



# STATE ELECTION INTEGRITY SCORECARD

## FLORIDA

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The America First Policy Institute's (AFPI) Center for Election Integrity (CEI) has analyzed the extent to which each state has implemented five key election integrity policies. Each policy proposal is designed to ensure transparency, accountability, and security in elections and to increase Americans' confidence in their outcomes. The five tested and proven policies are to: 1) Require photo ID for in-person voting; 2) Require voter ID for mail ballot voting; 3) Ban Ranked Choice Voting; 4) Require all ballots to be received by Election Day; and 5) Ban ballot harvesting. Though CEI has also identified several other critical election integrity measures that would help make it easy to vote but hard to cheat, this scorecard focuses on these five policies when assessing how well a state is implementing efforts needed to protect legal votes and legal voters.

**75/100**  
possible points

### Require photo ID for in-person voting.

Florida requires a government-issued photo ID to vote in person. This policy ensures the person voting is who they claim to be and can be verified by election officials as a legitimate voter.

### Require all ballots to be received by Election Day.

Florida requires all ballots to be received by election officials by Election Day. This protects against questions, concerns, and actual issues regarding late ballots being counted.

### Ban Ranked Choice Voting.

Florida has proactively banned Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), a confusing and chaotic system of voting in which the candidate with the most votes sometimes ends up losing. RCV is a system in which each voter ranks their candidates, and if no one candidate obtains more than 50% of votes, multiple rounds of counting voters' subsequent choices ensue.

### Require voter ID for mail ballot voting.

Florida does not require a witness for signature matching and/or does not require signature matching at all. Mail-in ballot voting is convenient, but without significant guardrails, it opens the door to voter fraud. A voter should be required to demonstrate that they, and they alone, filled out their mail-in ballot. Requiring a form of voter ID while maintaining voter confidentiality makes it hard to cheat. Florida fails this test.

### ADDITIONAL POLICIES

#### Has Florida...

...prohibited non-government funding in elections administration?

✓ Yes!

...banned non-citizens from voting?

✓ Yes!

...refused membership in ERIC?

✓ Yes!

...prohibited same-day registration?

✓ Yes!

**Ban ballot harvesting.** Florida does not have any guardrails on how many ballots can be returned by an individual on behalf of voters. This behavior constitutes ballot harvesting, which pollutes the integrity of elections. Any state that has no guardrails against mass collection and turning in others' ballots is documented to cause problems and erode voters' trust. Florida currently falls into this category.