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Media Alert

**VOTERS SHOULD VERIFY THEIR ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST WITH THE  
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

The Supervisor of Elections office is encouraging voters who vote by absentee ballot to verify the status of their absentee ballot request. Previously, an absentee ballot request was good for one general election cycle (up to 2 years), unless the elector opted for specific elections during that time period. Many voters who previously signed up to receive absentee ballots will no longer automatically receive their mail ballot because the time period stipulated by law has expired.

The law has recently changed to allow supervisor of elections to accept a request for an absentee ballot for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the second ensuing regularly scheduled general election (up to 4 years). Voters can visit the Indian River County Supervisor of Election's website at [www.voteindianriver.com](http://www.voteindianriver.com) to check the status of their absentee ballot request or they may contact the Elections office at 772-226-3440 to confirm this information.

For the November 8, 2011 Municipal Elections, all absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters, who have a valid request on file with the Elections Office, will be mailed an absentee ballot on September 24, 2011. Absentee ballots for those other than absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters, are scheduled to be mailed the first week in October. The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office will continue mailing absentee ballots to voters upon request as long as the request for a ballot to be mailed is received by the deadline - Wednesday, November 2, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.

Requests can be made by mail, e-mail, in person or by calling (772) 226-3440. All voted absentee ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 8, 2011.

The following municipalities are scheduled to have elections on Tuesday, November 8, 2011:

City of Fellsmere  
City of Sebastian  
City of Vero Beach

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Voters must remember to sign the voter certificate on the outside of the absentee ballot envelope. It is important that the signature on the absentee ballot envelope matches the signature that the Elections office has on the voter's record. Since it is common for signatures to change throughout the years, voters are encouraged to update their signature by submitting a voter registration application and checking the "signature update" box.

Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Elections Office by Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2011 no later than 7:00 p.m. Any ballots received after Election Day will not be counted even if they are postmarked on November 8, 2011.