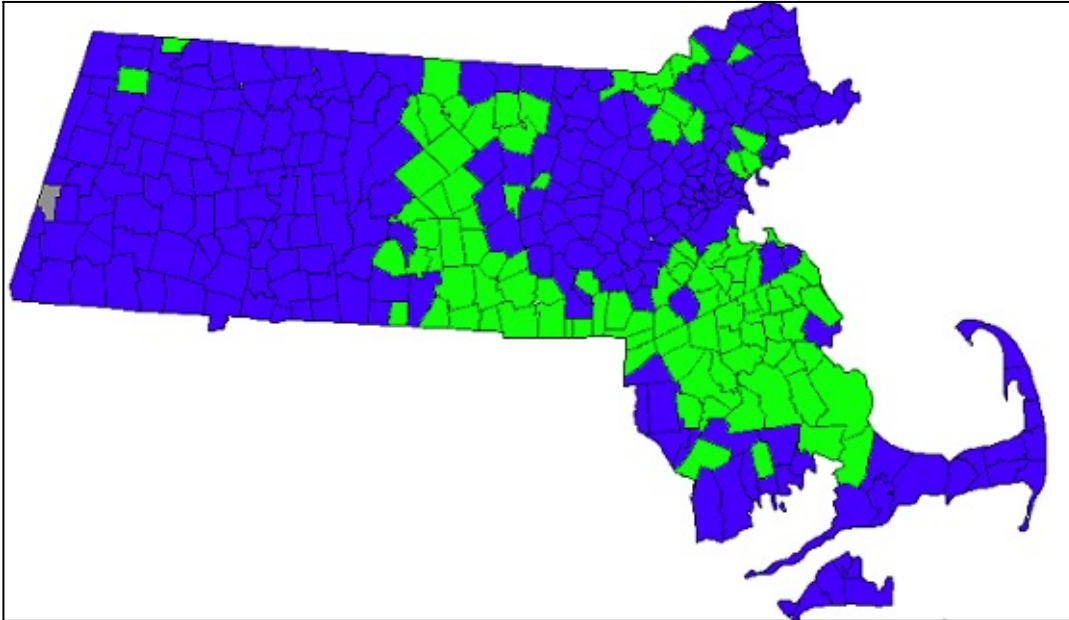


Last Day to Register to Vote in Special State Election Looms



Deadline to Register to Vote in Special State Election Approaches

The New Bedford Board of Election Commissioners has announced that Wednesday, June 5, 2013 is the deadline to register to vote in the Special State Election for United States Senator in Congress as well as to notify the Board of Elections of any change in voter name or address.

The City of New Bedford Election Office, located in City Hall at 133 William Street, Room 114, will remain open on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 until 8:00 p.m. in order to allow the public more time to complete the voter registration process and make necessary updates to their name or address.

Voters may cast their vote for Senator in Congress on Tuesday, June 25, 2013. The seat is currently occupied by Senator Mo Cowan who was recently appointed by Governor Deval Patrick

following John F. Kerry's resignation on February 1, 2013.

In addition, absentee ballots for the Special State Election are now available. Any voter who is unable to get to the polls on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot during regular Election Office hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) or may request to have an absentee ballot application mailed to their home address. The New Bedford Election Office will open on Saturday, June 22, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon to give voters additional time to cast an absentee ballot.

Any New Bedford resident whose address has changed since the last election, would like to request an absentee ballot, or is uncertain about their voting status or designated polling location, should contact the New Bedford Board of Election Commissioners at (508) 979-1420.