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VOTER REGISTRATON UPDATE

[If your Voter Registration Certificate has 1911 as your birth year and you are not 100 years old – it is only a generic year]

We wanted to make a clarification about the new Voter Registration certificates that were just mailed to all registered Dallas County residents. Some people are alarmed to see that their Birth Date shows the year “1911” on their card. There is NO NEED to be alarmed. The date 1911 is simply a generic date the Elections Department uses when we do not have a specific Birth Date on file for a voter (11/11/1911).

For many years (prior to 2002) many counties and states were NOT required to have a Birth Date on voter registration certificates (so many of those voters still may not have their birth dates listed with the Elections Department). In 2007 all Voter Registration had to be transferred to a State system, which then required a Date of Birth for each registrant. To allow the systems to catch up to the new requirement, the State allowed Local elections departments to use a GENERIC year for certificates where there was not a documented DOB - until those local Elections Administrators could acquire Birth Dates from voters.

This DOES NOT change the status of your Voter eligibility or your Voter Registration! Your status remains the same in EVERY WAY and you can go to the polls; nor does it change your birth date on record in any form or for any other purposes!

IF your card reads “1911” as the year of your birth and you are not 100 years old, born in 1911 - it means you were issued a GENERIC birth year. Simply write your correct Date of Birth right on the face of your card, SIGN THE CARD and mail it back to the address on the card OR you can call the number on the card: (214) 637-7937

To check your voter registration on www.dalcoelections.org you will need to place 11/11/1911 into the birthdate field to locate your individual election information.

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