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NEW VOTER SERVICES OFFERED ONLINE

“Am I Registered?” and Absentee Ballot Tracking Available Beginning July 1

Pensacola, Florida – Beginning July 1, 2010, voters in Escambia County can verify their registration status and track their absentee ballot at EscambiaVotes.com. The new services are due in part to state and federal legislation aimed at improving the voting process for military and overseas voters.

With the “Am I Registered” function, a voter can check to see if they are a registered voter in Escambia County, their address of record, party affiliation, information on their polling place, voting districts, and more.

Once a voter verifies their registration, they can check their absentee status – date requested, date mailed, and date received back in the elections office. If they do not have an absentee request on file and wish to vote by mail, they can utilize the online absentee request form.

“We’re very excited about these new services, and expect that voters will be too,” said Supervisor of Elections David Stafford. “We are committed to finding innovative ways to increase the amount and accessibility of information available to voters.”

Voters are encouraged to check their registration status in preparation for the August 24th Primary Election, including their address and party affiliation. Any new registrations or party changes must be made on or before July 26th when the voter registration books close for the primary. Florida holds closed primaries, which means that voters must be registered as a member of the party in whose primary they wish to vote. However, all voters may vote in a primary for nonpartisan races, such as school board members, judges, and if they live in a municipality, for city council and mayor.

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