



ELECTIONS BULLETIN

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FOR NOVEMBER 7th GENERAL ELECTION

To: All Town Clerks
From: Melanie Hodge, Elections Administrator
Date: September 26, 2006

Enclosed are the General Election Warnings and Notice to Voters that must be posted not later than Sunday, October 8, 2006.

General Election Ballots will be shipped directly from the printers to each town clerk to arrive not later than October 10, 2006. Some towns will receive the entire shipment of ballots at once, but all towns should receive at least 10% of the ballots by the deadline, with the remainder to follow shortly. Please open all boxes and check the ballots as soon as possible. Please call us if you have not received all of your ballots by Wednesday, October 11, 2006.

We would appreciate your assistance in carefully proofreading your ballots when they arrive, especially the “Vote for not more than” instructions for each office. Although we triple proofread here before printing, it is hard to find all errors when proofreading so many ballots. If you notice any errors, please call us immediately so that we can have the ballot reprinted. Thank you for your assistance.

Clerks using MACHINE BALLOTS also need to run some sample ballots through your machine as soon as your machines are programmed. Please notify your programming company as soon as possible of any problems.

Sample Ballots must be posted not less than 20 days before the election (by October 18th) in at least 2 public places and in or near the Town Clerk’s Office. Please make sure that you mark “SAMPLE BALLOT” boldly across the ballot and put a line through the boxes, arrows or ovals before posting.

October 30th is the second Monday before the General Election, and the deadline for Town Clerks to receive applications for addition to the checklist for the General Election. Town and City Clerk Offices must be open from 10 a.m. until Noon for Voter Registration. Any applications received before noon at DMV or any other VT Social Service agency are acceptable and will be sent to you from our office. (You may receive these AFTER Oct. 30th.)

We will mail Tally, Summary Sheets, and Official Return of Vote Forms (ORV’s) in October. This mailing will include Certificates of Election for Justices of the Peace for your use after the election.

We will send a separate mailing of canvassing report forms and Certificates of Election to Representative District Clerks for the Post General Election Representative District canvassing committees. For the General Election, all canvassing committees meet at 10 a.m. on the Tuesday following the Election, November 14, 2006.

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