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DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

## Official ELECT Advisory

**DATE:** October 14, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Voter Registration Deadline Extension

**ISSUE:** The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia has ordered an extension to the voter registration deadline in *New Virginia Majority Fund v. Virginia Department of Elections*.

**WHY THIS IS NEEDED:** The U.S. District Court has ordered an extension to the voter registration deadline for the November 3, 2020 General and Special Elections. Voters may continue to register through Thursday, October 15, 2020.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Process mailed paper voter registration applications that are received with a postmark no later than Thursday, October 15, 2020. If the postmark is missing or illegible, an application sent via USPS can still be processed if it is received up to five (5) calendar days after October 15, 2020 (Va. Code § 24.2-416.4(A)).

Process OVR applications if they were received before 11:59 p.m. October 15, 2020.

General Registrar Offices must be open until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020, to receive applications in person on the final day of registration (Va. Code § 24.2-414.1).

If the application is approved, these voters will be eligible to vote in the November 3, 2020 General and Special Elections.

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