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Frequently Asked Questions regarding Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) for Fall 2008 and 2009

8. Do I have to use a BMD to vote?

No. The BMD is an additional option for voters to cast a ballot in the Fall 2008 and 2009 Primary (if they are an enrolled member of a political party conducting a primary) and General Elections.

Voters will have the following options:

- Vote at their regular poll site using a lever machine or BMD;
- If they currently vote by absentee ballot, they may continue to do so;
- applying for an absentee ballot for the first time, or as a temporary absentee, voters must apply by the following dates:

For the Primary Election

- September 8, 2009 deadline to postmark application for primary absentee ballot
- September 14, 2009 last day to file in person at the BOE for an absentee ballot for the primary election

❑ For the General Election

- October 27, 2009 deadline to postmark application for general absentee ballot
- November 2, 2009 last day to file in person at the BOE for an absentee ballot for the general election