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Registration Closes for the 2012 General Election Tomorrow

Promotes awareness for the Friday, October 12, 2012 Voter Registration Deadline, that postmarks are timely and that voters may register at the in-person absentee voting site in their county and at their polling place on Election Day.

(Boise, Idaho) – Secretary of State Ben Ysursa reminded voters that tomorrow is the last day to pre-register to vote in Idaho. Completed registration cards must be mailed and postmarked tomorrow, October 12th to be accepted. Voters may also deliver their completed registration card to their County Clerk by 5 pm tomorrow.

Secretary Ysursa said “I encourage every eligible Idahoan to vote November 6th. Qualified electors that send in their completed registration postmarked tomorrow will be registered to vote. In Idaho we are fortunate to also have another option for voters that are not able to register by the deadline. Idaho is one of eight states that offer Election Day Registration. Our state law allows qualified electors to register at their county’s early voting site or at the polls on Election Day.”

A qualified elector must be 18 years old, a citizen of the United States and a resident in the state and county 30 days prior to the election. For those voters opting for Election Day registration, the law requires proof of residence in the precinct and photo identification. A photo ID with current address, or a photo ID with a document such as a utility bill or student fee statement that shows residence in the precinct is required to register.



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Identification is also required to vote. However, if a registered voter cannot provide photo identification, they may sign a Personal Identification Affidavit and receive a ballot.

A valid Idaho driver's license or Idaho photo identification card, a Federal photo identification card, a Tribal identification card or a current Idaho student photo identification card are acceptable forms of identification to vote.

"No eligible voter will be denied the right to vote." Ysursa said. "We value and encourage participation."

In person absentee voting will be open to voters statewide starting Monday. Voters should check with their county election office for the location in their county. Voters can check their registration status, locate their polling place, track their absentee ballot and find more information on voter registration on idahovotes.gov.