

WEST VIRGINIA -ELECTION CONNECTION-

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21 Weeks Until Election Day!

On Tuesday, June 12, there will be exactly 21 weeks until the November 6 General Election!

2012 Primary Election Results Are Now “Official”

The “official” results from the 2012 Primary Election can be seen on the Secretary of State’s website here:

<http://apps.sos.wv.gov/elections/results/results.aspx?year=2012&eid=8&county=Statewide>

SVRS Class Scheduled for August

The Secretary of State’s Office is providing comprehensive instruction on the use, functions and best practices relating to the SVRS and how to execute them properly. The class will be six hours of instruction Monday – Wednesday, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Thursday will be ½ day which will be used to provide an overview of what you have learned and a feedback forum before you leave. To get the most out of this class you should plan to attend all 3 full days of class.

This will be quality instruction by Dave Tackett but in a “no frills” atmosphere. You will need to supply your own notepads, paper, pencils, etc. If you are able, please bring a laptop computer to class with you. Hands on exercises will be a part of the class. If you do not have a laptop please let us know. This class is for those who use the SVRS as part of their daily job function. We ask that each county send no more than 2 individuals due to space limitations.

This is a serious, academically oriented Instructional Program. As such, you are expected to be prepared as you would be in any other academic situation.

If you must handle on-going office business while at the session, you need to schedule that before class, during the lunch time or after class. We ask that cell phones, pagers, etc. not be active during class.

LODGING and MEALS: Lunch will be provided Monday - Wednesday by this office. Attendees are responsible for their own lodging and other meals. Please mention "SVRS class" to reserve a room at the Flatwoods Days Hotel and Conference Center. Our rate is \$80.10 for single or \$89.10 for double per night, plus taxes and/or other charges. Call 866-700-7284 to make reservations. You must make your own hotel reservations no later than 5PM August 10, 2012. After this date, they do not have to hold rooms for us nor do they have to honor the rate. DO NOT DELAY.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, July 30, 2012

You will receive an email confirmation once your registration is received and processed by this office. **There is no registration fee to attend this class.**

You should have received an email from Layna Brown that included the registration form. If you did not, please contact her at lbrown@wvsos.com.

Poll Worker Training Video Edits Nearing Completion

The Secretary of State's Office is nearing completion of the revision of the poll worker training videos produced in 2008 and that are still being used to train election officials.

There are four videos that focus on the different systems: Paper ballots with iVotronic, optical scan with iVotronic, iVotronic, and Automark & M100.

We are currently finalizing edits to the scripts for the training videos, and soon the Secretary of State's Office will be asking county clerks to also review them and make changes.

The goal is to have the videos completed by September 1 so that we can make sure each county has enough DVD's well before poll worker training begins.

We may also be able to distribute the videos more quickly via FTP server and eliminate the need to burn, package, and ship a DVD if the county clerk requests it.

Redistricting Reimbursements

Redistricting reimbursement requests are due June 15. If your county is not going to be requesting reimbursement, please let us know.

If the Secretary of State's Office has not received your request by June 15, any funds for which your county would have been eligible will be returned to the funding pool for redistribution to other counties.

Questions about redistricting reimbursements can be directed to Dave Nichols.

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.