

DEADLINE TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE 2010 GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Annapolis, Maryland August 9, 2010– The deadline to request by mail, fax, or email an absentee ballot for the 2010 Gubernatorial Primary Election is **Tuesday, September 7, 2010**. Any registered voter in Maryland may request and vote by absentee ballot.

A voter who wishes to vote by absentee ballot must request an absentee ballot in writing and sign the request. The absentee ballot application can be printed from the State Board of Elections' website at www.elections.state.md.us or requested from the Carroll County Board of Elections. To request an absentee ballot application from the Carroll County Board of Elections, call 410 386-2081 or visit the office at 300 S. Center St Room 212, Westminster MD 21157 from 8:00am until 4:30 pm.

The Carroll County Board of Elections must **receive** a completed and signed absentee ballot application:

- If mailed, by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 7, 2010; or
- If faxed or emailed, by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

After Tuesday, September 7, 2010, all requests for an absentee ballot must be made **in person** at the Carroll County Board of Elections. After September 7th, the late application for absentee ballot will be posted at www.elections.state.md.us, but a voter must submit the late application in person at the Carroll County Board of Elections at 300 S. Center St. Room 212, Westminster MD 21157 from 8:00am until 4:30 pm.

The 2010 Gubernatorial Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, and the 2010 Gubernatorial General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Starting the 2nd Friday before the election through the Thursday before the election, voters can vote in person at the designated early voting center(s) in their county of residence. Early voting locations and hours and additional election-related information and dates are available at www.elections.state.md.us.

For more information, please contact the Carroll County Board of Elections at 410 386-2960 or the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) or www.elections.state.md.us.