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**Seventh District Special Election Will Include Three In-Person Voting Centers**

*Board encourages all voters who can vote by mail to do so*

Annapolis, MD (April 13, 2020) - The Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) voted Monday to permit three in-person voting centers for the 7th Congressional District special general election on Tuesday, April 28th for voters who are unable to cast their ballots by mail. One voting center will be located in each local jurisdiction: Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Howard County.

To reduce the risk of spreading the novel coronavirus, the State Board is recommending that all 7th district voters who can vote by mail do so. The Board mailed ballots to all eligible active voters in the 7th District in early April. All mailed ballots included a return envelope and prepaid postage. Voted ballots must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

Local boards of election in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Howard County will select the location of their respective in-person voting centers. The State Board will announce the locations no later than Monday, April 20th.

“The safest way to vote in the 7th District special election is to vote by mail,” said Linda Lamone, State Administrator of Elections. “Not every voter can cast a ballot by mail, and the Board is committed to safeguarding their voting rights by authorizing local boards to operate a select few in-person voting centers. For all voters who are able to send in their ballot by mail, the choice is clear: vote safe, vote by mail.”

Maryland’s 7th Congressional District covers portions of the City of Baltimore, Baltimore County, and Howard County, respectively. The special election is being held to fill the remainder of the term of the 116th Congress due to the passing of Representative Elijah Cummings in October 2019.

Anyone wishing to check their voter registration status can do so on the State Board of Elections website at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>. If you do not have internet access, call 1-800-222-8683 and ask a State Board of Elections representative to check your registration.

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