



## Charleston County News Release

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**See sample ballots for June 8 Primary Elections:**

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/BEVR/2010primaries.htm>

## Register to Vote by May 8 for June 8 Primary Elections

The [Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration](#) reminds Charleston County residents that Saturday, May 8 is the deadline to register to vote for the June 8 Democratic and Republican Primary Elections.

“The registration deadline is fast approaching, so we encourage anyone who has never registered in Charleston County to do so by May 8 in order to vote in the June 8 Primary Elections,” said Marilyn Bowers, Executive Director of Charleston County’s Board of Elections and Voter Registration (BEVR). “State law only allows people to participate in one political party primary, therefore, voters must be prepared to designate which political party primary they wish to vote in during the June 8 election.”

Voters need to prepare for the Primary Elections Day, so BEVR has the following questions to help you know if you are ready:

### **Are you registered to vote?**

If you are not already registered to vote in Charleston County, the last day to register for the June 8 Primary Elections is Saturday, May 8, 2010. All registration-by-mail forms must also be postmarked no later than this date.

### **How can you register vote?**

Voter registration forms can be downloaded online at [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org). The application may be submitted in the following ways for your convenience:

- Mailed to: BEVR; PO Box 71419; North Charleston, SC 29415
- Faxed to: (843) 974-6419
- E-mailed to: [voterregistration@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:voterregistration@charlestoncounty.org). The application must be scanned in with your signature on the application.

### **How can you update your address?**

You can look up your voter registration record at [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org) to see if your name and/or address is up-to-date and to see where the polling location is for your correct precinct. You can also call (843) 744-8683 (VOTE) to check on the status of your voter registration. The same voter registration form can be used to update information (name, address, etc.) on your current registration.

All changes made prior to May 28, 2010 will be reflected on voter registration list on Tuesday, June 8, 2010. Any changes made after May 28 will processed and written in on the correct precinct’s voter registration list.

Voters who do not update their address prior to Election Day have two options:

- Option 1 - Update your address at your **OLD** (previous) precinct where you are currently registered and vote a ballot with only U.S. Congress, statewide and countywide offices.
- Option 2 - Update your address at the BEVR office on Election Day (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.) and vote a complete ballot with ALL offices for which you are qualified to vote at your current address.

**What if you cannot vote on Election Day?**

If you are unable to cast your ballot at your local polling location on Election Day, you can cast your ballot in advance at the BEVR office during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday) and also from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. Absentee ballots should be available at the BEVR office headquarters by Thursday, May 6. The office is located at 4367 Headquarters Road in North Charleston. For more information on absentee ballots, visit <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/BEVR/absentee.htm>,

You can also request that the ballot be mailed to you by calling (843) 744-8683 (VOTE) or by sending an e-mail to [absentee@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:absentee@charlestoncounty.org). Voters must designate which political party primary they wish to vote in. An application will be sent when your request is received, and the ballot will be sent upon receipt of the completed application. The last day that BEVR can mail a ballot is Friday, June 4, 2010. All voted ballots must be received by BEVR no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, June 8.

**Do you know who the candidates are?**

Sample ballots may be viewed at <http://vote.charlestoncounty.org>. Specifically, June 8, 2010 sample ballots may be viewed for each precinct at <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/BEVR/2010primaries.htm>. Voters are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the ballot prior to the Primary Elections so they will be prepared to vote when they enter the voting booth.

For more information, visit <http://vote.charlestoncounty.org>, call the [Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration](#) at (843) 744-8683 (VOTE), or send an e-mail to [bevr@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:bevr@charlestoncounty.org).