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Tomorrow is Maryland Primary Election Day Voters Still Have Time to Cast Ballots by Mail

ANNAPOLIS (June 1, 2020) – The Maryland State Board of Elections strongly encourages all eligible voters to exercise their right to vote in tomorrow's primary election. Those wishing to vote by mail still have an opportunity to do so, as ballots must be postmarked no later than tomorrow (June 2) in order to be counted.

Those who are unable to vote by mail may submit their completed ballots at designated ballot drop-off locations located in every local jurisdiction. Eligible voters may also cast their ballots at a limited number of in-person voting locations around the state. Same-day registration will be available at designated voting centers for eligible voters who choose to vote in-person tomorrow.

A full list of ballot box and in-person voting centers is <u>available online</u>. Eligible voters may submit their ballots at drop box locations until 8 p.m. tomorrow. In-person voting centers will be open tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, voting for tomorrow's primary will be conducted primarily by mail. The pandemic also resulted in the date of the Primary being postponed from April 28.

Mail-in ballots for tomorrow's primary have been sent by U.S. Postal Service to all eligible state voters at addresses provided to the Maryland State Board of Elections. While the mail-in ballots received by voters display the original Primary date of April 28, the ballots are in fact valid for tomorrow's election. Voters should be aware these are official ballots that will record actual votes. They are not sample ballots.

The return ballot must be postmarked no later than June 2 but can be mailed at any time before election day. Voters should sign only the oath on the outside of the envelope but not the ballot itself.

The Maryland State Board of Elections strongly encourages all voters who can cast their ballots by mail to do so. Voting by mail is safe, secure and free. No postage is required to vote by mail. Voters simply fill out their ballot, sign the oath on the envelope and place it back in the mail.

Votes cast by mail remain secret. The same technology and equipment used for inperson voting is utilized to count mail-in ballots. The equipment is never connected to the Internet or any other database.

The Maryland State Board of Elections is committed to educating voters on the changes made to the election procedures due to the novel coronavirus epidemic. These changes have been made to ensure voters can exercise their fundamental right to vote while also safeguarding the public's health during this pandemic.

For more information about this election, please visit <u>www.elections.maryland.gov</u> or contact the State Board at 1-800-222-8683.

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