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FORECLOSURE

Registered Voters who Move Prior to Election Day Still have Voting Rights

SPRINGFIELD, IL, October 6, 2008 The State Board of Elections today notified election authorities across the state that voters who move prior to Election Day may still have the right to vote. The reminder was sent at the request of Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who said people who have lost their homes through foreclosure should be apprised of their voting rights.

The traditional deadline for registering to vote is tomorrow, Oct. 7. However, eligible voters are granted a "grace period" for registering. Eligible voters may register between Oct. 8 and Oct. 21, but only at the office of their election authority.

Registered voters who have recently moved and have not notified their election authority (usually a county clerk or city election commission) of their change of address have options for voting on Election Day, Nov. 4. Registered voters who moved:

- Within 27 days of the election in the same precinct can vote a full ballot by signing an affidavit
- More than 30 days before the election within the same election jurisdiction, but outside their precinct, and did not transfer their registration can vote on a ballot for federal offices only –after completing an address correction form

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- Within 30 days before the election outside of their precinct, but still live in the state, and did not transfer their registration, can vote a full ballot in their old polling place after completing an affidavit

In addition, persons who are challenged at their polling place have the right to cast a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots are not always counted, however. Voters who cast a provisional ballot may submit documents demonstrating reasons that their vote should be counted.

More information on voting procedures is available at the State Board of Elections website www.elections.il.gov.

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