

Voter Registration Deadline August 17th

The New Bedford Board of Election Commissioners has announced that **Friday, August 17, 2012** is the deadline to register to vote in the Massachusetts State Primary Election which will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2012.



To allow the public more time to complete the voter registration process, the Elections Office, located in New Bedford City Hall at 133 William Street, will remain open on Friday, August 17, 2012 until 8:00 p.m. The voter registration deadline is also the deadline for voters to notify the Board of Elections of any changes in their address, name or party affiliation.

The September 6th election is a Primary election and voters may only receive a ballot in the party in which they are enrolled. Only Unenrolled (Independent) (Undeclared) voters have the option to select the party ballot.

Voters may cast their votes for the following seats:

- Senator in Congress for this Commonwealth
- Representative in Congress 9th Congressional District
- Councillor..... 1st Bristol District
- Senator in General Court..... 2nd Bristol & Plymouth Senate District
- Representative in General Court..... 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and

13th Bristol Representative District

- Clerk of Courts..... Bristol County
- Register of Deeds..... Bristol Southern District
- County Commissioner..... Bristol County
- County Treasurer Bristol County (to fill vacancy)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Election Commissioners has changed the polling location in Precincts 6A and 6B. The City Council voted to return the polling location to its original location at Hazelwood Park Community Center, 553 Brock Avenue.

The Board of Election Commissioners also reminds the public that absentee ballots for the State Primary are available. Any voter unable to get to the polls on Election Day can vote by absentee ballot during regular office hours or can request that an absentee ballot application be mailed to their home address. In addition, to allow the public more time to cast an absentee ballot, the City of New Bedford Elections Office will be open on Saturday, September 1, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Voters can visit the City of New Bedford website at www.newbedford-ma.gov to view the official specimen ballot for their district.

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