

Officials call for mail-in do-over

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MIAMI - Some Democratic leaders in Florida are joining the chorus calling for a repeat presidential primary in the Sunshine State. U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., has called for Floridians to have a chance to choose between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, The Miami Herald reported Tuesday. "We demand our votes to be recounted," North Miami Councilman Jacques Despinosse said at a news conference. "For me, I take it very personally. I have been a good soldier for the party." Because Democratic Party leaders have said staging a new primary would be too expensive and caucuses would be too exclusive, that leaves holding a mail-in primary, which would cost as much as \$5 million. "If it's the only alternative, it's certainly better than our votes not being counted," said Joseph Geller, mayor of North Bay Village and Hillary Clinton supporter. "Anything is preferable to our votes not being counted." But county elections officials have said they are not equipped to manage a mail-in contest, the Orlando Sentinel reported Tuesday. Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean has said the DNC won't pay for a do-over election since the state was stripped of its delegates after Florida held its primary before national party rules allow.

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