



## News Release

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### **IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING AVAILABLE NEXT TWO SATURDAYS ~ Opportunity for those Eligible to Vote Absentee In-Person ~**

**RICHMOND, VA** – Virginia voters eligible to vote absentee for the upcoming election will have an increased opportunity to cast their absentee ballot in-person as general registrar offices and satellite offices, if available, are open the next two Saturdays for voting. All localities will be open for in-person absentee voting for a minimum of eight hours on each of the two Saturdays immediately preceding Election Day, October 27, 2012 and November 3, 2012, respectively.

Voters must meet one of 17 eligibility requirements to vote absentee. Eligible voters may complete an absentee ballot application and vote in the general registrar's office or other designated location. The last day to vote absentee in-person at the local registrar's office is Saturday, November 3, 2012. The recent changes to the voter ID laws are applicable to those voting absentee in-person. For a full list of acceptable forms of identification visit <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/VotinginPerson.html> or contact the State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745.

Some localities offer multiple locations for their voters to vote absentee. Voters should contact their local registrar's office to confirm in-person absentee voting locations and business hours for Saturday, October 27th and Saturday, November 3rd.

To vote absentee by mail, the absentee request application must be received at the voter's local registrar's office by 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2012.

**Rumor Buster:** Please note that all absentee ballots cast will be counted in a timely fashion. There appears to be rumors circulating that absentee ballots are not counted if the margin of victory is not close enough for the absentee ballots to make the difference in the election. That rumor is absolutely false. All absentee ballots completed properly and timely returned will be counted.

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