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**DEADLINE TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE 2010 GUBERNATORIAL
GENERAL ELECTION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Annapolis, Maryland (October 15, 2010) – The deadline to request by mail, fax or email an absentee ballot for the 2010 Gubernatorial General Election is **Tuesday, October 26, 2010**. Any registered voter in Maryland may request and vote by absentee ballot.

A voter who wishes to vote by absentee ballot must request an absentee ballot in writing and sign the request. An application can be printed from the State Board of Elections' website at www.elections.state.md.us or requested by telephone, in writing, or in person at the voter's local board of elections. Addresses and contact information for the local boards of elections are available at www.elections.state.md.us.

A local board of elections must **receive** a completed and signed absentee ballot application:

- If mailed or in person, by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, October 26, 2010; or
- If faxed or emailed, by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, October 26, 2010.

After Tuesday, October 26, 2010, all requests for an absentee ballot must be made **in person** at a local board of elections. After October 26th, the late application for absentee ballot will be posted at www.elections.state.md.us, but a voter must submit the late application in person at the voter's local board of elections during normal business hours.

The 2010 Gubernatorial General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Starting the 2nd Friday before the election through the Thursday before the election, voters can vote in person at the designated early voting center(s) in their county of residence. Early voting locations and hours and additional election-related information and dates are available at www.elections.state.md.us.

For more information, please contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) or visit www.elections.state.md.us.

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