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Mississippi Voters Granted Extended Voter Registration

Mississippi voters who register to vote between July 2 and Oct. 2 will be allowed to vote in the Nov. 2 general election, but their votes may or may not be counted.

Supreme Court Justice William Brennan ordered Friday that the voter registration deadline be extended until Oct. 2, but ordered that separate registration records and ballot boxes be provided for those who registered to vote after July 2.

Whether or not the votes of the late registrants will be counted depends on a Supreme Court ruling on the validity of a Mississip-

pi voting law requiring general election voters to register four months prior to the general election.

Many of those who register between July 2 and Oct. 2 are expected to be newly-enfranchised 18-20 year olds.

Meanwhile, gubernatorial candidates Bill Waller and Charles Evers have both urged Mississippi citizens to register to vote before the new deadline.

Waller called upon all citizens "to secure the registration of as many new voters as possible before the expiration of the recently imposed deadline."

Evers said the college students in Mississippi "will join with the poor whites and blacks to begin a new history of government where all of us will profit."

Both candidates are counting on receiving the support of a substantial number of the newly enfranchised voters, whose strength at the polls may easily become a deciding factor.

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