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Media Alert

2022 Soil and Water Qualifying Notice

Osceola County, FL – Governor Ron DeSantis signed the Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) bill into law yesterday. The law, chapter 2022-191, Laws of Florida (CS/CS/CS/SB 1078) is now in effect.

Our office is required to notice the public of the new SWCD requirements:

- All SWCD seats are up for election in 2022;
- All SWCD candidates, even those who have qualified for seats that were previously on the ballot, must submit a new, additional qualifying item before noon on Friday; and
- All SWCD races will appear on the General Election Ballot and not the Primary Ballot.

2022 SWCD candidates that have already filed qualifying documents with our office must submit an additional qualifying item by the end of the qualifying period. The ending of the qualifying period has not changed and remains to be **noon on Friday, June 17, 2022**. The additional qualifying item required is an affirmation that has been prepared by the [Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services](#) (DACS) based on the statutory form in the law.

Candidates seeking election to any additional seat that is now also up for election must submit all qualifying items, including the new affirmation, **before noon on Friday, June 17, 2022**. Candidate qualifying documents are available at our office or online, <https://www.voteosceola.gov/en-us/Candidate-Information/Candidate-Resources/Candidate-Qualifying-Documents>.

Should you have any questions regarding whether you are eligible to hold office, please contact the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which is the enforcing authority.

DACS Contact information is: Steven Hall, General Counsel, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; steven.hall@FDACS.gov; 850-617-7700.

For trusted information about state and local elections, visit the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections website votesceola.gov, and the Florida Department of State's website at DOS.Myflorida.com/elections.

For additional information, please visit www.votesceola.gov or call 407-742-6100.

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