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## "Make Your Voice Heard – Register To Vote"

Our democracy is envied by many and paralleled by none. Fundamental to our country's freedom is the right of American citizens to vote. Soldiers put their lives on the line to ensure that the flagship freedom is never taken away from us, so that our country can truly be governed by the people and for the people.



That is why it is essential that everyone participates in the election process. Voting is your way to get your voice heard. If you know someone that is eligible to vote in this coming election on Nov. 7 and have not registered, please encourage them to register by Oct. 11, the deadline for doing so.

### HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

• Obtain a mail-in voter registration card from your local election authorities or by going to <u>www.sos.mo.gov/firstvote/students/request.asp</u> and filling out a form to have one sent to you.

### Local Election Authorities' Phone Numbers

**Bollinger County** (573) 238-1900 ext. 333

Madison County (573) 783-2176

**Perry County** 

Cape Girardeau County (573) 243-2547

**Mississippi County** (573) 683-2146 ext. 221

**Scott County** 

(573) 547-4242

- Take advantage of the many groups and organizations that hold regular voting drives throughout the year.
- State agencies providing public assistance and state-funded programs primarily for persons with disabilities and armed services recruitment offices are required to offer voter registration.
- Go to the Missouri Department of Motor Vehicle office and register when you apply for or update your driver's license information.

Many do not believe that their votes will make a difference. But in reality, recent national and state elections have shown that each vote matters. When you go to the polls, be prepared. Know about the issues you are interested in. Know which candidates will best represent you. And bring along a state-issued photo ID. This can be a driver's or non-driver's license, passport or military photo IDs. Missouri driver's and non-driver's licenses can be obtained at Department of Revenue (DOR) offices. The DOR will issue non-driver's licenses free of charge to those who do not have the financial means to obtain one for voting purposes. The agency is also running "Mobile Licensing Units" to reach people who cannot travel. Voters unable to procure or present a photo ID will be able to cast provisional ballots (which will be counted if signatures can be verified) this November, though the ID requirement will not be waived in future elections. Call the DOR toll free at (866) 443-4165 for more information on obtaining a photo ID.

## **Contact Me**

As always, I appreciate hearing your comments, opinions and concerns. Please feel free to contact me in Jefferson City at (573) 751-2459. You may write to me at Jason Crowell; Missouri Senate; State Capitol; Jefferson City, MO 65101, or email me at: jcrowell@senate.mo.gov or visit me on the web at <a href="http://www.jasoncrowell.com">http://www.jasoncrowell.com</a>.

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