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January 2, 2014

**PROVINCIAL BY-ELECTIONS  
ARTHUR-VIRDEN AND MORRIS — TUESDAY, JANUARY 28  
TRAVELLERS AND STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR ABSENTEE VOTING**

Manitobans who are travelling, working, or studying away from home still have an opportunity to vote in the upcoming by-elections in Arthur-Virden and Morris.

Eligible Arthur-Virden and Morris voters who will be away during advance voting, from Saturday, January 18 to Saturday, January 25, and on election day, January 28, can be an absentee voter as long as they:

- are Canadian citizens;
- are at least 18 years of age on or before election day;
- have resided in Manitoba for at least six months immediately before election day;
- intend to be away for no more than six months.\*

\*This time restriction does not apply to members of the Canadian Forces, students attending school outside Manitoba, individuals working with the Manitoba or Canadian government, or anyone living with people who meet these conditions.

Applications for absentee voting are available from the Elections Manitoba web site: [www.electionsmanitoba.ca](http://www.electionsmanitoba.ca) or from the returning office. Interested voters are encouraged to apply directly to the returning office by Friday, January 17. **Note mailing address, below, for applications sent by mail.** Applications will be accepted until Saturday, January 25.

Arthur-Virden returning office:

**Mailing address:**

**PO Box 261, Virden, Manitoba, R0M 2C0**

**Office address:**

590 Wellington Street E

Virden, MB

Telephone: 204-748-4780

Toll-free: 1-855-542-5116

ROArthur-Virden@elections.mb.ca

Morris returning office:

**Mailing address:**

**PO Box 601, Sanford, Manitoba R0G 2J0**

**Office address:**

Unit 1, 49 rue Principale

La Salle, MB

Telephone: 204-736-5110

Toll-free: 1-855-277-2477

ROMorris@elections.mb.ca

All absentee ballots must be received in the returning office by 8:00 pm on election day, Tuesday, January 28, 2014.

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