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Important 2012 Presidential General Election Deadlines

October 16th is the Deadline to Register to Vote, Update Address information, and Request a New Polling Place

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Annapolis, Maryland (October 1, 2012): Important deadlines for the upcoming 2012 Presidential General Election are approaching. The deadline to register to vote, update address information, and request a polling place change is 9:00 pm on **Tuesday, October 16, 2012**.

To vote in the upcoming election, Maryland residents who are eligible to vote but are not yet registered – including 17 year olds who will be 18 years old or older on or before the November 6th General Election – must register to vote. Eligible individuals can now register to vote or update address information at www.elections.state.md.us. Applications can also be hand-delivered or mailed.

Online applications must be submitted by 9 pm on October 16th, and hand-delivered applications must be received by a local board of elections by 9 pm on the same day. A mailed application must be postmarked by October 16, 2012. This is also the deadline for registered voters to update address information to the local board of elections.

Paper 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 Department of Social Services offices	Public libraries
Offices on Aging	State Board of Elections
Division of Rehabilitation Services	1-800-222-8683 to request an application by mail
www.elections.state.md.us (click "Voter Registration Information" under Quick Links)	

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 ask to be reassigned to an accessible polling place. This request must be submitted in writing by 9 pm on **Tuesday, October 16, 2012**. The form to request a new polling place 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 determine if there is an accessible polling place with the same ballot as the voter's home precinct and notify the voter of the status of his or her request.

On State Board of Elections' website, a voter can also verify his or her voter registration status and find out if his or her assigned polling place is accessible. To find this information, a voter can visit www.elections.state.md.us and click on the "Look up your voter registration" box.

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, 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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