

DEADLINE NEAR FOR PRIMARY ELECTION VOTER REGISTRATION

ALBANY, NY--(8/5/04) -- The State Board of Elections today reminds all state residents to register to vote for the September 14, 2004 primary elections.

Mail-in voter registration forms must be postmarked by midnight, August 20 and received no later than August 25 to be valid for the upcoming primary election. Residents who have moved to a new county are reminded that they must re-register from their new address. Those who are currently registered and have moved to a new address in the same county, should notify their county board of elections in writing of their move. The New York State voter registration form can be used for these purposes by movers as well as new voters.

Persons wanting to register in person may do so at county boards of elections and at many state agency offices through-out the state, but must do so no later than August 20, to be eligible to vote in the primary.

Requests for registration forms may also be made by calling 1-800-FOR-VOTE. Registration form requests will be processed and the forms mailed to the caller's home or business address. Requests received after August 13 will still be processed, however, it is unlikely callers will receive their form in time to register for the primary. Internet users may download a registration form by contacting the State Board on the Internet at www.elections.state.ny.us and clicking on "Voting".

For more information on registering to vote in New York State, call your county board of elections or 1-800-FOR-VOTE.