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## **Kansas City Election Board Readies Voters for August Election**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (August 3, 2012) – The Kansas City Election Board (KCEB) announces details for the upcoming August 7 election. Following are the specifics to ensure that voters have the information needed to participate.

<u>Special Note</u>: Voters should also check their Election Notice Card and be aware of the special note calling attention to polling location changes. The note is in large blue type and reads: DUE TO RECENT REDISTRICTING, YOUR POLLING PLACE MAY HAVE CHANGED- READ CAREFULLY.

Voters should also check their new red, white and blue Voter ID card (mailed to every registered voter in July). If their old State Representative or State Senate district is listed, they may need to contact the Election Board office for their new districts.

**<u>Date, Time, Place</u>**: The election will be held Tuesday, August 7. Poll hours are 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## What's on the Ballot?

Congressional and State candidates, County Committeepersons, a State constitutional amendment, a City sales tax and bond issue. Write-ins are allowed for the Committeepersons' races only.

A sample ballot is available online at www.kceb.org.

Four parties have certified candidates on the ballot: Democrat, Republican, Libertarian and Constitution.

**Absentee Voting:** In-person absentee voting at KCEB will end on Monday, August 6, at 5:00 p.m. and is also available on Saturday, August 4, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. All mail-in absentee ballots must be received no later than 7:00 p.m. on August 7.

In Missouri, voters must have one of five reasons to vote absentee: out of town on Election Day; religious restrictions; incapacitated, hospitalized or homebound, or caring for a person who is confined; election authority employee; incarcerated but eligible to vote.

**Polls:** Voters may find their polling location online at www.kceb.org by entering a last name and birth date in the *Check Your Voter Status* box.

**Provisional Voting:** Provisional Voting occurs in federal or congressional elections. It allows voters whose names are not found in the precinct rosters to vote a special ballot. The voter completes the top section of the yellow provisional ballot envelope. Fourteen days after the election, the voter can call the number on the tear off flap to find out if the ballot was counted. For a provisional ballot to count, the voter must vote at his/her correct polling location.

**New Voter ID Cards:** New voter ID cards were mailed to all registered voters in Kansas City. The card contains the voter's name and address, voter ID number, polling location, voting districts, ward and precinct number, and registration date. The card is one of the acceptable forms of ID at the polls.

**Election Notice Cards:** Cards are mailed to all registered voters two weeks prior to Election Day. The polling location and address are printed on each election notice card. Voters whose polls have changed will be reminded on their card.

**Voter Identification**: Voters may present several forms of identification including:

- 1) Missouri or out of state driver's license
- 2) Local, State or Federal government issued I.D. (employee, passport, social security card, military, etc.)
- 3) Missouri higher education I.D. (college or university)
- 4) Local election authority issued I.D.
- 5) Current bank statement, utility bill, government paycheck, or government document containing the voter's name and current address

# Photo identification is not required to vote in Missouri.

## Additional Facts:

Number of Polls: 153 Number of Precincts: 374 Total Registered Voters: 217,439 **Estimated Election Cost:** \$638,400

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