

Obsolete. Please consult current Florida law.

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Furnishing List Of Registered Voters; s. 98.211, F.S.

To: Honorable Wilma S. Sullivan, Supervisor of Elections, Leon County Courthouse, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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By your letter of January 6, 1978, you have inquired if it is permissible to furnish a list of registered voters who became 65 years of age during 1977 to the County Tax Collector and Property Appraiser. This list would be used by these officials to inform the individuals on the list of their rights provided by law on account of their age.

The proposal of the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser is indeed a worthy one and they are to be commended for it. Unfortunately, the statute does not permit the furnishing of a partial list for such a purpose.

The new election code is quite explicit in naming exactly who may receive voter lists from the supervisor of elections. See s. 98.211(1), F.S. Being incumbent officeholders, the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser, are entitled to receive such a voter list upon request at cost. The list so provided is limited by law to contain only the name, party affiliation, address, and precinct number of electors. The birthdate or age may not be provided.

An incumbent officeholder may be furnished a voter list in order to report to his/her constituents. Id. Therefore, the public officers you have mentioned may purchase a voter list and send a report to all registered voters thereon. This report may include information regarding the rights of those sixty-five years of age or older.

SUMMARY

A partial list of registered voters containing those achieving the age of sixty-five may not be furnished to an incumbent officeholder. A complete list may be furnished at cost to an officeholder for the purpose of sending a report to his/her constituents.