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To: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters (07209)

FROM: Irene E. Capps   
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Subject: Decline to State Toll Free Telephone Number – Permanent  
Absentee Voters

Elections Code section 3205 requires that county elections officials, before primary elections, mail to each voter on the permanent absent voter list who is unaffiliated with a political party a notice and application regarding voting in the primary election. The notice should advise the voter that he or she may request an absentee ballot for a political party, if the particular political party adopted a party rule as specified authorizing voters to vote in their primary election.

Please note Section 3205 also stipulates that the application shall contain a toll free telephone number, established by the Secretary of State, that the voter may call to access information regarding which political parties have adopted such a rule. The Secretary of State toll free telephone number is 1-800-345-VOTE (8683). Please remember to include this number on your mailings.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [irene.capps@sos.ca.gov](mailto:irene.capps@sos.ca.gov) or (916) 657-2166.

Thank you!