



## The Office of the Secretary of State

*Brian P. Kemp*

SECRETARY OF STATE

August 1, 2013

Ms. Alice Miller  
Acting Executive Director  
Election Assistance Commission  
1201 New York Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Miller,

As the chief state election official for the State of Georgia, I am writing to request that the Election Assistance Commission ("EAC") revise the state-specific instructions for Georgia in the National Voter Registration Mail Application Form (the "Federal Form"). In addition to updating the mailing address for my office's Elections Division, the Federal Form needs to be altered to include information that the State of Georgia has deemed necessary to enable state election officials to assess the eligibility of an applicant and to administer voter registration.

Specifically, I am requesting that the EAC alter the state-specific instructions for Georgia in the Federal Form as follows:

1. In Georgia, a person is not qualified to vote unless such person is registered as an elector in the manner prescribed by Georgia law, a citizen of the State of Georgia and of the United States, and possess all other qualifications set by law. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-216(a). Act 143 of the 2009 Georgia General Assembly, codified at O.C.G.A. § 21-2-216(g), along with the implementing regulations contained in Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 183-1-6-.06 and Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 590-8-1-.02, directs applicants for voter registration to provide satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship so that the board of registrars can determine the applicant's eligibility. Upon the receipt of an application without satisfactory evidence of citizenship, the board of registrars shall accept the application and notify the applicant in writing of the requirement to provide satisfactory evidence of citizenship. Failure to respond to such request will result in the rejection of the application.

Accordingly, we request the insertion of an additional bullet after the last bullet in the "Signature" section with the following text: "be found eligible to vote by supplying satisfactory evidence of U.S. citizenship."

2. Additionally, the mailing address for the Elections Division in the Federal Form should be revised as follows: Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of State, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 802 Floyd West Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

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Since this information is necessary to enable state election officials to assess the eligibility of an applicant, your prompt consideration of this request is appreciated. In the event we do not receive the EAC's response to this request in the next ten (10) days, we will understand that to mean the EAC is unable to make a determination on our request. Thank you in advance for your attention to this request, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Brian P. Kemp  
Secretary of State