

## Establishing and Maintaining Legal Domicile (Residence) in Florida

- A. Declaration of domicile filed with clerk of the court in county of residence.
- B. Declaration of residence in will, trust, and advance directives.
- C. Registering to vote and voting, in person if possible, in Florida (all elections).
- D. Notice to taxing and voting officials of previous residence that one has become a resident of Florida.
- E. Application for homestead exemption if one owns property which qualifies for such exemption.
- F. Florida auto registration and driver's license.
- G. Recital of Florida residence in all deeds and other documents. Review trusts for possible changes.
- H. When registering at hotel or otherwise, giving place of residence, always give Florida residence. If mail is to be forwarded elsewhere, give separate address for "forwarding of mail."
- I. The federal income tax return should reflect the Florida residence as "the home address" in the return and should be filed in the proper office, accordingly.
- J. Establish an active bank account in Florida. Have social security payments and other regular receipts deposited in that account.
- K. Establish membership in local civic groups, clubs and churches and make contributions to Florida chapters of desired charities.
- L. Have public utilities and other bills sent to your Florida address.
- M. Convert resident membership in clubs and other organizations outside Florida to non-resident memberships.
- N. Close out of state safe deposit boxes, if possible. Open Florida safe deposit boxes.

Registering to Vote:	Supervisor of Elections
Automobile Registrtrion:	Tax Collector's Office (Plates)
Automobile License:	Florida Highway Patrol (New Driver's License)
Homestead Exemption:	Residents may file for homestead exemption at the property appraiser's office. Filing must be accomplished between January 1 and March 1. Bring your warranty deed so legal description may be ascertained, together with driver's license and voter registration card.