

Interview with Wesley Wilcox, Marion County Supervisor of Elections,

On the State of Election Security in Lake County, FL

League of Women Voters Villages/Tri-County Chapter member Lynn Miller interviewed Marion County, Florida, Supervisor of Elections Wesley Wilcox on February 15, 2026.

1. How do you ensure only citizens vote?

Before you cast a ballot you must be registered to vote and by that you must be a citizen to register to vote and it must be proven before you get registered.

2. How do you ensure mail-in voting is safe?

There are more ballot boxes now at early voting sites which are locked and can only be opened by election officials. Our signatures through the years are filed so if they deviate a bit from age that is looked out to avoid issues with slight signature changes.

3. How do you ensure machines are not hacked?

Machines are still not connected to the internet to avoid any hacking.

4. How do you ensure people don't vote more than once?

People cannot vote more than once because once a voter casts a vote NO OTHER VOTE can be cast by that voter at all.

5. How do you ensure every legitimate ballot is counted?

Legitimate ballots are counted because only the voter can insert their ballot in the voting machine and mailed in ballots go directly to the Election offices or into locked Secure Ballot Intake Stations at voting sites.

6. What is the percentage of votes cast by non-citizens or are invalid for other reasons?

Percentage of votes cast by non-citizens is zero. They are not eligible to register whatsoever.

7 & 8. What kinds of invalid voting happens in your county? What happens if a vote is invalid?

If a vote is invalid, a fraud alert is issued to the Electronic Crimes unit of the 5th Judicial District. Criminal penalties shall apply.

Ballot stuffing or voting twice: Once a legitimate voter cast a ballot, the others are dismissed.

9. Can a person be purged without being notified?

Purging: If a card comes back that you have moved, the forwarding address is contacted. If unsuccessful, you still have two General Election Cycles to update your address on the website or in person at the Supervisor of Election office.

Other comments:

If anyone is illegal and attempts to vote, they void any chance of becoming a citizen because they have committed a felony. They become ineligible for citizenship.

Also, as we age our signatures do change and since the Board of Elections keeps all copies of signatures, they are reviewed and accepted if they have minor variations.