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FROM:

DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate and Chief Election Officer

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RE:

STILL TIME TO UPDATE VOTER REGISTRATION AND CORRECT

VOTER REGISTRATION ISSUES

All Mobile County (and Alabama) citizens still have time to update their voter registration and to correct any voter registration issues that might exist, but the deadline date for such action is ONE MONTH AWAY - Monday, October 21, 2024.

Alabama law specifies that voters are to vote at the poll of the precinct in which they currently reside. To vote at any other poll is illegal.

Mobile County has afforded its citizens the ability to identify (and verify) the poll that they should be voting at based on the address of their residence. This service is available through the Mobile County Probate Court's website. To use this service: (1) go to the Court's website [www.probate.mobilecountyal.gov]; (2) go to the Elections page; (3) click on either "Voters," "General Information," or "Candidates;" (4) click on "Polling Place Search Utility;" and (5) type in the address of the citizen's residence. The citizen will be furnished the name and address of the election poll they should vote at on Election Day.

If the address shown differs from where the citizen has been voting in the past, the citizen is encouraged to update their voter registration. Citizens can update their voter registration: (1) electronically through the Alabama Secretary of State's web portal, [www.alabamavotes.gov]; (2) completing and mailing an update form (available on the Court's web site) to the Mobile County Board of Registrars; or (3) personally updating at the office of the Mobile County Board of

Registrars, which is located in the Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street, Mobile, AL.

If a citizen does not timely update their voter registration, but notes the problem either before or on Election Day the citizen should go to the correct poll to vote. When the citizen arrives at the correct poll the citizen should not wait in the registration line, but seek out the chief clerk of the poll, explain the circumstances and ask to vote a provisional ballot. By voting a provisional ballot at the correct poll, the citizen's vote will count and the citizen's voter registration will be updated in the Alabama voter registration system.

If it is discovered at a poll that a citizen is not voting at the correct poll based upon the voter's current residence address, the poll officials will assist the citizen in identifying the correct poll to vote at and furnish the citizen information to enable the citizen to vote at the correct poll and insure that the citizen's vote is properly counted.

If it is discovered at a poll that a citizen is not voting at the correct poll based upon the voter's current residence address and the citizen refuses to go to the correct election poll to vote, the citizen will be afforded the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot at the incorrect poll. It should be noted that in such instance, that if it is confirmed by the Board of Registrars that the citizen is voting at the wrong poll, the citizen's provisional ballot will NOT be counted. Additionally, the voter registration problem will continue as to future elections.

Mobile County's elected leadership works very hard to insure that EVERY VOTE COUNTS and our citizens' experiences are as pleasant as reasonably possible.

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