

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARS FOR GENERAL ELECTION

ALBANY, NY -- (9/29/03) -- The State Board of Elections today reminded all state residents to register to vote for the November 4, 2003 general election, if they have not already done so.

Candidates for local office will be on the ballot this year, as well as candidates for state supreme court in most judicial districts. Voters will be asked to approve two proposals on the statewide ballot; to amend the New York State Constitution concerning debt limits for sewer construction and to eliminate debt limits for some school districts.

Mail-in voter registration forms must be postmarked by midnight, October 10, and be received by your local board of elections no later than October 15 to be valid for the upcoming election. Residents may register in-person at their county board of elections until the close of business on October 10. Residents who have moved to a new county are reminded that they must re-register from their new address. Those who are currently registered and have moved to a new address in the same county should notify their county board of elections in writing of their move. The New York State Voter Registration Form can be used by new voters or movers for these purposes.

Voter registration forms are available at county boards of elections as well as many post offices, libraries and state agency offices throughout the state. Internet users may download a registration form by clicking on "Register to Vote" on the State Board's web site. People interested in registering may also call 1-800-FOR-VOTE before Monday, October 6 to request a mail registration form. Requests received by October 6 will be processed and the forms will be mailed to the caller's home or business address. Requests received after October 6 will still be processed, but callers may not receive their form in time to register for this election.

For more information on registering to vote in New York State, call your county board of elections or 1-800-FOR-VOTE. Internet users go to www.elections.state.ny.us