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SOE urges voters to help ensure a smooth election – check and update voter registration records early

(SARASOTA, FL) – Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections Kathy Dent is appealing to all voters to ensure they are properly registered to vote in the August 24 Primary Election before the July 26 voter registration deadline.

“Accurate voter registration records are key to a smooth and successful election for both voters and election workers. If you are newly arrived in the state, new to Sarasota County or just haven’t voted in a while, please take a moment to confirm your voter registration status,” Ms. Dent urges.

A voter may check his/her voter registration status, by going to the supervisor of elections (SOE) Web site at www.SarasotaVotes.com, and clicking on the “Voter Information” menu item and then on “Voter Lookup” or by calling (941) 861- 8600.

Registration applications are available at all SOE offices, driver license offices, state agencies that provide public assistance, public libraries, some area banks, post offices and many other public locations. Applications may also be downloaded from the SOE Web site, completed and returned to any SOE office.

Ms. Dent also invites local organizations and businesses to add a link on their Web sites to connect their members and customers directly to the supervisor of elections homepage for online voter registration applications and election information.

Finally, Ms. Dent encourages voters – especially absentee voters – to file an updated signature with the elections office if for health or other reasons their signatures have changed. The signature on file is the one that will be used to verify the signature on absentee and provisional ballot certificates and petitions. Voters may update their signatures by completing and returning to any SOE office a voter registration application.

More information about voting, including early voting locations and times, an absentee ballot request form, and polling place addresses and maps can be found on the SOE Web site.

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