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Listen Up! Virginia Elections Need You!

~New Web Form for Officer of Election Recruitment is Released~

RICHMOND, VA – Citizens wishing to serve as officers of election in this November's General Election may now volunteer online at www.sbe.virginia.gov/officers. Local election officials will be automatically notified of volunteer offers through this online submission. The State Board of Elections web site allows interested persons to choose to receive information on the volunteer process via text message.

Polling places will be busy on Election Day, and general registrars throughout the Commonwealth are seeking reliable and friendly individuals to serve both on and the days leading up to Election Day. Those who serve as Officers of Election are an integral part of the elections process and assist citizens in a successful and pleasant voting experience.

The only qualification to serve as an officer of election is that the applicant be registered to vote. While officers of election are typically paid for their services, a new law enacted this year allows for officers of election to volunteer their time. This change to the law should eliminate conflicts with employers who do not permit their employees to engage in outside employment, and increase officer of election participation throughout the Commonwealth.

Don Palmer, Secretary of the State Board of Elections says, "The State Board and local election officials encourage citizens to continue the Virginia tradition of service to Commonwealth and country by serving as an officer of election. We are asking Virginians to respond to this call for support on Election Day by utilizing our new web-based recruitment form. It is easy to fill out and someone will contact you shortly thereafter."

Individuals interested in serving as officers of election, should visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/officers and complete the short form. After submitting the form online, individuals should allow their local general registrar's office approximately two weeks to make contact. Individuals having questions may contact the State Board of Elections at 804.864.8901 or info@sbe.virginia.gov.

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