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## **Beware of Obsolete Voter Registration Applications**

**Obsolete voter registration applications are in circulation on UT campus.** Yesterday, a UT student volunteer deputy registrar delivered approximately two hundred applications to the office of the Travis County Voter Registrar. The applications were collected from UT students. The applications submitted are obsolete and will require further update from each applicant.

The obsolete application is postcard sized at 4x6 inches. The new applications are 8x6 inches and contain a pocket for mailing a copy of the voter's identification. When asked about the availability of the old applications, the student remarked that she "saw them everywhere on campus."

Travis County Voter Registrar Nelda Wells Spears advises all UT students, staff and employees registering to vote or updating address to make sure they use the new 8x6 application that has a pocket.

New laws enacted in the past year require that everyone who registers to vote must offer information about their proof of identity. Known as the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), the federal laws require proof such as a driver's license number or the last four digits of one's social security number. The obsolete forms do not contain this information.

Nelda Wells Spears states: "When a voter application cannot be validated by this office due to incorrect or incomplete information, the applicant has only 10 days to return the corrected and/or completed application. After that time, we are not able to honor the original application date. And that is potentially a huge problem considering the fact that many people wait until the last minute to register."

Anyone who believes they completed an obsolete application should contact the Travis County Voter Registrar at (512) 854-9473.

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Voters can verify their registration status online at [www.traviscountytax.org](http://www.traviscountytax.org) For those who need to register, [www.traviscountytax.org](http://www.traviscountytax.org) provides online forms that can be downloaded and mailed. The deadline for mailing is Monday, October 4. If a voter simply needs to change address from one Travis County residence to another, an online change of address feature can be found at [www.traviscountytax.org](http://www.traviscountytax.org).

The deadline to register for the Presidential Election: Monday, October 4.

The main office of the Travis County Voter Registrar is located at 5501 Airport Blvd. The office serves customers from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact the office at (512) 854-9473 or online at [www.traviscountytax.org](http://www.traviscountytax.org) for further information and assistance.