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“Inactive” Voting List

Your name appears on the “inactive” voting list because we did not receive from you a completed annual city census card and we have not received from you any response to subsequent efforts to verify your current residence. M.G.L. c. 51, §37.

You are still a registered voter in the City of Springfield.

You will be provided a ballot after you verify your continued residence at the address provided on your voter registration card by

- Providing identification that includes your name and address; and
- Completing and signing an affirmation of residence form

If you have moved within the City of Springfield and no longer reside at the address that you provided on your voter registration application, and

- You can provide identification that includes your former address. You will complete the affirmation of residence form on which you should provide your new address and check the “address change” box.

-or-

- You do NOT have any identification indicating the prior address, you can provide to the poll acceptable identification with your current residence. The warden will contact the Office of the Election Commission. Staff at the Office of the Election Commission will ask you for information provided on your voter registration application to confirm your identity. If your identity is confirmed, you will complete the affirmation of residence form on which you should provide your new address and check the “address change” box.

-then-

- You will then be provided with a regular ballot and follow the procedures for casting a ballot.

-As soon as-

- The new address has been recorded by the Election Commission staff, you will be informed by mail of the “new” polling place at which you must vote in the next election.

These requirements should not be construed as a challenge to your right to vote. These are state law requirements and apply to everyone whose name has been placed on the “inactive” voting list. The state legislature has determined that these procedures are necessary in order to ensure the integrity of the voting process.

We recognize that these procedures and this explanation may seem confusing to you. If you need bilingual assistance or would prefer that a poll official who speaks Spanish answer your questions, further explains the process and the identification requirement, or assists you, please do not hesitate to request such help

If you have any questions that the poll officials have not been able to answer to your satisfaction, you may call (413) 787-6193 and speak with a member of the Election Commission staff. For voters with limited proficiency in English, a Spanish speaking staff member will be available to answer your questions.

