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Media Alert

RENEW YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

The Supervisor of Elections office is busy preparing for the Primary and General Elections by reminding voters to renew their absentee ballot requests. Due to changes in federal and state law, all requests for absentee ballots made before May 28, 2010 have expired.

According to Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan, "Approximately 3,700 voters had absentee ballot requests on file that have expired due to the changes in federal and state law. Without a reminder from the Elections Office, many voters would not realize that their request had expired until it was too late."

Swan's top priority is to keep voters informed and increase voter turnout by notifying them of these changes in advance. Yesterday, the Elections Office mailed nearly 3,700 absentee ballot request reminders, providing voters with an opportunity to update their absentee ballot status.

Requests for an absentee ballot to be mailed must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 8, 2012 for the August 14, 2012 Primary Election. Voters may request an absentee ballot for a specific election or all elections through two regularly scheduled general elections. Absentee ballots may not be forwarded by the United States Post Office; therefore a proper mailing address must be provided.

If you plan to vote by absentee ballot in the 2012 Primary and General Elections, please be sure you have a valid request on file with the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections. Visit the Elections Office website at www.voteindianriver.com or contact the Elections Office by calling 772-226-3440.