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**DEADLINE TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL
PRIMARY ELECTION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Annapolis, Maryland (January 18, 2008) – The deadline to request by mail or by fax an absentee ballot for the 2008 Presidential Primary Election is **Tuesday, February 5, 2008**. Any registered voter in Maryland may request an absentee ballot, although a voter will be required, as part of the absentee voting process, to affirm, under penalty of perjury, that he or she will be absent or unable to vote in person on election day.

A voter who wishes to vote by absentee ballot must request an absentee ballot in writing. An application may be printed from the State's website at www.elections.state.md.us or requested by telephone, in writing, or in person at the voter's local board of elections. To request an absentee ballot application, please visit www.elections.state.md.us or call 1-800-222-VOTE (8683).

A local board of elections must **receive** an absentee ballot application:

- If mailed, by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2008; or
- If faxed, by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

After Tuesday, February 5, 2008, all requests for an absentee ballot must be made *in person* at a local board of elections. After February 5th, the late application for absentee ballot will be posted at www.elections.state.md.us, but a voter must submit the late application to a local board of elections. Contact information for the local boards of elections is available at www.elections.state.md.us (click "Local Boards of Elections" on the left side) or call 1-800-222-VOTE (8683).

The 2008 Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, and the Presidential General Election will be held on Tuesday November 4, 2008. Additional election-related information and dates are available at www.elections.state.md.us.

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

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