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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Annapolis, Maryland (October 22, 2008) – The deadline to request by mail or by fax an absentee ballot for the 2008 Presidential General Election is **Tuesday, October 28, 2008**. Any Maryland registered voter who will be absent or unable to vote in person on election day may request an absentee ballot.

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. 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. 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, October 28, 2008**; or
- If faxed, by 11:59 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 28, 2008**.

After **Tuesday, October 28, 2008**, all requests for an absentee ballot must be made *in person* at a local board of elections. After October 28th, 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 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 State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) or www.elections.state.md.us.

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