy.com or through the state website <http://registration.elections.myflorida.com>.

Federal Write-In Ballots

If it is getting close to Election Day and you still have not received your Vote by Mail ballot, you can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) as an emergency back-up Vote by Mail ballot. In order to use it, you have to be a registered voter and have previously requested a regular Vote by Mail ballot. The FWAB can be used to vote for federal office races and for state and local races with two or more candidates. You cannot use it to vote for referendum issues or for judicial retention candidates. For more information or to complete a FWAB, visit www.fvap.gov.

State Write-In Ballot

State write-in Vote by Mail ballots shall be made available to voters 90 to 180 days prior to a general election. In the request, the voter must indicate that due to military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery, the voter cannot vote a regular Vote by Mail ballot during the normal voting period. The ballot will contain only the races, and the voter must fill in the names of candidates OR write in the name of a political party, in which case all candidates of that party will be counted if they are in fact on the ballot.

Late Registration

An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the United States Merchant Marine, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States after the book closing date for an election and who is otherwise qualified may register to vote in such election at the Supervisor of Elections office until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before that election. Such persons must produce sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying for the late registration pursuant to Section 97.0555 Florida Statutes.

Other Helpful Information

Assistance in Voting

- A voter can have his/her record marked to indicate assistance is required if permanent, and poll workers will provide assistance without delay.
- A voter may bring someone to assist him/her and fill out a Declaration to Secure Assistance form at the polls (anyone except employer, union official, or agent of either). Persons providing assistance must also complete a Declaration to Provide Assistance form.
- All polling places are accessible to voters with disabilities and poll workers are trained to assist you.
- Voters who require assistance should not hesitate to ask.

Poll Watchers

- Must be registered voters in the county; poll watchers cannot be candidates or law enforcement officers.
- Each political party and each candidate may have one poll watcher per precinct or early voting site at any given time, and all must follow Florida Statutes and Supervisor of Elections procedures.
- Applications must be in Supervisor of Elections office by noon of the second Tuesday preceding the start of early voting or the election.

Florida's Public Record Law

Voter registration records are public record and any person can examine or copy the records. However, the following registration information is confidential and exempt from public disclosure: Social Security number, Drivers License number, Florida ID number, location of voter's place of registration, and location of place of registration update. A voter's signature may be viewed but may not be copied. Residence addresses can be protected for voters covered by 119.071 F.S. Total record protection is only provided for voters in the Address Confidentiality Program.

How to Report Election Law Violations

Report violations of either the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, or any irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, voting, candidate or issue petitions, or removal procedures under the Florida Election Code in writing to the Division of Elections, Room 316, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, phone 850-245-6200. Complaint forms are available on the Division of Elections website at: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/voting/index.shtml>.

Report violations relating to campaign financing, candidates, committees, or other political activities under chapters 104 and 106, and section 105.071, Florida Statutes, by sworn written complaint to the Florida Elections Commission, Suite 224 Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, phone 850-922-4539. The Florida Elections Commission is not affiliated with the Department of State, Division of Elections.

All other violations should be reported to the local state attorney.

Interested in becoming a poll worker?

- Applications are available at the Supervisor of Elections office or online at www.votelevy.com
- Selection is based on qualifications to fulfill job description
- Appointed after mandatory training classes, no less than six hours per election year
- Paid positions, with requirements

Voter Signature Updates

Has your signature changed from
this  to this  ?

Among all the information in your record that should be kept up to date, one of the most important is your signature. If you have been registered for many years and your signature style has changed, or if you have married, divorced, or become disabled or unable to write, please update your signature. (If you are caregiver to someone whose signature needs to be updated for any reason, please call the office for specific instructions.)

Signature updates should be done on a Florida Voter Registration Application. The application can be downloaded and printed from our website www.votelevy.com. Be sure to mark the "Signature Update" block on the application and mail it back to either one of our offices.

- 421 South Court Street, Bronson, FL 32621

Disability Voting Machines

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) required that all jurisdictions have one piece of equipment at each precinct so all voters with disabilities may vote in secret and without assistance. In Levy County one unit, with audio component, is available in every voting site.

The Supervisor of Elections office staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that proper security procedures and policies have been established and followed. The voters of Levy County can be confident in the continued accuracy and integrity of the elections process.

Levy County ImageCast Evolution (ICE) Voting System

- A single voting terminal that provides all that voters need to cast their vote.
- Results are precinct-count based.
- To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice in each race.
- Mark your ballot as directed, such as “Vote for One.”
- If race is marked to vote for more than one, for example “Vote for No More Than Three,” you do not have to vote for that number, only up to that number, but no more.
- The ICE Machine rejects an overvote, giving you an opportunity to correct or to process as you wish. Overvote means that a voter marks or designates more names than there are persons to be elected to an office or designates more than one answer to a ballot question.
- You will be given any assistance you need by poll workers.
- If you make a mistake, you may be issued up to three ballots, but only one ballot will be counted.
- Redundant security measures and procedures protect the accuracy and integrity of all Levy County elections.

How to Mark a Paper Ballot





2019 LEVY COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Clerk of Court

Danny Shipp
10750 NE 80th Ave
Bronson, FL 32621
352-221-5280

Property Appraiser

Osborn Barker
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352-949-1394

Sheriff

Bobby McCallum
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Bronson, FL 32621
352-486-5111

Superintendent of Schools

Jeff Edison
P.O. Box 129
Bronson, FL 32621
352-486-5231

Supervisor of Elections

Tammy Jones
421 S. Court St.
Bronson, FL 32621
352-486-5163

Tax Collector

Linda Fugate
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Bronson, FL 32621
352-486-5170

County Commissioner, Dist. 1

John Meeks
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Archer, FL 32618
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County Commissioner, Dist. 2

Rock Meeks
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Chiefland, FL 32626
352-535-5199

County Commissioner, Dist. 3

Mike Joyner
P.O. Box 2
Morrison, FL 32668
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County Commissioner, Dist. 4

Lilly Rooks
6530 SW St Rd 24
Cedar Key, FL 32625
352-221-5071

County Commissioner, Dist. 5

Matt Brooks
241 S Main St
Williston, FL 32696
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School Board, Dist. 1

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School Board, Dist. 2

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Cedar Key, FL 32625
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School Board, Dist. 3

Brad Etheridge
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Chiefland, FL 32626
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School Board, Dist. 5

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951 SE 185th Ave
Williston, FL 32696
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County Judge

James Browning
355 S. Court St.
Bronson, FL 32621
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Senate, Dist. 5

Rob Bradley
414 Senate Office Building
404 S Monroe St
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100
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House, Dist. 22

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402 S Monroe St
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
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Neal Dunn
316 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
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US Senate

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