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SOUTH CAROLINA TO HOLD PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The State of South Carolina will hold a special primary election in the 1st Congressional District on Tuesday, March 19th. The 1st Congressional District consists of Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, and Dorchester Counties. The deadline to register to vote is Saturday, February 16th. The ballot request deadline is Monday, March 18th and the ballot return deadline is 7 p.m. EST, March 19th.

South Carolina requires the completion of a new Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) every year. Any military or overseas voter wanting to participate in this election needs to complete a new FPCA, as participation in a previous election will not trigger a ballot being sent for this election. You can request an FPCA at: www.FVAP.gov.

The South Carolina State Election Commission's Electronic Voting Accessibility Tool (EVAT) system allows citizens to request an absentee ballot by uploading their FPCA. A Special Write-in Absentee Ballot mailed 45 days before the election contains information about the EVAT system that also allows military and overseas voters to access their ballot online. You can log on to the EVAT system at: www.scvotes.org.

If you have already requested, but have not yet received, a state ballot for the March 19th primary election, go to www.FVAP.gov and fill out the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB). If you receive your state ballot after submitting the FWAB, vote and return the state ballot as well and the state ballot will be counted and the FWAB will be disregarded. You can also track the status of your ballot at:

<https://info.scvotes.sc.gov/eng/voterinquiry/VoterInformationRequest.aspx?PageMode=AbsenteeInfo>

If none of the candidates receive more than 50 percent of the vote in the primary, a runoff election will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd. A ballot for the runoff election will be included in the mailing for the regular primary. If you do not receive a runoff ballot with your primary ballot, contact your local election official.

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For more information on FVAP or assistance with the absentee voting process, visit FVAP.gov, call FVAP at 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584 (CONUS)/312-425-1584 (OCNUS), or email vote@fvap.gov. Remember, you also can contact your unit or installation voting assistance officers for assistance during any step of the process.

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