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P R E S S R E L E A S E

Election Commission reminds voters of deadline to register to vote in city preliminary election – Wednesday, September 13, 2017

New Bedford, Massachusetts— The New Bedford Board of Election Commissioners reminds New Bedford voters that Wednesday, September 13, 2017 is the deadline to register to vote in the October 3, 2017 preliminary election, as well as to notify the Board of Election Commissioners of any change in voter name or address.

The Election Commission office is located at City Hall, 133 William Street, in Room 114. The office will remain open on Wednesday, September 13, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. in order to allow the public more time to complete their voter registration process and make necessary updates to their names or address.

In the preliminary election on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, New Bedford voters may cast their vote for Mayor, and for Ward Councillor in Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 4 and Ward 5.

The Board expects to have absentee ballots for the preliminary election available by Monday, September 25. Any voter who is unable to get to the polls on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot during regular Election Commission office hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or may request to have an absentee ballot application mailed to their home address by calling the Election Commission office at 508-979-1420.

In addition, the New Bedford Election Commission office will be open on Saturday, September 30 from 8 a.m. until 12 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 Election Commission office at 508-979-1420.

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