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ELECTION BUREAU CONTINUES VOTER REGISTRATION MAINTENANCE

Uniontown, PA – Several thousand inactive voters will soon be removed from county rolls, as part of the election bureau’s annual registration list maintenance.

Fayette County Election Bureau Director Marybeth Kuznik said inactive voters will be removed by Dec. 31, during the final step of the Pennsylvania Department of State’s National Change of Address (NCOA) regular housekeeping process.

According to state law, inactive voters who either fail to respond to the election bureau’s change of address letters or do not vote in two consecutive federal elections (which fall in November of even-numbered years), are removed from the voter rolls. Once removed, those voters must re-register to vote in future elections.

“Every year, the Department of State receives NCOA notices from the U.S. Postal Service, along with information from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and other state agencies, that some voters may have moved,” Kuznik said. “Over the summer, we send letters to these voters and ask them to confirm their address information. We don’t want voters on our list who are no longer residents of the county, but we also don’t want to remove anyone from the voter rolls incorrectly or accidentally, because the right to vote is so important.”

Voter registrations will be canceled as required by the National Voter Registration Act and other federal and state laws. Other than via death notice or court order, this process is the only way a voter’s registration can be canceled without their express written approval.

“This is the approved, statutory method for cleaning up our voter rolls and removing people who may no longer live in the county or who are otherwise no longer qualified to vote,” Kuznik said. “List maintenance must be done and processed by the state’s SURE System before our annual voter registration reports are generated December 31.”

All 67 Pennsylvania counties generate annual voter registration reports, which are sent to the Department of State and used to complete the Secretary’s report to the Pennsylvania General Assembly in the spring, Kuznik added.

“Any legitimate Fayette County citizen whose voter registration is canceled through this process is welcome to re-register to vote at any time,” she said.

For more information, call the Fayette County Election Bureau at 724-430-1289. Voters can also visit the PA Department of State website, www.vote.pa.gov, to register to vote, check their voter registration status, update voter information and more.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit www.fayettecountypa.org.

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