

# Doing Things the E(asy)(?) Way: E-Filing, E-Service, and E-Publication

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# Overview

Rules

Administrative Orders

Statutes



# A Retrospective

## E-Mail Service: SC10-2101

Originally issued on June 21, 2012; amended on August 14, August 30, and October 9;  
withdrawn and revised as of October 18, 2012

## Electronic Filing: SC11-399

Originally issued on June 21, 2012; amended on August 14, and October 9;  
withdrawn and revised as of October 18, 2012;  
supplemented on November 28, 2012 and February 18, 2013



# Something New

## E-Service Through the E-Portal



# Something Even Newer

E-Publication

CS/HB 781

Chapter No. 2014-210



# And now something for the Judges

## E-Filing by Judges

See Accompanying  
Report on Judicial E-Filing



# The Players



The Court

The Legislature

Florida Court Technology Commission

Florida Courts E-Filing Authority

# Florida Courts Technology Commission

Responsible for overseeing,  
managing, and directing the  
development and use of technology  
within judicial branch under direction  
of the Court



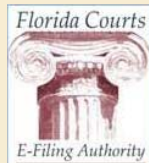


# Florida Courts E-Filing Authority

Responsible for the Portal



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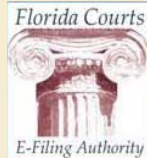


## June E-Filing Submission Statistics

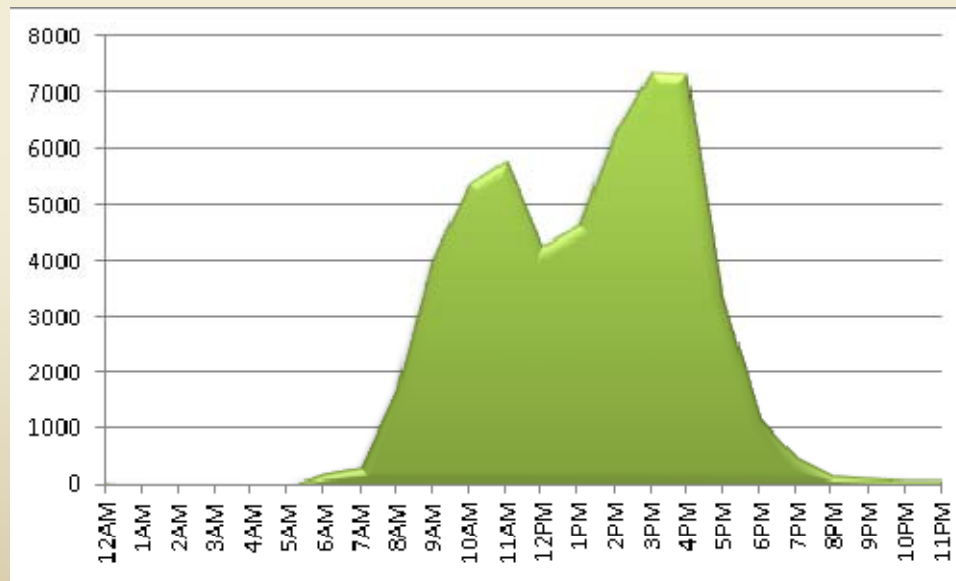
| Category                        | Number    |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| E-Filing Submissions            | 1,128,794 |
| Individual Documents Submitted  | 1,761,079 |
| Average Submissions per Weekday | 53,055    |
| Highest Volume Day 6/17/2014    | 55,840    |
| New Case Initiation             | 4.9%      |
| Portal Users                    | 62,840    |



