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Subject: Urgent Notice - Secretary of State Emergency Administrative Rule
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Dear County Commissioners:

In an effort to keep you informed, please see below an email from our Director of Elections to Absentee Election Managers regarding absentee voting processes due to the new date for the Primary Runoff Election on July 14, 2020.

Thank you,

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From: Helms, Clay <Clay.Helms@sos.alabama.gov>
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Subject: Urgent Notice - Secretary of State Emergency Administrative Rule

Dear Absentee Managers:

Please see the attached Emergency Administrative Rule promulgated by our office today. This rule addresses absentee voting and the reason for voting absentee on the application. This rule should assist your office in answering questions that voters may raise.

Please see our responses to questions we have received:

-You may proceed with issuing ballots by the next business day between now and the completion of ballots being sent out after July 9, 2020. You will continue to receive UOCAVA ballots for counting until July 21, 2020.

-You will use the ballots provided to you by ES&S as we will not be re-printing ballots with a new election date. The date associated with absentee and regular ballots will remain the same, regardless of whether ES&S prints more ballots later in time.

-UOCAVA electronic ballots will be sent out by the vendor as they were in the Primary Election. I expect those ballots to begin being issued no later than this weekend and to continue until the election.

-You will be receiving an emailed list of UOCAVA voters that were processed each business day until the Runoff election.

-You are obligated as an elected official to work each day as needed on behalf of voters to issue absentee ballots between now and July 9, 2020. Your compensation is reimbursed by the state from the State Comptroller. Payment for additional days worked outside of the covered 46 days is a State Comptroller decision. We will begin discussions with the State Comptroller to determine whether an administrative or legislative decision can be made to reimburse counties for additional days worked.

-If your office is closed and you are unable to offer in-person absentee voting, you will continue to mail out absentee ballots by the next business day, and you will resume offering in-person absentee voting as soon as your office is able/open.

We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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