

GUIDELINES FOR VOTERS THAT REQUEST E-MAIL BALLOTS

Effective July 1, 2008, active duty military members and their families serving overseas as well as all overseas citizens may receive their absentee ballot via email upon request. The voter is still required to print and vote the ballot and return the voted ballot by mail. All Virginia cities and counties are required to honor this request.

If you would like to request to have your absentee ballot emailed to you, you are required to do the following:

- First, request your absentee ballot using the following: Virginia Absentee Ballot Application or Federal Post Card Application
- Next, indicate email as your preferred method to have your ballot sent
- Finally, mail, fax or email as a scanned attachment, your signed, completed application to the voter registrar's office located in the city or county where you are registered to vote.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. What should I expect to receive?

A. You should expect to receive the following documents:

- BallotWithin (this is your blank ballot)
- ABEEvelope (contains your Security Envelope Template)
- VotingInstructions (instructions on how to Vote Absentee using this method)
- If needed, additional information specific to your voter registration status and absentee application

Q. When should I expect to receive my ballot?

A. Virginia requires ballot be mailed no later than 45 days before the November 4, 2008 Presidential Election. So voters should expect their ballots to be emailed no later than September 19, 2008.

**** Please note that some cities or counties may be sending absentee ballots earlier than that date, so we would recommend that you start checking your in box, the week of September 8, 2008.*****

Q. What is the deadline for my voted ballot to be returned?

A. Virginia requires the signed, witnessed and voted ballot must be received by 7:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. If your ballot is not received by this deadline, ***your vote will not count.***

Q. Where do I send my voted ballot?

A. Your signed, witnessed and voted ballot must be sent to address as indicated in your attached Voting Instructions. Do not send your signed, witnessed and voted ballot to the State Board of Elections. This could delay processing of your voted ballot and your vote may not count.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your voter registrars office or email Vickie R. Williams at vickie.williams@sbe.virginia.gov.