



## News Release

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### **Absentee Voting Begins for Special Election in January**

RICHMOND, VA – In-person absentee voting for the January 10, 2016 special elections to fill the vacancies created upon the resignations of Congressmen-elect Garrett, McEachin and Taylor is available today in all fourteen localities conducting a special election. Qualified Virginia voters may vote absentee in-person at their local voter registration office or vote absentee by mail. To vote absentee, registered voters must meet one of the 19 eligibility requirements listed on the Virginia Absentee Ballot Application. **The localities holding a January special election include: Virginia Beach, Prince Edward, Charles City, Cumberland, Fluvanna, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Louisa, Richmond City, Amherst County, Appomattox, Buckingham, and Lynchburg.**

In-person absentee voting is available at local voter registration offices Monday through Friday during regular office hours and the last Saturday before the special election, Saturday, January 7, 2017. Office hours and locations for in-person absentee voting vary by locality.

The Department of Elections offers a number of online resources at [vote.virginia.gov](http://vote.virginia.gov), the Department's secure online citizen portal that provides citizens with detailed election information. "We want to ensure that voters are able to access the information they need to make the voting process both informative and convenient. Virginia voters can find everything they need to know about upcoming elections at [vote.virginia.gov](http://vote.virginia.gov)," said Edgardo Cortés, the Commissioner of Elections.

Eligible Virginians may register to vote online at [vote.virginia.gov](http://vote.virginia.gov) or by submitting a completed voter registration form to their local general registrar's office. The deadline to submit your completed voter registration application to vote in a January 10 special election is January 3, 2017 at 11:59PM.

Voters who want to vote with an absentee ballot by mail must apply before 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. If you need to request a ballot by mail, we advise applying as early as possible to account for any potential delays in mail delivery. Voters can request an absentee ballot online using the Department's secure online citizen portal at [vote.virginia.gov](http://vote.virginia.gov).

Virginia law requires voters to present an acceptable photo ID when voting in-person. For a list of acceptable forms of photo identification, or to find out how to obtain a free Virginia Voter Photo ID Card, please visit [vote.virginia.gov](http://vote.virginia.gov). Voters can also contact the Department of Elections' toll free number at 1-800-552-9745.

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