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Rumor Buster: No requirement to "re-register" in Virginia

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Verifying Voter Registration Status for November General Election
Inaccurate information circulating regarding a requirement to "re-register" in Virginia

Richmond, VA – The State Board of Elections (SBE) is aware of incorrect information circulating stating that voters who have not voted since the 2008 General Election must re-register to vote 25 days prior to the November 6, 2012 in order to be eligible to vote in the November General Election.

There is absolutely no requirement to re-register in Virginia. Voters are not removed from the rolls solely for the reason of not voting; however, it is recommended that voters check their registration. If a voter has not voted since 2008, and also moved since that time, it is possible that a voter's record may have been moved to inactive status. This shift would occur if mail delivered to the voter was returned undeliverable, and the voter also failed to respond to address confirmation mailing.

It is important to note that voters identified as inactive will be permitted to vote after signing a statement at the polls. It is imperative that voters check their registration status well in advance of the October 15, 2012 registration deadline, in order for any necessary changes to be completed prior to Election Day.

Voters are encouraged to check their registration status using the SBE website:
https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicLookup.aspx?Link=Registration&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1

Voters may also review the new voter identification requirements using the SBE website:
http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter_Information/Voter_ID_Requirements_in_Virginia.html

Voters may also contact SBE directly via telephone to be connected to the appropriate local registrar to check voter registration status. For more information, please contact SBE at 804.864.8901 or 1.800.552.9745.

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