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Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot for the 2012 Presidential General Election

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Annapolis, Maryland (October 15, 2012) – The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the 2012 Presidential General Election is **Tuesday, October 30, 2012**. Any registered voter in Maryland may request and vote by absentee ballot.

A voter who wishes to vote by absentee ballot must submit a written and signed request for an absentee ballot. An application can be printed from the State Board of Elections' website at www.elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html or requested by telephone, in writing, or in person at the voter's local board of elections. Contact information for the local boards of elections is available at www.elections.state.md.us/about/county_boards.html.

The request for an absentee ballot can be returned by mail, fax, or email (as an attachment). A local board of elections must **receive** a completed and signed absentee ballot application:

- If mailed, by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, October 30, 2012
- If faxed or emailed, by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, October 30, 2012

After Tuesday, October 30, 2012, all requests for an absentee ballot must be made **in person** at a local board of elections. After October 30th, the late application for absentee ballot will be posted at www.elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html, but a voter must submit the late application *in person* at the voter's local board of elections during normal business hours.

The 2012 Presidential General Election is Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Starting the 2nd Saturday 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 are available at www.elections.state.md.us (click "Early Voting" under Quick Links).

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

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