

Florida Attorney General's Office News Release

AG Moody Keynotes Florida Tax Collectors Annual Conference and Encourages County Leaders to Inform the Public About How to Report Voter Registration Fraud



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today in Orlando encouraged vigilance in spotting and reporting voter fraud at the Florida Tax Collectors Association Annual Conference. Tax collector offices around the state are where Floridians go to interact face to face with government. In Florida, tax collectors are independent constitutional officers duly elected by registered voters.

These county government leaders do more than collect taxes. In tax collector offices, Floridians can receive vehicle tags, hunting licenses, driver's licenses and even submit voter registration forms. With the 2024 presidential election around the corner, Attorney General Moody is encouraging tax collectors to display information about reporting voter registration crimes to Florida's Voter Fraud Hotline: 1(877) 868-3737.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "For many Floridians, tax collectors are the face of the government. Tax collectors help them obtain their first driver's license and can even help them register to vote. Florida has taken great steps to ensure the integrity of our elections. Today, I encouraged tax collectors to help us keep Florida elections secure by posting information about Florida's Voter Fraud Hotline—so Floridians know how and where to report suspicious activity."

In 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis created the Florida Department of State's Office of Election Crimes and Security to conduct preliminary investigations into irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, voting, candidate or issue petition activities, or any other alleged violations of Florida's Election Code. According to the website, OECS has reviewed and investigated more than 3,000 complaints and allegations of election fraud. Additionally, OECS has initiated more than 1,300 independent investigations.

Floridians who observe or witness a potential case of elections fraud can report it by calling the Voter Fraud Hotline at 1(877) 868-3737 or filling out an Elections Fraud Complaint by clicking here.

Today, at the annual conference, Attorney General Moody asked tax collectors to post the OECS information in offices across the state, so Floridians know where and how to report illegal voter registration. The call follows efforts by Attorney General Moody to encourage elected leaders to provide the public with information to anonymously report criminal activity through **TIPS and display other public-safety messages aimed at spotting and preventing consumer fraud.

For more on those efforts, click <u>here</u>.

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