

# *Executive Director's Report*

June 22, 2011

Meeting of the

*Beaufort County  
Board of Elections and Registration*

# *Overview*

- City of Beaufort Special Election
- Poll worker training program
- Legislative recap

# *City of Beaufort Special Election*

- Date of Election: July 19, 2011
- One city council seat to fill
- Voters eligible = ~6,900
- 11 precincts involved
  - 6 partial
  - 5 whole
- 7 polling locations
- 31 poll workers

# *City of Beaufort Special Election*

- Absentee precincts are open
- DOJ preclearance granted for precinct changes
- EVRL will be used (one per precinct)
- Poll worker training
  - Thursday, July 14, 6 - 8 PM
  - Monday, July 18, 10 AM - 12 PM

# *Poll Worker Training Program*

- Review of tentative training schedule for 2011-2012
- See handout for discussion

## *S. 209 - Absentee Qualifications*

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Allow “no-excuse” absentee voting
  - Allow absentee application to be completed on line
- Status:
  - Jan 11 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee  
Election Laws

## *S. 333 - Notice of Death*

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Coroner must provide notice of death to CEC
  - Funeral directors must provide notice of death to CEC
- Status:
  - Jan 11 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

## *S. 391 - Absentee Voting*

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Adjusts time to open absentee ballots
  - Adjusts filing dates
- Status:
  - June 15 - House motion to reconsider bill tabled



# S. 404 - SC UOCAVA Act

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Allows absentee voters in OS isolated areas to submit a federal write-in absentee ballot for any federal, state, or local office or ballot initiative
  - Requires electronic free access ballot tracking system
  - Waives witness requirement for all UOCAVA voters
  - Specifies 45-day requirement for mailing ballots
- Status:
  - June 7 - Signed into law by Gov Haley
- Impact to Beaufort County voters
  - None...this act reinforces pre-existing federal laws and standards already followed

## H. 3003 - Photo ID / Absentee Voting

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Requires photo ID
  - Definition of "Domicile" given greater fidelity
  - ~~▪ Absentee application requests mail or walk-in only~~
  - ~~▪ Absentee voting becomes paper only~~
- Status:
  - May 24, 2011 - Signed into law by Gov Haley
  - Implementation contingent upon funding and approval of DOJ under Section 5 of Voting Rights Act
- Impact:
  - Specific impact to Beaufort County is unknown...state is working details of implementation

## *H. 3110 - Registration by Party*

- Primary purposes(s):
  - Requires registration by party
- Status:
  - Jan 11 - Referred to House Judiciary Comm.

## *H. 3349 - Overseas Absentee Voting*

- Primary purpose(s):
  - U.S. citizens who have never lived in the U.S., but whose parents are registered in SC, may register to vote where the parents are qualified electors . . . . If they are not otherwise registered
- Status:
  - Feb 23 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Comm.

## *H. 3433 - Beaufort County Precincts*

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Splits select over-sized precincts south of the Broad River
  - Consolidates select under-sized Hilton Head precincts
- Status:
  - Feb 23 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Comm.

## H. 3392 - Multi-faceted (S. 391)

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Establishes standing protocol for make-up elections
  - Opening absentee ballots may begin at 9 am
  - Accelerates party primary submissions to CEC and SEC from April 9 to April 5
  - Presidential/VP candidates must be certified to SEC NLT 1<sup>st</sup> Tues following 1<sup>st</sup> Mon in Sept
- Status:
  - Feb 23 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Comm.

## H. 3700 & 3701 - Appropriations Bill 2011-2012

- Senate proposal includes stipend for election and voter registration commissioners
- Status:
  - Currently in Conference Committee

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