

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARS FOR GENERAL ELECTION

ALBANY, NY--(9/28/05) The State Board of Elections today reminded all state residents to register to vote for the November 8th, 2005 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 in relation to the submission of the budget to the Legislature by the Governor and to enact the "Rebuild and Renew New York Transportation Bond Act of 2005".

Mail-in voter registration forms must be postmarked by midnight, October 14th, and be received by your local board of elections no later than October 19th 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 14. Residents who have been honorably discharged from the military or have become naturalized citizens since October 14th, may register in person at their board of elections up until October 28. 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 "Voting" on the State Board's web site. People interested in registering may also call 1-800-FOR-VOTE before Monday, October 10th to request a mail registration form.

Requests received by October 10th will be processed and the forms will be mailed to the caller's home or business address. Requests received after October 10th 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