

HELPFUL INFORMATION SOURCES

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electionline

LINK: <https://electionline.org/>

Description: "Electionline is a project of The Election Center. The Election Center's purpose is to promote, preserve, and improve democracy. The Center is also known as the National Association of Election Officials. We aim to make electionline an essential stop for news and information for election administrators, advocates, and journalists—before, during, and after election cycles. We believe the site can help readers navigate a maze of information and point to trustworthy resources and ideas to improve the voting experience for the American people."

- Daily news tab: Includes national news, as well as news by state (you can filter by state, topic)
- Also incorporates weekly newsletter, election calendar, events, links to state associations, and podcasts

Ballotpedia

LINK to main page: https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page

Description: Ballotpedia is the digital encyclopedia of American politics and elections. Our goal is to inform people about politics by providing accurate and objective information about politics at all levels of government. We are firmly committed to neutrality in our content.

LINK to **Florida** page: <https://ballotpedia.org/Florida>

LINK to page on **Voting in Florida**: https://ballotpedia.org/Voting_in_Florida

- Includes sections and additional links regarding voter registration details (deadlines, eligibility requirements, in-person voting details, absentee/mail-in voting, felon voting rules, summaries of policy-related events)

Ballotpedia, cont.

LINK to **Florida Voter ID laws**: https://ballotpedia.org/Voter_ID_in_Florida

- Includes link to the full text of the law, list of acceptable forms of ID, provisional ballot rules

LINK to **Florida 2024 elections** page:

https://ballotpedia.org/Florida_elections,_2024

- Includes list of offices on the ballot w/ links for more information, statewide election dates, ballot measures, lists of candidates

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

LINK to main page: <https://www.ncsl.org/>

Description: “The National Conference of State Legislatures, created by state legislators and legislative staff in 1975, serves America’s 50 states, commonwealths, territories, and the District of Columbia. Every state legislator and staffer is a member of the organization and has complete access to the latest in bipartisan policy research, training resources and technical assistance tailored specifically to their needs. And, NCSL offers members a variety of opportunities to connect and collaborate, notably at its signature event, the NCSL Legislative Summit. Use the links below to get involved or connect with NCSL staff.”

LINK to NCSL Election Resources: <https://www.ncsl.org/elections-and-campaigns/ncsl-election-resources>

- Includes links about voting (early, absentee, electronic), voter ID, felon voting rights, voter registration, elections workers, poll watchers and election observation, certification and post-election audits and recounts, voting systems, election administration, election crimes and law enforcement
- Also includes links to databases (towards bottom of page): state elections legislation database, statewide ballot measures database, and election-related enactments

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), cont.

- State Elections database: can filter by state as well as topic; results provide you with the name, status, author, topic, associated bills, history, and summaries
- AI in Elections: <https://www.ncsl.org/elections-and-campaigns/ai-in-elections-a-look-at-the-federal-and-state-legislative-landscape>
- List of state statutes (includes Florida): <https://www.ncsl.org/elections-and-campaigns/artificial-intelligence-ai-in-elections-and-campaigns>
- *The entire site can also be searched by specific topic. This function provides results specific to state legislature news that might be relevant for topics narrower in scope.

National Association of Secretaries of State

LINK: <https://www.nass.org/>

Description: “Founded in 1904, the **National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS)** is the nation's oldest, nonpartisan professional organization for public officials. [Membership](#) is open to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. Territories. Meet the [corporate affiliates](#) that support the organization.

NASS serves as a medium for the exchange of information between states and fosters cooperation in the development of public policy. The association has key initiatives in the areas of elections and voting, state business services, cybersecurity, and archives/records management. View the NASS [Constitution](#) and [Bylaws](#).

[NASS Committees](#) cover a range of topics related to the Office of the Secretary of State/Lieutenant Governor.

- Site includes an overall search function.

LINK: <https://www.nass.org/news> “news” tab with recent stories and media contacts for organization.

LINK: <https://www.nass.org/initiatives> list includes cybersecurity, election administration, security elections

Election Center (AKA National Association of Election Officials)

LINK: <https://www.electioncenter.org/>

Description: “The Election Center is the premier organization of election professionals. For over three decades, the Election Center has trained more voter registration and election administrators than any other organization in the world. As a nonprofit, we have a dedication to service for governmental clients. We serve the people who serve democracy. The Election Center is the only organization in America that specializes in voter registration and election administration. In addition to expertise as the acknowledged premier elections organization, we know and understand the role of government budgeting process, the goals of public service, ethical considerations unique to government, and especially to elections. Election Administration is so complex and specialized that other firms are likely to make mistakes in recommendations for solutions. We can quickly spot the difference between a successful program and when trouble has likely begun. Our consulting teams consist of election professionals with dozens of years experience in large, medium and small jurisdictions throughout the country. We also have attorneys and college instructors available. Each team is selected to meet your particular needs. Our competitive fees are based on the services requested.”

Law 360 (Florida)

LINK: <https://www.law360.com/florida>

Description: Subscription based news service – provides legal news and analyses.

- “Our vast network of journalists, data scientists, editors and experts — along with the most advanced technology and analytics — are in action around the clock to make sure you’re fully informed and equipped to do your best work at all times.”

The Heritage Foundation

LINK to home page: <https://www.heritage.org/>

Description of organization: “Heritage’s mission is to formulate and promote public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.”

