DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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Don't Forget—Register to Vote by October 14th

Join Marylanders across the State as we exercise our patriotic right to vote! Tuesday October 14th at 9:00 p.m. is the last day for Marylanders to register to vote in the 2008 Presidential General Election on November 4th. Voter Registration Applications must be delivered in person to the State Board of Elections, a Local Board of Elections, or must be postmarked by October 14th. Download a Voter Registration Application here: http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter registration/application.html

REGISTER, VOTE, AND PARTICIPATE!

For more information, see below for a list of frequently asked questions or visit the State Board of Elections website at: http://www.elections.state.md.us/

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible to vote?

To register, you must: Be a U.S. citizen; Be a Maryland resident; Be at least 18 years old by the next general election; Not be under guardianship for mental disability; Not have been convicted of buying or selling votes; Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction.

Where may I apply to register to Vote?

You may complete a voter registration application in person at: Your local board of elections; The State Board of Elections; The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; The Department of Social Services; The Motor Vehicle Administration: Offices on Aging; The MTA Paratransit Certification Office; All public institutions of higher education; Recruitment offices of the U.S. Armed Forces; Marriage License offices; and Offices for students with disabilities at all Maryland colleges and universities.

What information do I need to provide on the application?

In addition to basic identifying information, federal law requires that you must provide a Maryland driver's license or MVA ID Card number or, if you do not have a driver's license number, at least the last four digits of your social security number on your voter





registration application. Your application will NOT be processed unless you provide this information or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that you do not have a driver's license or social security number.

How do I verify my registration?

You are considered a registered voter when you receive your Voter Notification Card from your local board of elections. If you do not receive your card three weeks after you submit an application, you should contact your local board of elections. Registration is permanent as long as you continue to live in Maryland and keep your name and address current with your local board of elections. You do not have to re-register when you move within the State, but you must keep your address current.

How do I update my voter registration?

You must notify the local board of elections where you currently live if your voter registration information has changed. If you complete a change of address form at the MVA, this information will be sent to your local board of elections for processing, unless you indicate that you do not want to change your voter registration information. You can also send changes on a voter registration application or on any other signed written notice. If you do not receive a Voter Notification Card with your updated information three weeks after you submit information, you should contact the local board of elections where you now live to ensure that your records are up-to-date.



Sincerely,

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Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment

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