# Florida Courts E-Filing Authority



## Weekday Filing Submission per Hour\*

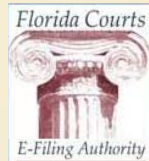


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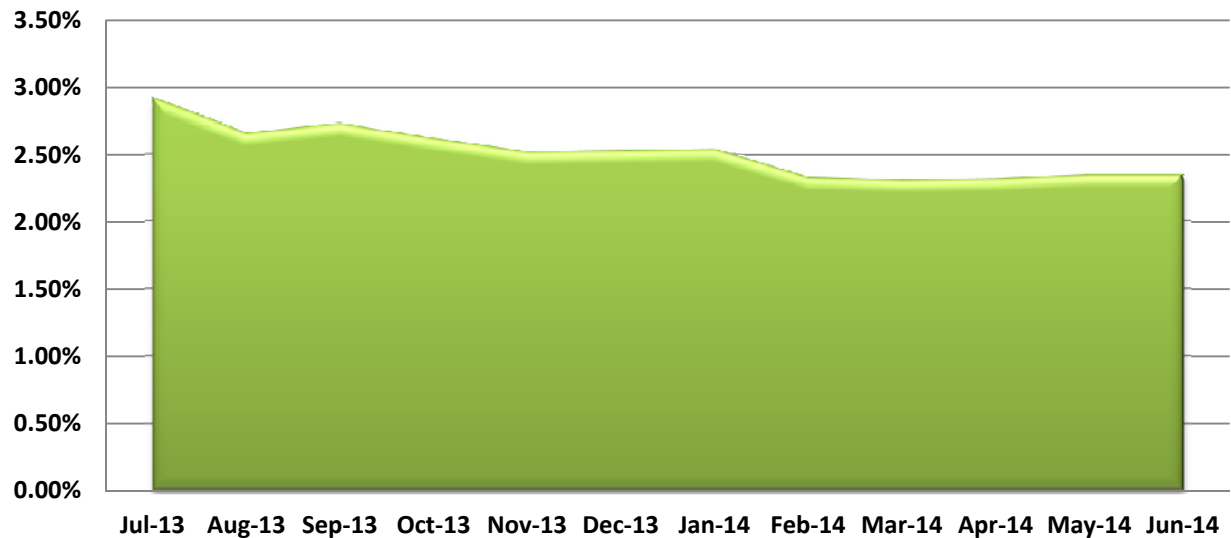
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## E-Filing Submissions Sent to Pending Queue\*

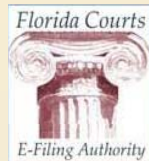


|           | Jul-13 | Aug-13 | Sep-13 | Oct-13 | Nov-13 | Dec-13 | Jan-14 | Feb-14 | Mar-14 | Apr-14 | May-14 | Jun-14 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ■ Pending | 2.92%  | 2.66%  | 2.73%  | 2.62%  | 2.52%  | 2.53%  | 2.54%  | 2.33%  | 2.31%  | 2.32%  | 2.35%  | 2.35%  |

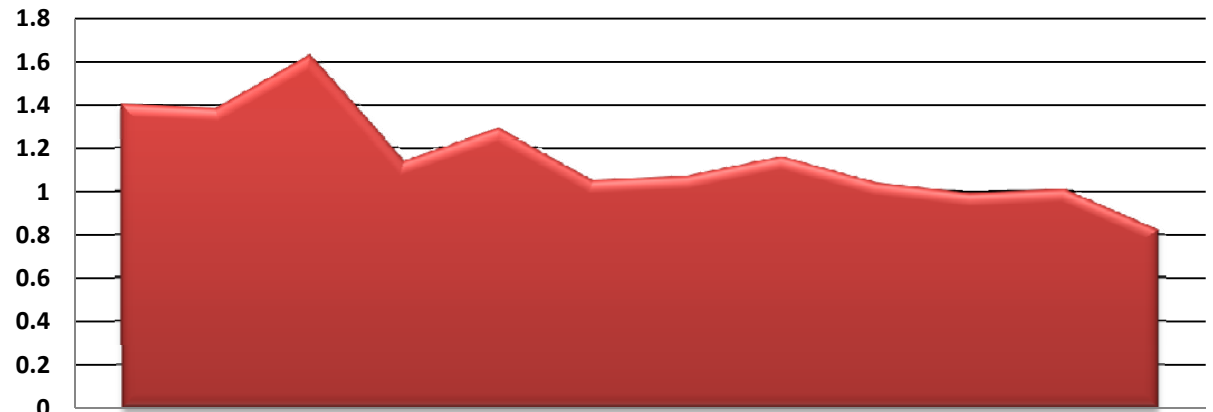


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## Average Days to Filed Status\*



Jul-13 Aug-13 Sep-13 Oct-13 Nov-13 Dec-13 Jan-14 Feb-14 Mar-14 Apr-14 May-14 Jun-14

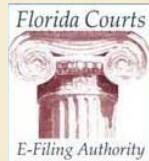
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|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Days | 1.4    | 1.38   | 1.63   | 1.14   | 1.29   | 1.05   | 1.07   | 1.16   | 1.04   | 0.99   | 1.01   | 0.82   |

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# Florida Courts E-Filing Authority



## E-Service Statistics\*

| Category                             | Number  |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| E-Filing Submissions Using E-Service | 815,707 |

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# Florida Courts E-Filing Authority

