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VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK 2016 BEGINS MAY 9

BATON ROUGE, La.—Secretary of State Tom Schedler is joining registrars of voters across the state the week of May 9-13, 2016 to host Voter Registration Week activities aimed at registering eligible citizens to vote. Voter Registration Week activities by parish can be found on the Secretary of State’s website at <http://www.sos.la.gov/Pages/NewsAndEvents.aspx#faq130>.

“Registering to vote is a right we should all cherish, and we’ve made it quick and easy to do so,” said Secretary of State Tom Schedler. “In addition to events held by the registrars, our Voter Outreach Division will be set up in the Rotunda of the Louisiana State Capitol on Wednesday to distribute materials to legislators and to register visitors to vote. It’s a great opportunity to meet face-to-face with lawmakers and let them know about the services provided and materials available to educate their constituents about voting in Louisiana.”

Louisiana was one of the first states in the nation to implement an easy, convenient online voter registration portal. Citizens with a valid Louisiana driver’s license can register online 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the convenience of their home or office by visiting <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov>.

Residents of Louisiana can also register in person at their parish Registrar of Voters Office, when they apply for/renew their driver’s license at any Office of Motor Vehicles or when obtaining services at public assistance agencies and armed forces recruitment offices. Citizens wishing to register by mail can complete the application at <http://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/ApplicationToRegisterToVote.pdf>, public libraries or through registration drives.

To register and vote in Louisiana individuals must be:

- a U.S. citizen;
- at least 17 years old to register and 18 years old prior to the next election to vote;
- not under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony;
- not under a judgment of full interdiction for mental incompetence or partial interdiction with suspension of voting rights; and
- a resident in the state and parish in which you seek to register and vote.

For more information on elections, visit www.GeauxVote.com or the GeauxVote Mobile smartphone app.

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