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The State Board of Elections is resurrecting its periodic agency newsletter. The newsletter will include information from Board divisions as well as important dates that would concern all in the election community. If there is anything in particular you would like to see in the newsletter please contact Becky Glazier at bglazier@elections.il.gov or 217/782-1536.

SBE WEBSITE

Now available in the 'About the Board' section are the monthly Board meeting packets, minutes, press releases and public notices for your information. This is where the SBE Newsletter can also be found.

HAVA FUNDING UPDATE

Current grants available to all jurisdictions

Phase II -- available until November 2008
Can be used to meet the requirements of Title III

VAID II -- available until November 2008
Can be used for polling place accessibility only,
including accessible voting equipment

At this time there is no indication of any additional federal funding to be distributed to the states.

Did you know?

On two occasions, in 1800 and 1824, the House of Representatives has been called upon to elect the President due to the lack of an absolute majority of Electoral College votes. In both cases the lame duck Congress did the job. However, an 1887 law says the newly elected Congress will choose the president.

IMPORTANT DATES

2007

First day of filing for candidates of established political parties, independent candidate, Democratic Presidential Preference candidates, and delegate and alternate delegate candidates —
Monday, October 29

Board meeting — Monday, October 15

Board meeting — Monday, November 19

Campaign Disclosure Downlink seminar —
Saturday, December 1

Board meeting—Thursday, December 6

2008

Last day to register to vote — Tuesday, January 8

First day for grace period registration —
Wednesday, January 9

First day for early voting — Monday, January 14

Board and Advisory Committee meeting —
Tuesday, January 22

General Primary Election—Tuesday, February 5

LEGISLATION

As we are anxiously awaiting the signing of Senate Bill 662, (with most projected dates of the signing being November 13th) let's look at a couple specific provisions included in that bill.

First, Senate Bill 662 amends Sections 4-105, 5-105 and 6-105. These sections will now provide that voters who registered to vote by mail may vote by mail-in absentee ballot, so long as they provide sufficient proof of identity (copy of driver's license, social security number, etc.). Currently, such voters are limited to voting in person (including in-person absentee voting). Persons who apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate ID shall be notified by the election authority that the registration is not complete and that person remains ineligible to vote until such proof is presented. The language in this Section dealing with documentation was taken straight from HAVA.

Second, this legislation amends Section 13-10. This language allows for that portion of an election judge's daily compensation reimbursed by the State Board of Elections to be increased by an additional \$20. Please be advised that this money was not appropriated in the State of Illinois FY08 budget. Therefore, no increase will be available for the February primary.

For your records, here are other elections legislation signed into law by the Governor:

HB 426 – Moves the General Primary date to February 5th

HB 1872 – School canvassing

HB 1753 – Voter Registration Task Force

HB 263 – Sex Offenders and Voting

SB 299 – Allows non-partisan civic organization pollwatchers

SB 996 – Residency requirements for judges

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

The Campaign Disclosure Division would like to remind everyone of the fact that with the moving of the **General Primary Election** to the first Tuesday of February of every even numbered year that it also affects several reporting and filing periods. The changes are:

The Semi-annual filing period has been shortened. All semi-annual reports must be filed by the 20th of January & July unless the 20th falls on a weekend or a holiday.

The Pre-election Report for the **General Primary Election** has been eliminated.

The A-1 filing period (donations of more than \$500 that must be reported within 2 business days) for the General Primary starts with the 1st of January and runs through and including the day prior to the election or February 4th. Thus, the A-1 filing period for the February 5th Primary Election covers the period starting January 1, 2008 and runs through and including February 4, 2008.

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