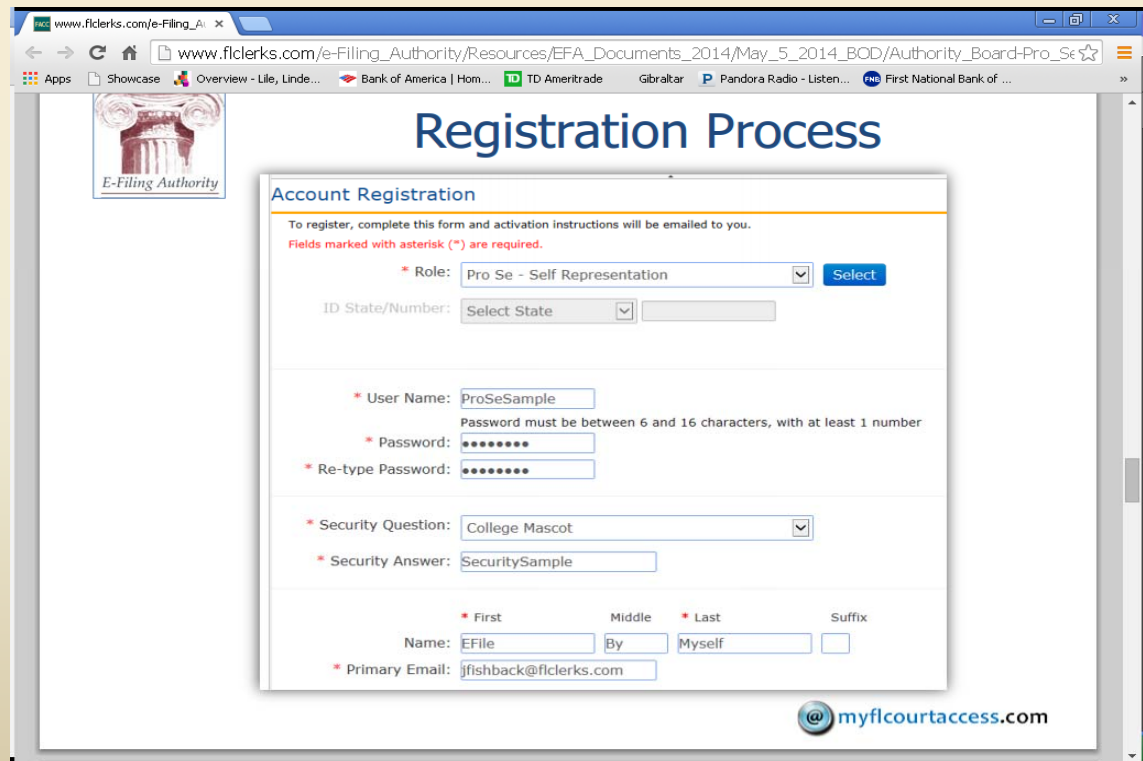
## Judicial E-Filing Summary

Clerks and Courts Readiness



# Florida Courts E-Filing Authority

## Pro-Se Filings Through Portal



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.flclerks.com/e-Filing\\_Authority/Resources/EFA\\_Documents\\_2014/May\\_5\\_2014\\_BOD/Authority\\_Board-Pro\\_Se](http://www.flclerks.com/e-Filing_Authority/Resources/EFA_Documents_2014/May_5_2014_BOD/Authority_Board-Pro_Se). The page title is "Registration Process" and the form is titled "Account Registration".

**Account Registration**

To register, complete this form and activation instructions will be emailed to you.  
Fields marked with asterisk (\*) are required.

\* Role:

ID State/Number:

\* User Name:   
Password must be between 6 and 16 characters, with at least 1 number

\* Password:


\* Re-type Password:

\* Security Question:

\* Security Answer:

\* First  Middle  \* Last  Suffix

\* Primary Email:







**E-PUBLICATION**  
**CS/HB 781 - CHAPTER NO. 2014-210**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

- **Current Law Regarding Publication of Notice:**
  - Generally, publication required once a week for four consecutive weeks
    - F.S. 49.10(1)(a)
  - Newspaper printed and published in the county where the lawsuit is filed
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  - Newspaper is generally available to the public for the publication of notices and printed once a week
    - F.S. 50.011



**E-PUBLICATION**  
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- **Current Law Regarding Publication of Notice:**
  - Notice placed on newspaper’s website on same day published in print
    - F.S.50.0211(2)
  - Front page of newspaper's website has link to the legal notices webpage
    - F.S. 50.0211(3)
  - Newspaper's webpage is searchable and free of charge to the public
    - F.S. 50.0211(2)



**E-PUBLICATION**  
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- **Current Law Regarding Publication of Notice:**
  - Newspaper must place notice on statewide website maintained by the Florida Press Association
    - F.S. 50.0211(3)
  - Error published on newspaper's webpage or statewide website is harmless if printed notice was correct
    - F.S. 50.0211(5)



**E-PUBLICATION**  
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- **Changes to Current Law by CS/HB 781:**
  - Notice posted on newspaper’s website in a separate webpage titled “Legal Notices,” “Legal Advertising,” or comparable language
  - Notices are the dominant and leading subject matter of the webpage
  - No fee nor registration may be required for viewing or searching notices on the statewide site



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- **Changes to current law by CS/HB 781:**
  - Notice placed on statewide website must be:
    - Searchable by party and case number;
    - Posted for 90 consecutive days following the first publication; and
    - Maintained in a searchable archive on the website for 18 months.
  
