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DIRECTIVE 2012-48-2

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To: All County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Board Members

Re: Contacting Absentee Voters

INSTRUCTIONS

As provided in [Directive 2012-48](#):

All county boards of elections must contact any absentee voter who provided insufficient information on their absentee ballot identification envelope to give the voter an opportunity to supplement the voter's identification envelope so the voter's ballot can be tabulated. This Directive applies to all absentee ballots regardless of whether UOCAVA or non-UOCAVA, in-person or by mail.

When a county board of elections has determined that an absentee voter provided insufficient information (i.e. name, identification, signature) on their identification envelope, or the information supplied by the voter for the required fields on the identification envelope do not match information contained in the voter's registration record, the board must notify the voter in writing at the voter's registration address, or the address to which the voter had requested the absentee ballot to be mailed.

The notice must include a copy of [SOS Form 11-S](#) and inform the voter that in order for the voter's absentee ballot to be valid and tabulated, the voter must either:

- Complete [SOS Form 11-S](#) and return it by mail such that the board of elections receives it on or before November 16, 2012; or
- Appear in person at the main office of the board of elections during the uniform days and hours for in-person absentee voting (see Directives [2012-35](#) and [2012-50](#)), between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, or during the Board's normal weekday business hours from November 7, 2012 through November 16, 2012.

Paragraph D of [Directive 2012-48](#) remains applicable in order to appropriately serve UOCAVA and home-bound absentee voters.

If you have any question regarding this Directive, please contact the Secretary of State's elections attorney assigned to your county at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,


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