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### **General Registrars and Electoral Board Members Complete Annual Training ~Training Covers Voter ID Legislation and Other Important Legislative Changes~**

**RICHMOND, VA** – The State Board of Elections (SBE) successfully concluded its annual Election Uniformity training on June 20 and 21, 2012 in Richmond, Virginia, with over 500 election officials in attendance including representatives from each of the Commonwealth's 134 localities.

The focus of the collective training was to be "Election Ready." The training outlined, in detail, the new voter ID processes and best practices for uniform implementation across the Commonwealth. The training included panel discussions and question and answer (Q&A) sessions covering the 2012 legislative changes and Presidential Election preparation for general registrars and electoral board members. In addition to legislative changes, breakout workshop sessions covered topics including training on overseas and military absentee voting, changes to Virginia's statewide voter registration database (VERIS), tutorials on Virginia's recently launched campaign finance software, Committee Electronic Tracking System (COMET), and best practices for Election Day.

Donald Palmer, Secretary of the State Board of Elections, noted: "I am very pleased with this year's successful training provided to the Commonwealth's election officials. With our election officials now ready to train their officers of elections, SBE will focus on educating the public on the new Voter ID law. The training for uniform application of legislative changes, including voter ID, will ensure a smooth election this November. Virginia's general registrars and electoral board members will be "Election Ready" this November."

Also, Virginia Registered Election Officials (VREO) certification training took place on June 18 and 19, 2012 in Richmond, Virginia. This certification course was attended by approximately 100 registrars and electoral board members of whom 41 received VREO certification. It is necessary to complete two consecutive years of the course to become certified.

This annual training was directed by Jennifer Thomas, Director of Training with the Virginia State Board of Elections.

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