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Changes to Absentee Ballot Application Form

Kootenai County Clerk Cliff Hayes announced today that a revised Absentee Ballot Application form is now on the County's website: www.kcgov.us/elections/AbsenteeBallotApplication.pdf.

"The Secretary of State just put out this new Absentee Ballot Application form, although it is dated 2011; and is requiring all Counties to use it," said Hayes. "We should have had the revised form last year." Over 100 people have already sent in the old form to request their Absentee Ballot, so Elections has to mail them a different request form. "Then the voter has to fill out much of the same information again. I'm really sorry for inconveniencing the voting public," Hayes concluded.

The major difference between the two application forms is the addition of Party Affiliation information on the new application.

Hayes also pointed out that voters have unique options this year regarding the May Primary election ballot they can request. These options are listed on the bottom of the Absentee Ballot Application. "If any voters have questions, I suggest they call the Elections office at 446-1030," Hayes said.

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