



ELECTIONS BULLETIN

To: All Town Clerks
From: Kathy DeWolfe
Date: April 19, 2006
Re: Primary Petitions and Consent Forms, Election Envelope Information
Update on Voting Machines

Primary Petitions & Consent Forms for Major Party Candidates

We have enclosed a copy of the Primary Petition and Consent Form that you can copy and give to candidates for the September Major Party Primaries (Democratic, Liberty Union, Progressive and Republican). The petition and consent form can also be downloaded from our Election page on the website at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>. Please remind candidates that petitions cannot be filed or accepted prior to Monday, June 5th.

Statewide candidates must file the petition and consent form with the Office of the Secretary of State in Montpelier.

County Office Candidates: Probate Judge, Assistant Judges (Side Judges), State's Attorney, Sheriff, and High Bailiff candidates must file with the County Clerk.

Senatorial candidates must file with the State Senatorial District Clerk.

Candidates for State Representative must file the petition with the Representative District Clerk on or after Monday, June 5, 2006, and before 5 p.m. Monday, July 17, 2006.

Petitions for State Representative must include the correct designation of the district, such as "Chittenden 5-1" (it may also list the name(s) of the towns in the district).

Please help candidates by putting the **correct district name on the petition** and clearly TYPING or PRINTING the candidate NAME on the consent form as this will save time when we prepare ballots. **We have also included a list of the Representative Districts to assist you.**

In late May or early June, we will send another memo to all Representative District Clerks and Senatorial District Clerks to review procedures for handling the Primary petitions and consent forms.

Election Envelopes

We expect to have Primary and General Election Envelopes printed and delivered directly to each town during late May or June. These will be delivered automatically to each clerk's office—you do not need to order the envelopes. We are having a small

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number of additional boxes delivered to our office so that if you find that you need more envelopes for the General Election or 2007 Town Meeting, you can fax an order to our office. We expect that very few towns will need to order additional envelopes.

Last Call for Towns to Order Accuvote Optic Scan Machines

Federal HAVA funds can only be used until December 2006 for machines that are not accessible to all voters with disabilities.

Five towns included an article at town meeting to ask the electorate to vote to allow the use of vote tabulating machines but so far only one town, North Hero, has notified me that this article was passed by voters.

If your town has voted to use a tabulating machine since the last delivery of machines, please email me immediately so I can order a machine for your town.

If you and your BCA have decided to place an article on the warning for a special town meeting before the end of 2006, please also email me so I can make a note to order a machine if your article passes.

Letter clarifying National Defense Committee's Military Voting Rights Project

During the 2004 election, several clerks inquired about the National Defense Committee and their role in federal elections. We understand that the National Defense Committee is again contacting clerks, so we have enclosed a copy of a letter from the Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Project (FVAP) – the organization responsible for administering the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). As the letter notes, the National Defense Committee is a private organization and any requests made by them are not official requests from the Federal government.