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RECORD NUMBER OF MAIL BALLOTS MAILED FOR MIDTERM ELECTION
Deadline To Receive Mail Ballot Request Is Friday, Oct. 24th
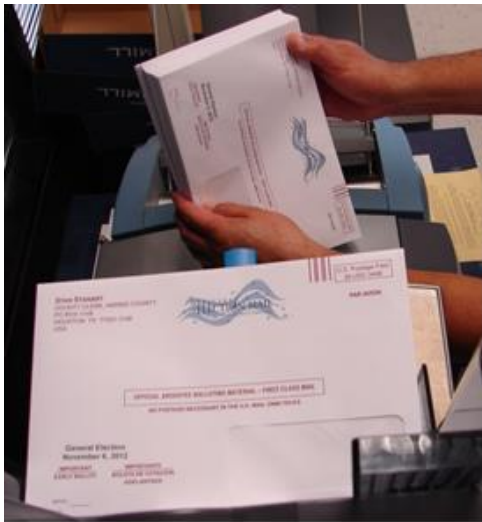
Houston, TX – The number of postal ballots issued for the November 4, 2014 Election have set a new record for midterm elections, **according to Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart**. With two days to go before the cut-off date to request a postal ballot, 88,376 ballots have been mailed.

Requesting a ballot-by-mail is now much easier. **"Starting this year, senior and disabled voters can submit a single ballot by mail application and receive a ballot for all elections conducted in the calendar year," stated Stanart.**

Previously, eligible voters could only submit a request for a mail ballot starting on the 60th day before every Election Day. **"Many senior and disabled citizens are taking advantage of the annual ballot option because it is more convenient to vote at home than to walk or drive to a poll," added Stanart**. During the last Gubernatorial contest in 2010, 69,991 mail ballots were sent by the Harris County Clerk's Office.

Voting by mail is available to voters who are at least 65 years of age, ill, disabled, incarcerated but not convicted, or out of the County during the Early Voting Period and on Election Day. For this election, **the deadline to request a mail ballot is October 24.** Eligible voters may send a ballot-by-mail application by regular mail, courier, or fax (713.755.4983). **"By law, the request must be received by the County Clerk's Office by the deadline, not the postmarked date," concluded Stanart**. There are over 300,000 voters in Harris County that meet the age requirement to vote by mail.

For more information about the ballot-by-mail process or to obtain an application, voters should visit www.HarrisVotes.com or call the Harris County Clerk's office at 713.755.3150, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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