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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **August 19<sup>th</sup> Deadline to Register to Vote in State Primary Election**

**New Bedford, Massachusetts-** The New Bedford Board of Election Commissioners reminds the public that the last day to register to vote and to change party enrollment for the Massachusetts State Primaries is Friday, August 19, 2016. The Massachusetts State Primaries will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2016.

Voters may cast their votes for Representative in Congress, Councillor for First District, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court for the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Thirteenth Bristol District, Sheriff for Bristol County, County Commissioner for Bristol County and District Attorney (to fill vacancy).

To allow the public more time to complete the voter registration process, the New Bedford Election Office, located in New Bedford City Hall at 133 William Street, Room 114, will remain open on August 19, 2016 until 8:00 p.m. The registration/ party enrollment deadline is also the deadline for voters to notify the Board of Elections of any changes in their address and name change.

The Board of Election Commissioners also reminds the public that absentee ballots (Democratic, Republican, Green Rainbow, United Independent Party) for the State Election are now available. Any voter unable to get to the polls on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot during regular office hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) or may request that an absentee ballot application be mailed to their home address. In addition, to allow voters more time to cast an absentee ballot, the Election Office will be open on Saturday, September 3, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

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

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