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PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY TOMORROW

BATON ROUGE, La.—Secretary of State Tom Schedler reminds registered voters statewide that the Presidential Preference Primary Election will be held this Saturday, March 5th. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

The PPP allows electors of each political party in the state (with 40,000 or more registered members) to express their preference for a person to be the nominee for president of the United States. The Democratic Party and the Republican Party will also have their state central committee and parish executive committee elections. In Louisiana, the PPP and the state and local party elections are the only closed elections held statewide meaning voters can only cast ballots for a candidate affiliated with the party in which the voter is registered. In other words, only Democrats can vote for Democrats, and Republicans can vote for Republicans.

However, in 24 parishes statewide, ALL VOTERS, no matter party, will be casting ballots in local elections as well. Those parishes include: Acadia, Beauregard, Caddo, Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Red River, St. Helena, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and West Baton Rouge.

Below are several reminders to assist citizens on Election Day:

- Download the GeauxVote Mobile smartphone app to find polling locations, review sample ballots and monitor election results in real-time.
- Sample ballots are also available at www.sos.la.gov.
- Bring a photo ID to the polls (Louisiana Driver's License, Louisiana Special ID card or another generally recognized picture identification card with your name and signature such as a passport). Voters without an ID will be required to fill out an affidavit, but will be allowed to vote.
- Voters in line at 8 p.m. WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE.
- Real-time election results will be posted to the secretary of state's website in several formats.
- Both political parties the use the results to allocate delegates, based on the party's rules.

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