



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2012.25

Executive Order Regarding Hurricane Sandy and Extension of Absentee Ballot Deadline

- WHEREAS, A State of Emergency has been declared throughout the State of Maryland in recognition of the danger posed by Hurricane Sandy and related weather systems;
- WHEREAS, The current State of Emergency has interfered with the early voting process; caused the closure of State and local government buildings, public roads, and bridges; suspended and delayed the delivery of mail; and otherwise interfered with preparations for the 2012 election season;
- WHEREAS, Delays in the mail delivery system may cause applications for an absentee ballot to be received by election boards after the deadline on Tuesday, October 30, 2012;
- WHEREAS, It is in the interests of the State of Maryland and the electoral process to extend the deadline for receipt of absentee ballot applications so that applications received on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 will be deemed timely; and
- WHEREAS, In order to implement the emergency powers of the Governor, an executive order of the Governor is appropriate.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 8, SECTION 103 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE AND TITLE 14, SECTION 107 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:
- A. An application for an absentee ballot must be received by a local board by Wednesday, October 31, 2012. *See* Md. Code Ann., Election Law Article, § 9-305(b). The deadline is 8:00 p.m. for applications received by mail or delivery and 11:59 p.m. for applications received by fax or electronic mail.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
State of Maryland in the City of Annapolis, this 30th
day of October, 2012.



Martin O'Malley
Governor

ATTEST:

John McDonough
Secretary of State