LINK to page on Election Integrity: <https://www.heritage.org/election-integrity>

- Includes election integrity scorecard, election fraud database

Brennan Center

LINK to home page: <https://www.brennancenter.org/>

Description: “As an independent, nonpartisan law and policy organization, the Brennan Center conducts rigorous research to identify problems and provide in-depth empirical findings and compelling analyses of pressing legal and policy issues. We also pioneer and champion policy solutions, such as automatic voter registration and small donor public financing.”

- <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues> Includes topics of voter suppression and reform, rights restoration, fair election administration – election security, election integrity
- Article on security the 2024 election: <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/policy-solutions/securing-2024-election>
- Article on Voter Fraud: <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/ensure-every-american-can-vote/vote-suppression/myth-voter-fraud>
- Article on Ballot Counting: <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/ballot-counting>
- Election Integrity: <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/defend-our-elections/election-integrity>

MIT Election Data and Science Lab

LINK: <https://electionlab.mit.edu/>

Description: The Stanford-MIT Elections Performance Central project was developed to address the challenges facing election administration in the United States during the 2024 election. Through academic research, the project also aims to promote best practices to ensure American elections can proceed with integrity and equal access.

- Includes research on building trust in elections, election performance, etc.
- Also provides access to a variety of different data sets, including election returns for various cycles
- Article “Evaluating the most effective approaches to correcting voter fraud misperceptions” <https://electionlab.mit.edu/articles/evaluating-most-effective-approaches-correcting-voter-fraud-misperceptions>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Pew Research Center

LINK to main page: <https://www.pewresearch.org/>

Description: “Pew Research Center is a nonpartisan fact tank that informs the public about the issues, attitudes and trends shaping the world. We conduct public opinion polling, demographic research, content analysis and other data-driven social science research. We do not take policy positions.”

- Key Facts About US Poll Workers: <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2024/07/25/key-facts-about-us-poll-workers/>
- Article: “Many Americans are confident the 2024 election will be conducted fairly, but wide partisan differences remain.” <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2024/08/01/many-americans-are-confident-the-2024-election-will-be-conducted-fairly-but-wide-partisan-differences-remain/>

Pew Research Center, cont.

- Article: “Republicans, Democrats continue to differ sharply on voting access.” <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2024/07/09/republicans-democrats-continue-to-differ-sharply-on-voting-access/>
- Article: “Bi-partisan Support for Early In-Person Voting, Voter ID, Election Day National Holiday”
<https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2024/02/07/bipartisan-support-for-early-in-person-voting-voter-id-election-day-national-holiday/>
- Article: “Most Americans say a free press is highly important to society”
<https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2024/04/23/most-americans-say-a-free-press-is-highly-important-to-society/>
 - Includes data on misinformation

American Bar Association (annual survey of Civic Literacy)

LINK to 2024 survey:

https://www.americanbar.org/news/reporter_resources/civic-knowledge-survey/

- Data: The results are from a nationally representative survey of 1,000 respondents conducted in English and Spanish by live telephone calls March 4-9, 2024. The survey was administered by DAPA Research on behalf of the American Bar Association. The margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.
- Quick take: “Respondents also indicated an uneasiness about the November general election. More than half (55%) had concerns about the integrity of the election, with 36% concerned about meddling with the vote counting process, known as election subversion. Nearly a quarter were worried about voter fraud, which includes voting more than once or ineligible people voting (23%), and more than 1 in 5 were concerned about voter suppression (21%). One in 10 had concerns about the potential for violence (10%).”
- Also asks respondents about felon voting, early voting, absentee voting, voter ID requirements, who is responsible for safeguarding democracy

Good reads on the state of polling (2024 election)

- “Key things to know about U.S. election polling in 2024”
<https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2024/08/28/key-things-to-know-about-us-election-polling-in-2024/>
- “Polling 101: How accurate are election polls?”
<https://newsroom.haas.berkeley.edu/research/polling-101-how-accurate-are-election-polls/>
- “How to read political polls in 2024” <https://abcnews.go.com/538/read-political-polls-2024/story?id=113560546>
- “How to read political polls as a pro” <https://time.com/7012220/how-read-political-polls-like-a-pro/>
- “How Public Polling Has Changed in the 21st Century”
<https://www.pewresearch.org/methods/2023/04/19/how-public-polling-has-changed-in-the-21st-century/>
- “The Problem with a Crowd of New Online Polls”
<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/09/27/upshot/online-polls-election.html>

Good reads on the state of polling (2024 election), cont.

- 2024 has been an ‘precedented’ election, but the polls are telling us another story” <https://www.yahoo.com/news/opinion-2024-unprecedented-election-polls-120000595.html>
- “Can we trust the polls this year?” <https://www.vox.com/2024-elections/370649/trust-polls-2016-2020-election-2024-pollster-polling-miss>

More Articles on Election Integrity

- “Partisan Split on Election Integrity Gets Even Wider”
<https://news.gallup.com/poll/651185/partisan-split-election-integrity-gets-even-wider.aspx>
- “Few Americans Believe 2024 Elections Will Be ‘Honest and Open’”
<https://pac.org/impact/few-americans-believe-2024-elections-will-be-honest-and-open>
- “Who Voters Trust for Election Information in 2024”
<https://bipartisanpolicy.org/explainer/who-voters-trust-election-information-2024/>