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NEWS RELEASE

From the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics
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ABSENTEE VOTING OPENS FOR NOVEMBER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Registered D.C. voters who will be unable to cast a ballot at the polls on Election Day--Tuesday, November 8th--because of age, disability, or travel, may vote by absentee ballot, announced Elections Board Director Emmett H. Fremaux, Jr. today.

"Absentee voting activity is always at a peak in presidential elections," Fremaux noted. "We expect to receive thousands of additional requests for absentee ballots by the deadline, and we encourage voters to make arrangements early to avoid the last minute rush."

To cast an absentee ballot by mail, a registered voter must send a written request that includes the following information: voter's name, residence address, mailing address (if different), reason for voting absentee, and the voter's signature. This request must reach the Board of Elections by November 1st. Any written statement that provides the required information will be accepted; however, the application form below (which may be clipped and mailed to the Board in a stamped envelope) is provided for convenience. The form may be reprinted or copied for the purpose of requesting a ballot.

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APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ABSENTEE BALLOT	
★★ Mail to: D.C. Board of Elections & Ethics District Building, Room 4 Washington, D.C. 20004-3084	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Reg. No. _____ Ward ___ Pct. ___ ANC/SMD ___
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	
Name _____	
Address where Registered _____	
Address to which Ballot should be sent _____	
<small>(Include Apt. No., if applicable, and ZIP Code)</small>	
I hereby request to vote by ABSENTEE BALLOT in the following election(s):	
CHECK	<input type="checkbox"/> September 13, 1988 Primary Election <input type="checkbox"/> November 8, 1988 General Election
My reasons for requesting an ABSENTEE BALLOT are as follows: _____	
_____ (Signature of Voter)	
For information on registration or voting, call 727-2525 24 hours.	
<small>To vote absentee by mail, this request must reach the Board at least 7 days BEFORE election day.</small>	<small>In-person absentee voting continues at the Board's Office until the day before election day.</small>
NOTE: THE BOARD MAY REJECT ANY APPLICATION WHICH IS INCOMPLETE	

An absentee ballot may also be cast in person at the Board's office in Room 7 of the District Building beginning October 24th and ending at 5:00 p.m. November 7th. During this period, the office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays to accommodate absentee voters.

For more information about absentee voting, the public may call 727-2525 twenty-four hours a day.

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