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CHANGES TO ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION FOR FEBRUARY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

December 29, 2011 SAGINAW, MI – The Saginaw City Clerk’s Office will be mailing out its post card applications for Absent Voter (“AV”) Ballots to those voters who requested to be placed on the permanent AV list or who have made a request for an application for the February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary.

Voters should note two changes in the AV application. First the voter must now check a box indicating if he/she is a United States Citizen. Second, in a Presidential Primary voters must indicate on the application whether they want a Republican or Democratic ballot. Any voters failing to make this selection will not be issued a ballot.

Voters are also reminded they must check the reason for requesting an absent voter ballot, complete the box for his/her date of birth, and sign and date the application.

Voters 60 years of age and older or who are permanently disabled from attending the polls who want to be placed on the Permanent Absentee Voter List to automatically receive an application for future elections may call the City Clerk's Office at (989) 759-1311, or stop by the office at 1315 S. Washington, Room 102, and complete a "Request to be Added to the Permanent Absentee Voter List" form. Voters may also send a letter to the City Clerk's Office requesting to be placed on the Permanent Absentee Voter List provided the letter states the reason for the request and includes the voter's personal information, including date of birth.

Any questions on the application should be directed to the City Clerk's Office at (989) 759-1311, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FOR ABSENT VOTER BALLOT FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

YOU MUST CHECK THE REASON WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

ONE OF THESE BOXES MUST BE CHECKED.

BE SURE TO ENTER YOUR DATE OF BIRTH

DO NOT DETACH
RETURN ENTIRE FORM

APPLICATION FOR ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY: FEBRUARY 28, 2012

FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY

As a duly qualified and registered elector in the CITY OF SAGINAW, County of SAGINAW, State of Michigan, I hereby make application for an official ballot, to be voted by me at the election indicated above.

Check reason why you are requesting a ballot

I am 60 years of age or older.
 I am physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another.
 I am an appointed precinct worker in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
 I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day.
 I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
 I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

DATE OF BIRTH

____ / ____ / ____

ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?

YES NO

COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU WANT YOUR BALLOT SENT TO AN ADDRESS OTHER THAN YOUR REGISTERED ADDRESS

NOTE: Michigan law requires that A.V. Ballots be sent to your registered address unless you are hospitalized, institutionalized, or at an address outside of your community. Complete the following ONLY if you want your ballot sent to an address outside of your community or to a hospital or other institution.

PLEASE PRINT (ADDRESS) (STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

DATE LEAVING

____ / ____ / ____

PHONE NO.

____ - ____ - ____

SIGN HERE

Signature of Absent Voter **X** I declare the foregoing statements to be true

Date _____

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

IMPORTANT! YOU MUST SELECT ONLY ONE BALLOT TYPE.

REPUBLICAN PARTY
Presidential Primary Ballot

DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Presidential Primary Ballot

WARNING: A PERSON WHO MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT IN THIS DECLARATION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

VOTER CONTACT INFO

I hereby request the ballot type marked at right for this election. (You must select ONE ballot type at right. If you do not select a ballot type, a ballot will NOT be issued to you.)

PLEASE PRINT Home Phone: () Cell Phone: ()

Email: _____

BE SURE TO SIGN AND DATE THE APPLICATION

YOU MUST CHECK A BALLOT TYPE OR YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT

If you required assistance to complete your application, please have the person who assisted you, complete this information. ↓

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

Step 1. After completely filling out the application, sign and date the application in the place designated. Your signature must appear on the application or you will not receive an absent voter ballot. **Step 2.** Deliver the application by one of the following methods: (a) Fold this application so the clerk's name and address appears and seal in the area shown or place this application in an envelope addressed to the appropriate clerk and place the necessary postage upon the return envelope and deposit either the folded card or the envelope in the United States mail or with another postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier. (b) Deliver the application personally to the office of the clerk, or to an authorized assistant of the clerk. (c) In either (a) or (b), a member of the immediate family of the voter including a father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild or a person residing in the voter's household may mail or deliver the application to the clerk for the applicant. (d) In the event an applicant cannot return the application in any of the above methods, the applicant may select any registered elector to return the application. **THE PERSON RETURNING THE APPLICATION MUST SIGN THE CERTIFICATE BELOW.**

ONLY FILL THIS OUT IF ASSISTING A VOTER

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZED REGISTERED ELECTOR RETURNING ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION

I certify that my name is _____ and my _____
 my address is _____ date of birth is ____ / ____ / ____;

that I am delivering the absent voter ballot application of _____ at his or her request; that I did not solicit or request to return the application; that I have not made any markings on the application; that I have not altered the application in any way; that I have not influenced the applicant; and that I am aware that a false statement in this certificate is a violation of Michigan election law.

X _____
 Signature Date

WARNING: A person making a false statement in this absent ballot application is guilty of a misdemeanor. It is a violation of Michigan election law for a person other than those listed in the above Instructions to return, offer to return, agree to return or solicit to return your absent voter ballot application to the clerk. An assistant authorized by the clerk who receives absent voter ballot applications at a location other than the office of the clerk must have credentials signed by the clerk. Ask to see his or her credentials before entrusting your application with a person claiming to have the clerk's authorization to return your application.