

U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION 1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300 Silver Spring, MD 20910

January 29, 2016

Honorable Brian P. Kemp Georgia Secretary of State 214 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Secretary Kemp:

This letter is a follow-up to correspondence to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission requesting modification of instructions relative to Georgia on the national mail voter registration form (Federal Form).

You requested that the EAC revise the Georgia State-Specific Instructions by making the following changes (*in italics*):

Revision of the mailing address is as follows:

Mailing address: Election Division Office of the Secretary of State Suite 802 Floyd West Tower 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Atlanta, GA 30334

Insertion of an additional bullet after the last bullet in the Signature section with the following text:

- 9. Signature. To register in Georgia you must:
  - be a citizen of the United States
  - be a legal resident of Georgia and of the county in which you want to vote
  - be 18 years old within six months after the day of registration, and be 18 years old to vote
  - not be serving a sentence for having been convicted of a felony
  - not have been judicially determined to be mentally incompetent, unless the disability has been removed
  - be found eligible to vote by supplying satisfactory evidence of U.S. citizenship

On August 15, 2013, Acting Executive Director Alice Miller opined that the EAC was authorized to approve the change related to the mail address and accordingly made that change to the Georgia instructions on the Federal Form. Her August 15, 2013, letter further opined that EAC staff was constrained to defer the request regarding citizenship documentation until EAC had a quorum of Commissioners.

Upon review of your request, I write to inform you that all of the changes requested to the State of Georgia instructions on the national mail voter registration form (Federal form) have been made and are posted on the EAC website.

If the changes do not accurately reflect your request, please notify me immediately. Further, we have begun a systematic process with all states to update State-Specific Instruction Changes regularly. Please look for a separate mailing from us in the coming days and notify us if any additional State-Specific Instructions are in need of modernization or further calibration with your procedures.

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-563-3959 or at bnewby@eac.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Newby Executive Director