

ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINES NEAR FOR GENERAL ELECTION

ALBANY, NY—(10/01/02)—The New York State Board of Elections today reminded all New Yorkers, that if they will be out of their county or New York City on Election Day November 5, 2002 or will be unable to go to the polls because of illness or physical disability, they may vote by absentee ballot.

Voters will receive an absentee ballot after they complete an application and mail it to their county board of elections no later than Tuesday, October 29 or hand deliver it by Monday, November 4. All completed absentee ballots must be postmarked by Monday, November 4 and received no later than Tuesday, November 12, at your county board of elections. Absentee ballots may also be hand delivered to your county board prior to the closing of the polls on Election Day.

Applications for absentee ballots are available at any county board of elections. Internet users can download an application by clicking on "Absentee Voting" on the New York State Board of Elections' website, /www.elections.state.ny.us/