

Online Voting for Your Florida HOA: Simplified & Compliant



Florida HOAs are embracing the shift to online voting! With recent changes to **Florida law (§ 720.317)**, you can make your elections more accessible and convenient while meeting all legal requirements. Here's what you need to know – and how SnapBallot ensures your success in implementing an online voting system.

WHAT FLORIDA LAW REQUIRES FOR ONLINE VOTING



Member Consent

Members must provide written or electronic consent to vote online. Once given, consent remains valid indefinitely unless the member explicitly withdraws it.

F.S. § 720.317(1)(b)



Board Approval & Notice

Your HOA board must pass a resolution authorizing online voting.

Notice of the meeting where the board will vote on implementing online voting must be provided to all unit owners at least 14 days in advance and prominently displayed on the association property.

F.S. § 720.303(2)(c)



Technology Compatibility

Members must have the chance to confirm that their devices can access the online voting system at least 14 days before the voting deadline, ensuring adequate time to resolve any technical issues.

F.S. § 720.317(1)(a)2

Online Voting System Requirements for Florida HOAs

Under Florida Statute § 720.317, online voting systems must meet specific standards to ensure secure and fair elections.



Authentication

Verify the identity of each voter to confirm they are eligible.



Vote Validation and Receipts

Ensure votes are accurately recorded and provide a receipt to each voter as confirmation.



Ballot Security

Store electronic ballots securely to allow for recounts or reviews if necessary.

Secure authentication prevents duplicate voting and voter fraud.



Data Protection

Use encryption to safeguard voting data and prevent unauthorized access.

Strict access controls are required to ensure that only authorized individuals can access voting records.

SBS software guarantees that no one, including administrators, can view what individual members voted for.



Audit Logs

Maintain records of all system interactions to ensure transparency and accountability.



Record Retention

Keep voting records for the required time to support audits or legal reviews.

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How SnapBallot Makes Online Voting Compliance Easy

With decades of experience managing secure, transparent elections, we provide an online voting system that checks every box – so you can rest assured that your online voting is secure and transparent.

Easily Collect Owner Opt-Ins

- Use SnapBallot to request and track electronic consent from homeowners, helping your HOA get up and running with online voting faster.

Reliable Record-Keeping

- Ballots stored securely for audits and recounts.
- Comprehensive logs to track and validate election participation.

Industry-Leading Security

- Multi-layer voter authentication.
- End-to-end encryption to protect votes.
- Automatic receipts for voting confirmation.
- Anonymous ballots for secret elections.

Device Compatibility Checks & Dedicated Support

- Admins can use test logins to verify compatibility.
- Members have the option to test their own devices for a smooth voting experience.

Ready to make voting easier for your HOA elections?

Scan to create a free account and launch your first election with up to 15 voters **at no cost.**



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