

WEST VIRGINIA -ELECTION CONNECTION-

Your source for Election News from Secretary of State Natalie E. Tennant

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19 Weeks Until the May Primary!

On Tuesday, December 27 there will be exactly 19 weeks until the May Primary!

List Sale Policy Letters Due January 3

Please remember that **January 3, 2012** is the deadline for counties to notify the Secretary of State's Office of their policy regarding the sale of voter lists. Attached to this email is the letter from Secretary Tennant with more details. Also attached to this email is a template that may give you some ideas on how you want to format your policy notification. Please note that you **do not** have to use this template – it is only there as a helpful guide. If you have any questions, please contact HAVA Director Layna Brown in the Secretary of State's Office at (304) 558-6000.

Other Important Dates To Remember

There are a couple deadlines coming up that you need to remember!

- **January 8, 2012** is the last day to publish a notice for a precinct change prior to the Primary Election.
- **January 9-January 28, 2012** is the candidate filing period.
- **January 10, 2012** is the deadline for County Clerks to notify party chairmen of the pending appointment for Ballot Commissioners.
- And don't forget that the first day of the 2012 Legislative Session is **January 11**.

Live Webcasting of Candidate Filing

From your office you can watch as candidates file their paperwork in the Secretary of State's Office. **The candidate filing period begins on January 9 and ends on January 28.** There will be live webcasts on the first and last day of candidate filing. Just like in 2010, the Secretary of State's Office will conduct live webcasts throughout the day on the last day of candidate filing (**January 28**) until the midnight deadline. The schedule of live webcasts is still to be determined, but they will be available on the Secretary of State's website.

Voting Equipment Testing

The time of year for testing voting equipment is going to be here before you know it. The attached document is a map of the terminal menu and corresponding choices associated with the iVOTRONIC. Having the information on one page can be helpful compared to searching menus each time you need a certain task completed. If you have a question about testing your iVOTRONIC, please contact Outreach Division Manager Sean Hill in the Secretary of State's Office at (304) 558-6000 or by email at shill@wvsos.com.

New Voter Registration Applications

The new design of voter registration applications will be available the first week of January. The Secretary of State's Office has a large back stock of the outgoing version that the counties can still use. It is important to remember that the outgoing version is still valid for purposes of voter registration. If a voter fills out an outgoing form after the new version is available, that person's voter registration will not be affected. The new version of the voter registration form is attached to this email. Several county clerks from around the state reviewed and provided feedback on the new form prior to its approval.

The outgoing voter registration forms from our back stock are still available to counties at no charge. However, if you request old forms shipping costs may apply. Contact Chapman Printing at (304) 341-0676 to place your order.

Secretary of State's Office Holiday Hours

Please make a note of the Secretary of State's Office holiday hours. The office will be **OPEN** on Friday, December 30. However, the office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 2, 2012.

Have an idea?

Is there something that you want to see addressed in the Election Connection? The goal of this newsletter is to keep everyone up to date about challenges facing election officials in West Virginia and to inform everyone about best practices that are being put into place. If you have an idea for a topic, have a question, or if you think there is a subject that election officials around the state would be interested in, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary of State's Office. You can contact the Elections

Division by email at elections@wvsos.com or (304) 558-6000 or Jake Glance directly at jglance@wvsos.com. Your input is appreciated.