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From: J T Ballance/ballancejt/O/VCU [ballancejt@vcu.edu]**Sent:** Wed 7/8/2009 11:40 PM**To:** Alcorn, James (SBE)**Cc:****Subject:** Residency Task Force Comment**Attachments:**

1. Louisiana, a state where I resided and taught at Delgado College, in New Orleans, is infamous for its corruption and corrupt leaders such as *Edwin Edwards* and *Huey Long*. There is no rational basis to model any policy based on the practices of Louisiana.

2. Regarding student residency: A student attending college (or other training) here in Virginia who is from outside the voting district where the dormitory or apartment is physically located, is no more a resident of that community than a hobo passing through in a railroad car. Given that absentee ballots are so easy to obtain and use, there is no compelling reason to recognize these students as residents merely because they are attending school here. They rightfully should continue to be considered residents of their home community and they should vote there, until such time as they move to a permanent residence and truly become residents of that new community.

I agree with the position that having a residence at your school does not meet the definition of domicile, and should therefore disqualify most students from registering as residents based on their attendance at a Virginia school.

Sincerely,

J. Tyler Ballance