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Minutes of June 12, 2017 State Board of Elections Meeting - DRAFT

Members Present:
Mr. Chambers, [R]-Wilmington
Ms. India Colon, [D]-Wilmington
Mr. Pasquale, [D]-New Castle County
Mrs. Pugh, [D]-Sussex County
Mrs. Sandstrom, [D]-Kent County
Mr. Sterling [R]-New Castle County, At-Large
Mrs. Tatman, [R]-Sussex County
Dr. Warfield, [R]-Kent County
Mrs. Whittington [R]-New Castle County

Staff Present:
Mrs. Manlove, State Election Commissioner
Mr. Greig, Deputy County Director, Kent County Office
Mr. Sholl, Deputy County Director, New Castle County Office
Mrs. Turner, Deputy County Director, Sussex County Office
Mrs. Young, Director, Kent County Office

1. Mr. Pasquale called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Mrs. Pugh moved and Mr. Chambers seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2017, meeting, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Commissioner Manlove reviewed the current financial summary.

4. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the current statewide voter registration totals. The total number of registered voters in the State as of June 1, 2017 was 679,672

5. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of upcoming elections and the Department's upcoming outreach activities.

6. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of the website statistics of the Department, including visits to the State Election Commissioner and county office websites, provided via the Google Analytics program.

7. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of legislation under consideration during the current General Assembly session. Bills discussed (by bill number/topic):

    - HB 47: Eliminates notary requirement on absentee affidavits
    - HB 63: Removes reasons required for absentee voting
    - HB 78: Requires candidates to satisfy campaign finance reporting requirements in order to be issued a Certificate of Election
    - HB 79: Authorized automatic voter registration in Delaware
    - HB 89: Moves date of State Primary Election to fourth Tuesday in April
    - HB 90: Authorizes early voting in Delaware
    - HB 133: Creates an end date for the special filing deadline created by school board vacancies that arise after the second Friday in February
    - HB 135: Eliminates 10 Day Hold and permits Department to cancel registrations in this case
    - HB 136: Establishes filing feed fees for write-in candidates for Federal and State and local offices
    - HB 137: Eliminates conflict between Title 15, Sections 2047 and 4941, to clarify that a voter may only vote in the district in which he/she currently resides
    - HB 138: Replaces National Change of Address process with another non-discriminatory process of cancelling persons who are no longer residents of the State and allows Department to cancel registration of persons who have confirmed they have moved out of the State
    - HB 139: Allows the election cycle contributions from political parties and political action committees to reset after the Primary Election, as is the case for individual contributors
    - HB168: Eliminate the mandate for mobile registration.
    - SB 27: Authorizes an independent redistricting commission
    - SB 28: Requires Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates to provide their federal tax filing information
    - SB 30: Amends campaign finance reporting requirements requiring contributors to disclose their employer
    - SB94: Eliminate the language that voters must be 18 by the next General Election. Mandates that they be 18 by Election Day.

    - No bill number assigned:
        - Bill to align voter qualifications for municipal elections with Federal law

8. Commissioner Manlove provided a recap of Voter Registration transactions for May 2017 by type and source.

9. Commissioner Manlove provided an update on the work of the Voting Machine Task Force. To date, the committee has met with various voting equipment vendors to view products currently available. Next steps will include the drafting of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the purchase of the voting equipment, and the review of proposals received.

10. OLD BUSINESS:
    - Commissioner Manlove discussed the recent court decision in the matter of the Red Clay School Referendum

11. NEW BUSINESS:
    - None

12. Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Sandstrom seconded a motion to approve the removals as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Pugh seconded a motion to approve the birth year changes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Pugh seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Sterling III
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017
LOCATION: OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, 905 S. GOVERNORS AVE; STE 170; DOVER, DE 19904