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NEW VOTER CARDS BEING MAILED TO ALL VOTERS

Includes New Districts and Will Complete the First Voter File Maintenance in Five Years

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Carlinville - Pete Duncan, Macoupin County Clerk, announced that starting next week, new voter cards will be mailed to every registered voter in the county as mandated by law.

This move will accomplish two requirements of the Elections Office. It will be the first time in five years that a major maintenance mailing will be done, helping to correct the voter file, and will give all voters a list of their new districts after redistricting. Redistricting is the process done every ten years where legislative districts are redrawn based on new census numbers.

Duncan explained that the maintenance mailing will help remove voters who no longer live in the address they are listed at in the voter file. Cleaning the voter file of these no longer valid voters will ensure accuracy of the voter list, help speed up Election Day sign-ins by shortening the list given to judges, and reduce costs in the election budget.

Duncan asked that all voters help make sure the voter file is accurate by checking for the following things when they receive their new card:

- Their name and address are correct on the card
- The districts listed on the card are the districts they are entitled to vote in
- If a card arrives for a previous occupant, please return the card to the Election Office as that person is still listed at that address in the voter file

Duncan stressed how important it is that if a card arrives in the mail for a previous occupant that it is returned to the Election Office. "Keeping our voter file up to date and accurate is something I believe strongly in. If anyone who receives a voter card in the mail for someone who doesn't live at that address can return it to my office, we'll update our voter file to help our elections run smoother."

For more information or questions on the mailing or updating the voter file, contact the Macoupin County Clerk's Office at 217/854-3214, extension 707.

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