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24 Weeks Until Election Day!

On Tuesday, May 22, there will be exactly 24 weeks until the November 6 General Election!

Ballot Reprinting and Reprogramming

Everyone should have received an email from Secretary Tennant last night thanking you for your hard work in administering an election that faced many hurdles. We have received a bill from Casto and Harris that includes the cost of reprinting the primary ballots and we will be absorbing that cost. The office is also expecting a bill from ES&S that we will also absorb.

You should have also received an email from David Nichols that details how your county can be reimbursed for costs associated with the ballot error. Some counties have already contacted us about reimbursement.

Please remember that the deadline to submit a request for reimbursement is June 15, 2012. If you have questions, feel free to contact Dave at (304) 558-6000.

Redistricting Reimbursements

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

Questions about redistricting reimbursements can be directed to Dave Nichols.

Historic Voter Registration Totals

This is an interesting link for election officials around the state:

http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/history/Pages/Voter_Registration_Totals.aspx.

This page shows historic voter registration totals dating back to the Primary Election of 1994. The voter registration totals are broken down by party and by county.

Beginning in February 2006, there are monthly reports available. This information is great if you want to refer media to it when they do stories on voter registration leading up to Election Day. It's also interesting for election officials to examine the number to track voter registration totals. For the primary in 1994, Berkeley County has just over 26,000 registered voters. Now, it's the second largest county with over 65,000 voters!

Provisional Ballot Search

Another new feature on the Secretary of State's website allows voters who cast a provisional ballot to find out whether that ballot was counted at canvass. The provisional ballot search feature can be found by clicking the banner link at the top of www.wvsos.com.

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.