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Absentee Voting for the June Primaries Begins April 26, 2019

RICHMOND, VA – Absentee voting for the June 11, 2019 primary elections starts statewide tomorrow, Friday, April 26. Qualified Virginia voters may vote absentee in-person at their local voter registration office or vote absentee by mail. Registered voters must meet one of the 20 eligibility requirements to vote absentee. The list of requirements can be found on the [Virginia Absentee Ballot Application](#) or at vote.virginia.gov.

“It is important for every eligible voter in the Commonwealth of Virginia to participate in our elections process,” **said Department of Elections Commissioner Christopher E. Piper**. “Absentee voting allows all qualified Virginia voters to take part in our democracy when they can’t make it to their polling place on Election Day.”

Virginia citizens who wish to vote absentee must be registered to vote. Citizens can register to vote online or by submitting a completed voter registration application to their local voter registration office. The last day to register or update your personal information to vote in the June 11 primary elections is Monday, May 20, 2019. Registrations must be received or postmarked by this date.

Beginning tomorrow, in-person absentee voting is available at local voter registration offices Monday through Friday during regular office hours and on Saturday, June 8. Office hours and locations for in-person absentee voting are available online at vote.virginia.gov.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is 5 PM Tuesday, June 4, 2019. Apply as early as possible to avoid delays in mail delivery. Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by your voter registration office by 7 PM on Election Day. Voters can request an absentee ballot online at 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. Voters can also find information about the upcoming election and check their registration status on the site. The Department of Elections’ toll free number is 1-800-552-9745 for further questions.

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