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**DEADLINE TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL APPROACHING
~Eighteen Categories by Which a Voter May Qualify to Vote Absentee~**

RICHMOND, VA- Virginians who choose to cast an absentee ballot **by mail** for the March 6 Republican Presidential Primary must submit their application by Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Completed applications can be submitted in-person, by mail, fax, or scanned email attachment to the voter's local general registrar's office until 5:00 p.m. (EST) on February 28.

In order to vote absentee, voters must meet one of the 18 eligibility requirements listed on the Virginia Absentee Ballot Application. Eligible voters may cast their absentee ballot by mail or in-person at their local registrar's office.

Voters who wish to vote absentee **in-person** may do so at their local general registrar's office during normal business hours. The deadline to vote absentee **in-person** is Saturday, March 3, 2012 and registration offices will be open to the public on this day. Certain first time voters cannot vote absentee by mail. Please contact the local general registrar for specific office hours or to verify eligibility to vote absentee.

For more information about absentee voting, including the 18 eligibility requirements to vote absentee, please visit the State Board of Elections website at www.sbe.virginia.gov or contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-552-9745 or your local voter registration office.

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