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Feb. 8 Primary Election rescheduled to Feb. 22

Greene County Clerk Richard Struckhoff has rescheduled next week's Springfield City Council Primary Election to Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, as directed in a court order issued today by the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District.

State law (RSMo. 115.024) allows the county clerk to petition a panel of judges from the Court of Appeals to reschedule or relocate an election due to disaster. Struckhoff cited weather-related concerns over voter access and safety at Springfield polling places in his petition to reschedule the election.

"Several polling places are still blocked by snow from this week's blizzard, and with more snow in the forecast, I can't insure these polling places would be safe and accessible by next week," said Struckhoff.

Absentee ballots already cast for the Feb. 8 Primary Election will now be counted on Feb. 22.

With the unanimous support of Springfield City Council, Struckhoff had originally petitioned the court to cancel the Feb. 8 election and place the two primary races on the April 5 General Election ballot. The court rejected Struckhoff's request to cancel, but agreed to reschedule the election to Feb. 22.

The Primary Election ballot includes two Springfield City Council races: General Seat C, representing the whole city, and the Zone 3 seat, representing southwest Springfield. Only Springfield residents are eligible to vote in this Primary Election.

The Greene County Clerk's Office is contacting poll workers scheduled to work on Feb. 8 with new election staffing instructions

RSMo. 115.024 may be viewed at www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/C100-199/1150000024.HTM

A sample ballot for the Primary Election is available at www.greencountymo.org/election/Feb_2011/feb.pdf

For more information, call the Greene County Clerk's Office at 417-868-4060; or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 417-829-6019 or 417-224-5510.

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