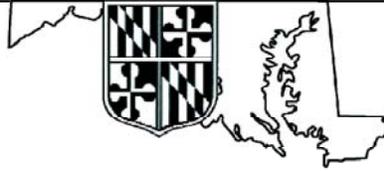


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**DEADLINE TO CHANGE OF PARTY AFFILIATION FOR THE 2007
BALTIMORE CITY MAYORAL ELECTION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Annapolis, Maryland (**June 11, 2007**) – Monday, June 18, 2007, at 9:00 p.m. is the deadline for Baltimore City voters to change their political party affiliation. Under State law, a registered voter is generally prohibited from changing his or her party affiliation or changing to or from “unaffiliated” status after 9:00 p.m. on the Monday that is 12 weeks or 84 days before the General Election. For the 2007 Baltimore City Mayoral Election, this date is Monday, June 18, 2007.

There is an exception for any registered voter who has moved to Baltimore City from another county in Maryland since the last General Election (November 7, 2006). This voter has until the close of registration on Tuesday, August 21, 2007, at 9:00 p.m. to change his or her party affiliation.

To change party affiliation, a registered voter can submit to the Baltimore City Board of Elections a written request to change his or her political party affiliation to the desired political party or “unaffiliated” status. Alternatively, the voter can complete a voter registration application (available at www.elections.state.md.us under “Voter Registration”) and indicate the political party with whom he or she wishes to affiliate or indicate “unaffiliated” status. (By selecting “unaffiliated” status, this voter will not be permitted to vote in the 2007 Baltimore City Primary Election. Only registered Democrats and Republicans are permitted to vote in the 2007 City Primary Election.)

The 2007 Baltimore City Mayoral Primary Election will be held on Tuesday September 11, 2007, and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Additional election-related dates are available at www.elections.state.md.us under “Elections” and “2007 Baltimore City.”

For more information, voters may contact the Baltimore City Board of Elections at 410-396-5550 or the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) OR www.elections.state.md.us