

## **IT'S VOTING TIME IN PA AGAIN!**

May 18<sup>th</sup> will be Pennsylvania Primary. We have a closed primary – meaning only Democrats can vote for Democrats and only Republicans can vote for Republicans. If you are the member of a third party or an independent, you cannot vote on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The winners of the primary will be placed on the ballot for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election.

## **ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?**

To register to vote in Pennsylvania, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States for at least one month before the next primary, special, municipal, or general election.
- A resident of Pennsylvania and the election district in which you want to register and vote for at least 30 days before the next primary, special, municipal, or general election.
- At least 18 years of age on or before the day of the next primary, special, municipal, or general election.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER** to be able to vote in the May 18<sup>th</sup> Primary is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**HOW TO REGISTER** - **You can register in any of the following ways:**

- 1.) Go to your County Courthouse Voter Registration Office
- 2.) Obtain the mail-in application from the <http://www.votespa.com> website
- 3.) When you obtain or update your driver's license you can register at photo license center
- 4.) At other government agencies such as Agency on Aging, County MH/MR, Orphans' Court offices, Armed Forces Recruiting Centers and offices that provide public assistance

## **ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION**

If you are unable to attend your polling place in person on Election Day, you may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. To vote by absentee ballot, a voter must apply to the County Board of Elections for an absentee ballot. (or an application can be downloaded at the <http://www.votespa.com> website by clicking on the "How to Vote" on the left sidebar) The County Board of Elections will send a paper absentee ballot to the voter. The voter then completes the ballot and returns it to the County Board of Elections. The County Board of Elections must receive your application for absentee ballot no later than 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election. In emergency situations (such as an unexpected illness or disability) you can submit an Emergency Application for Absentee Ballot, which must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday before Election Day. Completed non-emergency absentee ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on the Friday before Election Day.