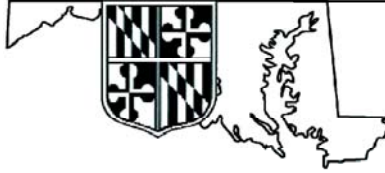


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Important 2008 Presidential Primary Election Deadlines

January 22, 2008, is Deadline to Register to Vote and Request a Polling Place Change

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Annapolis, Maryland (January 4, 2008): Two important deadlines for the upcoming 2008 Presidential Primary Election are approaching. The deadline to register to vote and the deadline for certain voters to request a polling place change for this election is 9:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 22, 2008**.

To vote in the upcoming primary election, Maryland residents who are eligible to vote but are not yet registered – including 17 year olds who will be 18 years of age or older on or before the November 4, 2008, General Election – must complete a voter registration application and either hand-deliver or mail the application to a local board of elections. A hand-delivered application must be received by a local board of elections by 9:00 P.M. on January 22, 2008, and a mailed application must be postmarked by January 22, 2008. This is also the deadline for registered voters who have moved since the last election to provide updated address information to the local board.

Voter registration applications are available at the following locations:

Local boards of elections	Public institutions of higher education
Motor Vehicle Administration offices	Marriage license bureaus
State Department of Health offices	Post Offices
Local Dept. of Social Services offices	Public libraries
Offices on Aging	State Board of Elections
Division of Rehabilitation Services	www.elections.state.md.us

1-800-222-VOTE (8683) to request that an application be mailed

Most of Maryland's polling places are accessible to voters with disabilities. An elderly voter or a voter with a disability who is assigned to an inaccessible polling place may request reassignment to an accessible polling place. This request must be submitted in writing by 9:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 22, 2008**. The form to request reassignment is available at www.elections.state.md.us (type "polling place reassignment" in the Search field). On receipt of a timely request, the local board of elections will review the request and determine whether there is an accessible polling place with the same ballot as the voter's home precinct and will notify the voter of the status of his or her request.

The 2008 Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Additional election-related dates and information are available at www.elections.state.md.us.

For more information, voters may contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) or visit www.elections.state.md.us.

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