  - Effective Date: **October 1, 2014.**

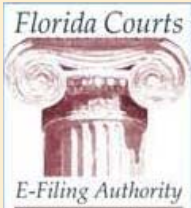


# Conclusion



# Judicial E-Filing Implementation Status

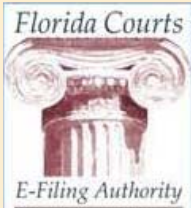
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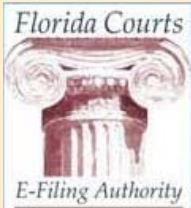
| Circuit         | County     | Docket Codes | Judicial E-Filing Method | Judicial E-Filing Status |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Escambia   | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Okaloosa   | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Santa Rosa | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Walton     |              |                          |                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Franklin   | Complete     | Single Session           | Filings Submitted        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Gadsden    | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Jefferson  | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Leon       | Complete     | Single Session           | Filings Submitted        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Liberty    | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Wakulla    | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |





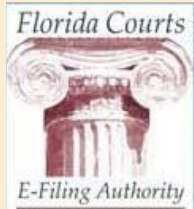
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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Columbia  | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Dixie     |              | Single Session           |                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Hamilton  | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Lafayette |              | Single Session           |                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Madison   | Complete     | Single Session           | Filings Submitted        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Suwannee  | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Taylor    | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Clay      | Complete     | Single Session           | Filings Submitted        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Duval     | Complete     | Single Session           | Filings Submitted        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Nassau    |              | Single Session           |                          |



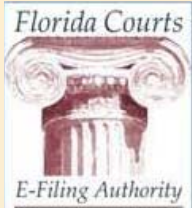
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| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Citrus    | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Hernando  | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Lake      | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Marion    | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Sumter    | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Pasco     | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Pinellas  | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Flagler   | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Putnam    | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | St. Johns | Complete     |                          |                          |



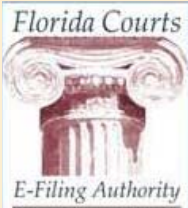
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| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Volusia   |                       |                          |                          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Alachua   |                       |                          |                          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Baker     |                       |                          |                          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Bradford  |                       |                          |                          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Gilchrist | Complete              |                          |                          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Levy      | Complete              |                          |                          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Union     |                       |                          |                          |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> | Orange    | Civil Orders Complete | Single Session           | Filings Submitted        |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> | Osceola   | Complete              | Single Session           |                          |



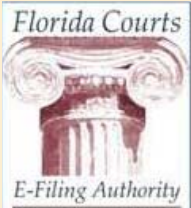
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| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Hardee       | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Highlands    | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Polk         | Complete     |                          |                          |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Miami-Dade   |              |                          |                          |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Desoto       | Complete     | Interface – “Batch”      |                          |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Manatee      |              | Interface – “Batch”      |                          |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Sarasota     |              | Interface – “Batch”      |                          |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Hillsborough |              |                          |                          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Bay          | Complete     | Interface – “Batch”      |                          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Calhoun      | Complete     | Interface – “Batch”      |                          |



# Judicial E-Filing Status

| Circuit          | County     | Docket Codes | Judicial E-Filing Method | Judicial E-Filing Status |
|------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Gulf       | Complete     | Interface – “Batch”      |                          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Holmes     | Complete     | Interface – “Batch”      |                          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Jackson    | Complete     | Interface – “Batch”      |                          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Washington | Complete     | Interface – “Batch”      |                          |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Palm Beach | Complete     | Interface/”Batch”        |                          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Monroe     |              | Single Session           |                          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Broward    |              | Single Session           |                          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Brevard    | Complete     | Single Session           | Filings Submitted        |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Seminole   |              | Single Session           |                          |



# Judicial E-Filing Status

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|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Indian River | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Martin       | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Okeechobee   | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | St. Lucie    | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Charlotte    | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Collier      | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Glades       | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Hendry       | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Lee          | Complete     | Single Session           |                          |

