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Bradbury Encourages Voters to Get Ballots in the Mail Today for General Election

Secretary of State Bill Bradbury announced that voters who are casting their ballots through the mail should get them in today if they want to be certain their ballots reach county elections offices by the Election Day deadline, 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7th, 2006.

â€œWith a state as large as Oregon, I always advise voters to get their ballots in the mail by the Friday before every election to ensure their vote gets counted,â€• said Bradbury, â€œVoters who are still deciding on their choices should deliver their ballots to one of the many official dropsites we have in every county throughout the state if they donâ€™t get it in the mail today.â€•

Oregonâ€™s vote by mail system requires that ballots be received in county elections offices or at official dropsites by 8 pm on Election Day. Postmarks do not count. A complete listing of official dropsites around Oregon can be found at www.oregonvotes.org or through the toll-free number at 1-866-ORE-VOTES (673-8683).

Information on new technologies to help voters with disabilities mark their ballots privately and independently can also be found through the Oregon Votes web site. This will be the first general election in which the Accessible Ballot Marking System and the HTML ballot will be available for voters throughout the state. Voters who are interested in using these technologies should contact their county clerkâ€™s office for more information.

Registered voters who have changed their address since the last time they voted can still vote in next weekâ€™s general election by contacting the county clerkâ€™s office in their new location and completing a new registration card. After doing so, they can request a ballot and vote if the ballot is received in the county elections office by the Election Day 8 pm deadline. Voters who have lost or damaged their ballots can receive replacement ballots by contacting their county elections office and requesting one.

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