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To: County Boards of Elections
From: Gary O. Bartlett
Subject: Directives of State Board for General Election

At their meeting yesterday, the State Board adopted two significant policies that you need to implement for the upcoming general election.

First, for the one-stop absentee voting period from October 16 through November 1, the Board unanimously voted to direct county boards of elections that anyone standing in line at a one-stop voting location at the close of the stated hours of operation shall be permitted to vote just as they would on election day at the closing of the polls at 7:30 pm. One-stop absentee voting site workers should be advised to allow those in line at the stated hour of closing to vote by the worker going to the end of the line and recording the names of the voters beginning with the last person in line and going to the front of the line. The listing of voters in line should be maintained as part of the one-stop absentee voting records. It is not acceptable to advise any voters in line at the stated closing time that they can come back to vote one-stop absentee on another day or election day.

Second, the Board unanimously adopted the policy for the November 4, 2008, General Election that every county board of elections must have sufficient ballots available for use on election day and that every county utilizing DRE machine must have paper ballots available in an amount equal to 50% of the voter turnout for that county on the general election day of 2004. The Board voted that every county board of elections utilizing DRE will be reimbursed for the cost of those ballots following the certification of the November 4th election results by the State Board. Information will be provided on how to request the reimbursement at an appropriate time in the near future.

Any clarification needed on these policies should be directed to me or Johnnie McLean.