

WEST VIRGINIA -ELECTION CONNECTION-

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23 Weeks Until Election Day!

On Tuesday, May 29, there will be exactly 23 weeks until the November 6 General Election!

Nicholas County Clerk Wanda Hendrickson Passes Away

Nicholas County Clerk Wanda Hendrickson passed away this weekend following a battle with cancer.

In 2004, Clerk Hendrickson became the first woman elected Nicholas County Clerk. She was re-elected in 2010. Before serving as County Clerk, she worked in the clerk's office for more than 40 years.

According to Nicholas County's website, Clerk Hendrickson was instrumental in converting decades of data to a digital format, making it easier for citizens to access.

The Secretary of State's Office extends our condolences to Wanda's family in this difficult time.

Website Updates

We continue to make updates to our website.

Now, you can direct voters to a new Voter Information Center on the Secretary of State's website. The link to the new information is:

<http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/voterinformation/Pages/default.aspx>.

There is also a new Voter's Bill of Rights page that includes a video that explains each of these rights. The link to that page is:

http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/voterinformation/Pages/Voter_Rights.aspx.

Please feel free to inspect these pages and contact us with ideas on how to make them even better.

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.

Deadline to Transmit Certificates of Results

The deadline to transmit certification of election results to the Secretary of State's Office is June 7, 2012.

From the West Virginia Election Calendar: The certification of the results of the primary election should be sent to Secretary of State as soon as possible but no later than 30 days after the primary. Board of canvassers transmits original certificates of election results for all offices to be filled by the voters of more than one county to the Secretary of State, along with copies of certificates of results for county candidates. (§ 3-5-17, 3-5-18)

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.