

FLORIDA SOLAR VOTER

Become a Florida Solar Voter TODAY: How do we make solar energy a priority in the Sunshine State? It starts by **boosting voter turnout in this year's August and November elections** among all Floridians who want to build a clean energy, sustainable energy future. **The August primary is right around the corner.** Amendment 4, which will be on the ballot, proposes to remove taxes on solar power.

What is Amendment 4? Amendment 4 would amend Florida's Constitution to exempt the value of solar panels and other renewable energy equipment from both the tangible personal property tax and the real property tax. To become law, Amendment 4 must be approved by a YES vote of at least 60 percent on the Aug. 30 primary ballot.

The proposed Amendment 4 would exempt solar systems from the tangible personal property tax – the most burdensome of the taxes – for a period of 20 years. Amendment 4 would lower solar energy costs by lowering taxes on solar installations – because the tangible personal property tax is passed on to customers in the form of increased solar power prices of up to 5 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh). Better solar economics can mean more solar development, which lays the groundwork for cleaner air and a more sustainable future for the next generation.

Title and text of Amendment 4 as it will appear on the ballot:

SOLAR DEVICES OR RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE DEVICES; EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT.

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to exempt from ad valorem taxation the assessed value of solar or renewable energy source devices subject to tangible personal property tax, and to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit consideration of such devices in assessing the value of real property for ad valorem taxation purposes. This amendment takes effect January 1, 2018, and expires on December 31, 2037.

Voting is easy in Florida – you have many different options to make sure you cast your vote in August:

1. **Ditch the polls and sign up to vote by mail at floridasolarvoter.com!** You will receive your ballot between July 26-August 2 and will have the entire month to mail it in.
2. Or, consider voting early **August 20-27**.
3. Enjoy voting on Election Day? Head to the polls **August 30!** Use this quick tool to mark your calendar: <http://bit.ly/vote-aug-30>

Check your voter status and polling location at <http://registration.elections.myflorida.com/CheckVoterStatus>.

Florida Solar Voter is a project of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy dedicated to providing all Florida voters, including those who care about a clean energy future, an easy way to sign up to vote by mail. Contact flsolarvoter@cleanenergy.org