



THE ELECTION EAGLE

WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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2010 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS -

Primary Election - September 14, 2010
General Election - November 2, 2010

ACTIVE AND *INACTIVE REGISTRATION

NUMBERS: JUNE 30, 2009 -

Democratic -	35,365
Republican -	40,482
Green -	262
Unaffiliated -	14,741
All Other Parties -	1,749

*Inactive registrants are voters whose addresses are not up to date on their Voter Registration record. They still have the right to vote, but they need to affirm their residency in Maryland before they are allowed to vote.



EARLY VOTING -

In the November, 2008 General Election, voters were able to amend the constitution by voting **For or Against** the Early Voting amendment. The amendment became effective, Early Voting will be permitted in 2010. The dates have been set by the State —

Gubernatorial Primary Early Voting —

Friday, September 3 through Thursday, September 9, 2010 (excluding Sunday, September 5, 2010)

Gubernatorial General Early Voting —

Friday, October 22 through Thursday, October 28, 2010 (excluding Sunday, October 24, 2010)

Voters will be able to vote, before election day, at one established polling place, no matter where they live in the county. This is not the same as Absentee Ballot voting. In Early Voting, the voter actually votes on voting equipment.

DUAL VOTING EQUIPMENT -

The State has approved the use of **TWO** types of voting systems for the 2010 Gubernatorial Elections. Due to the opposition to the DRE's or Touch Screen equipment, voters will now be using both the Optical Scan equipment (paper ballots, which Washington County has used before) and the DRE Touch Screens, which have proven to be accurate. Hence, when the voter enters the polling place they will be asked **"What voting equipment do you prefer, the DRE Touch Screen or the Optical Scan Paper Ballot equipment?"** This means that election workers will have to be trained to be knowledgeable in both types of equipment. Because we have used this type of equipment before, the knowledge to implement this has been established.



NO FAULT ABSENTEE BALLOTS -

In the 2006 Gubernatorial Elections the State allowed voters to request Absentee Ballots without giving a reason - "No Fault Absentee Ballots". There was opposition to this without a change in the law, which stipulates required reasons for receiving an Absentee Ballot. In the 2008 Presidential General there was a Constitution Amendment question placed on the ballot. The amendment was passed, allowing **three** changes for the 2010 Gubernatorial Elections:

1. EARLY VOTING
2. NO FAULT ABSENTEE BALLOTS
3. ALLOW REGISTERED VOTERS TO VOTE ANYWHERE IN THE STATE, **BUT WITH ONLY PARTIAL BALLOT BEING COUNTED IF NOT IN CORRECT ELECTION DISTRICT.**

**FROM THE DESK OF DOROTHY KAETZEL,
DIRECTOR I, WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTIONS**

With the implementation of Early Voting and using dual voting systems in the upcoming 2010 Gubernatorial Elections, additional election judges will be necessary. Inform your relatives, friends and neighbors of this and encourage them to call us and information will be sent pertaining to working at the polls on Election Day.



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**FROM THE DESK OF KAYE ROBUCCI, DEPUTY
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17 Year Olds Make the Grade!

We were delighted to have six high school students work as election judges during the 2008 elections. While we appreciate all of our workers regardless of their age, we would like to give a special thanks to: Giovanni Fouche, Allyson Mandley, Casey King, Charles Shirley, Danille Kitchen, and Daniel Nicolosi. Several of our students earned their Student Learning Hours while serving as an election judge. We received many positive comments and we look forward to employing more high school students in 2010. If you know of any technically inclined and interested 17 year olds, have them contact our office.

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www.elections.state.md.us

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