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Seasonal Resident? Vote here!¹

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Voters living in a deep blue state, such as New York, can register to vote in Florida where your vote will help decide critical elections. You must:

1. Be a Citizen of the United States of America
2. Be a Florida resident;
3. Be at least 18 years old;
4. Not have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other state without having the right to vote restored;
5. Not have been convicted of a felony without your voting rights having been restored.

Being a Florida resident isn't defined in law but over time courts and the Florida Department of State and Division of Elections have construed residency to be where a person mentally intends to make his or her permanent residence. So even if you spend more time in another place, if you intend for Florida to be your permanent residence, you can register to vote.

Evidence of such intent can come from items or activities such as obtaining a Florida driver's license, paying tax receipts, paying bills for residency (light, water, garbage service) and receiving mail at an address, claiming the property as homestead, declaring the county as domicile, and doing other activities indicative or normally associated with home life

There may be repercussions in the other state, such as not being allowed to take the STAR exemption in New York if you take the Homestead in Florida, so make sure to check, but if you plan to make Florida your home, you can vote here.

Of course, you can only vote in one place.

See <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voter-registration/register-to-vote-or-update-your-information/> and

https://soe.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/guidelinesvoterresidencyupdated_02-2012.pdf

¹ *The Delray Democrat*, May 2020, p. 4.

