

Good Morning all Town/City Clerks:

Reminder: For the August 24, 2010 Primary Election, every voter must be given ALL 3 MAJOR PARTY BALLOTS. If voting early or absentee, the voter votes one ballot and places it in the Certificate Envelope and signs the certificate, then places the unvoted ballots in the unvoted/unused envelope and returns both envelopes to the Town Clerk's Office. On election day, the voters are given all 3 ballots, vote one ballot, and then place the unvoted ballots in the unvoted ballot box (which should be set up to come BEFORE the voted ballot box or tabulator) and then the vote deposits the voted ballot into the ballot box or tabulator. On election day, it is wise to station an election official by the unvoted ballot box to make sure that voters deposit two ballots before going to the voted ballot box or tabulator.

Although there was great attendance at the VMCTA training, we realize that not all Presiding Officers were able to attend. I have attached my notes from that presentation as a reminder of some issues that come up during elections. I have also attached a brief summary of changes to election laws in 2009 and 2010.

In August we will send out updated instructions for the Vote-by-Telephone system that must be set up for the Primary and General Elections. We will also send Official Return of Votes, summary and tally sheets in August.

If you have not already posted your warnings for the Primary election, these must be posted at least 30 days before the election.

Best Regards, Kathy