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Mobile branch office helps Ferris students register to vote

BIG RAPIDS – The Secretary of State Mobile Branch Office will be on the Ferris State University campus at the Rankin Student Center Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help students register to vote.

"The Secretary of State Mobile Branch Office will be a great opportunity for students to become more civically engaged and focus not only on national elections but state and local elections, as well," Ferris Student Government President Maria Knirk said.

The mobile branch office facility is a full-service Secretary of State branch office that is handicap accessible. Other services available for students and the Ferris and Big Rapids communities at the mobile branch office include drivers' licenses and personal identification cards, license plates, tabs, titles and registration for vehicles and watercraft.

"I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity by visiting the mobile office while it is on campus," Michigan Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land said. "It's a convenient way to register or to conduct other business with the Secretary of State.

"And, the first step in making students' voices heard is registering to vote," Land said.

Following its visit to Big Rapids, the mobile branch office will be in Mount Pleasant, Dearborn and Riverview. It has logged more than 100,000 miles since it first hit the road nearly eight years ago.

Land encourages all customers who have Internet access to check out the Department of State's online services at www.Michigan.gov/sos before visiting any branch office. For example, license tabs and watercraft registrations can be renewed online. Browsing the site will help customers determine requirements before they go to an office.