

# **News Release**

## **New York State Board of Elections**



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### **Voter Registration Deadline Nears for General Election, October 14<sup>th</sup> Last Day to Register *Also, Last Day to Change Your Existing Party Affiliation for Next Year's Presidential Primary***

ALBANY, NY (10/12/2011) -- The State Board of Elections today reminds all state residents to register to vote for the November 8, 2011 general election. Mail-in voter registration forms must be postmarked by midnight, Friday, October 14th and received no later than October 19th to be valid for the upcoming general election.

Candidates for State Supreme Court Justice as well as other local offices will be on the ballot this year.

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. In addition, if you are already registered and you wish to change your party affiliation for next year's presidential primary your application must be received by this Friday.

The New York State Voter Registration Form can be used by new voters or by movers for these purposes and can be obtained at [www.elections.state.ny.us](http://www.elections.state.ny.us).

Persons who are unsure whether they are registered, or wish to verify their current address, may look-up their status at: <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx>.

Persons wanting to register in person may do so at their local county board of elections and at many state agency offices throughout the state, but must do so no later than October 14th, to be eligible to vote in the general election. However, new citizens and military voters have a later deadline. If you have been honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen after October 14th, you may register in person at the local board of elections until October 28th.

Requests for registration forms may also be made by calling 1-800-FOR-VOTE. Requests will be processed and the forms mailed to the caller's home or business address. Internet users may download a registration form by going to the State Board's web site at [www.elections.state.ny.us](http://www.elections.state.ny.us) and clicking on the "Voting Information" link.

For more information on registering to vote in New York State, call your county board of elections or 1-800-FOR-VOTE.

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