



ELECTIONS BULLETIN

FOR THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION

To: All Town Clerks

From: Melanie Hodge, Elections Administrator

Date: July 28, 2008

Warnings and Notice to Voters (ENCLOSED) must be posted not later than Sunday, August 10, 2008:

Enclosed are five (5) warnings and notices to voters for each of the polling locations that you have and in at least two public places and in or near the town clerk's office. 17 V.S.A. §2641

Primary ballots will arrive not later than Monday, August 11, 2008: Please open boxes and check the ballots as soon as possible. You must verify you have received all four party ballots (Democratic, Liberty Union, Progressive and Republican). You will receive 50% of your checklist for each party. Notify us immediately if there are any errors on your ballots. Most towns will receive the entire shipment of ballots at once, but all towns will receive at least 10% of the ballots by August 11 with the remainder to follow shortly.

Sample primary ballots must be posted not less than 20 days before the Primary Election in at least two public places and in or near the town clerk's office (no later than August 20th). Please make sure that you mark "SAMPLE BALLOT" boldly across the ballot and put a line through the boxes or ovals before posting.

Tally and Summary Sheets and the Official Return of Votes will be received before August 29th.

Wednesday, September 3, 2008 is the deadline for applications for addition to the checklist. Town and city clerk offices must be open from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for voter registration.

For Early Absentee Voters, you will send the voter all four ballots for the election. You will also be using the "Unused Ballot" envelopes for this Primary.

Vote Tabulator Towns: Clerks that use the tabulator need to run a test deck of ballots through their machines as soon as they receive their configured memory cards from LHS. (All towns must send 2 memory cards to LHS and receive 2 memory cards configured for the Primary.) Please notify LHS immediately if you have any problems.

Justices of the peace: Remember, it is the duty of the political parties to take care of nominating candidates for justice of the peace for the general election and they must provide a list of the candidates nominated, along with a copy of the notice calling the nominating caucus or meeting, to the town clerk by September 12.

Independent JP candidates must file petitions with the town clerk by September 12. Please refer them to our website (www.sec.state.vt.us). Independent petitions can be found by going to the Elections section, then following the link for Candidates, Parties and PACs; the petitions are on the page titled How to Become a Candidate.

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