

The *NVRA* Connection

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UPCOMING 2005 ELECTION DATES

<u>Registration Cutoff Date</u>	<u>Election Date</u>
April 26	May 17, 2005
August 30	September 20, 2005
October 18	November 8, 2005

2005-2006 NVRA GUIDE

On March 22, 2005 we mailed to each agency the **2005-06 NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE**. Please carefully review it to ensure that all policies and procedures are followed.

If you did not receive a copy please contact us immediately as current information is the key to a successful program!

LEGISLATION

As you most likely know, the 73rd Oregon Legislature is in session. Currently, there are several election related bills under advisement. Some bills are specific to the voter registration process. If any of these bills are passed that affect the NVRA process, we will include that information in future newsletters. An informative website is www.leg.state.or.us.

DATE STAMP

Counties have reported receiving completed voter registration cards with the date stamp occluding the voters' signature.

Agencies should date stamp the card the **SAME DAY** they are received. Stamp (or write) the date on the card below the postage area on the addressed side of the card. **DO NOT** cover over any information provided by the individual registering to vote.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

The *NVRA Connection* is distributed quarterly to all agency sites. Our next edition is due out in August. We are hoping to distribute that edition by e-mail. To compile an accurate e-mail distribution list we are asking for your assistance.

Once we have compiled an accurate e-mail distribution list of all NVRA agencies we will be sending out electronic versions of the SEL 504, the Agency Voter Registration Reporting Form and the NVRA Site Coordinator Change Form, so that your required reporting may be done electronically. The SEL 504 should be sent in weekly to our office. However, it may be sent in at the end of each month as long as it accurately reflects the number of voter registration forwarded to the county. Changes in agency site address or site coordinator must be reported to the Elections Division within 10 days of the change, and should be reported on the NVRA Site Coordinator Change Form.

On the reverse side of this newsletter is a **NVRA Site Coordinator Form**. Please complete this form and mail, or fax us a copy. The form should be filled out regardless if there have been any changes to NVRA personnel. Or you may submit the information to elec-reports.sos@state.or.us. If you submit the information by e-mail please include your agency number, site coordinator, address, and the e-mail address to which NVRA correspondence should be sent. This will assist us in developing an accurate e-mail distribution list, enabling us to provide you with NVRA information and updates electronically, and enabling you to submit your reports electronically.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please send in completed voter registration cards to your county elections office **within 5 business days of receipt**, and if it is registration cutoff day, send them in that **same day**. Remember you play a critical role in this process!