



## **2016 Presidential Preference Primary**

A statewide presidential preference primary election is held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March in 2016 and every 4<sup>th</sup> year thereafter** for the purpose of allowing the electors of each political party in the state which has 40,000 or more registered members to express their preference for a person to be the nominee of the party for president of the United States.

- This election is a closed party election. There are only two political parties involved, the Democratic and Republican parties, because they have 40,000 or more registered members.
- Democratic voters may only vote on candidates for the offices of Democratic presidential nominee and Democratic state and local committees, plus any local offices and/or propositions.
- Republican voters may only vote on candidates for the offices of Republican presidential nominee and Republican state and local committees, plus any local offices and/or propositions.
- All other voters may vote only for any local offices and/or propositions if any are on the ballot in the parish.
- There are no runoff elections for the Democratic and Republican offices. A general election is held only if local offices are on the ballot and no one receives a majority vote in the primary election.
- **The 2016 Presidential Preference Primary Election will be held on March 5, 2016.**
- **Qualifying will be on December 2-4, 2015.**
- **The last day to register to vote in this election is February 3, 2016.**
- **Absentee-by-mail ballots may be requested until March 1, 2016.** (*Except for military stationed anywhere, civilians overseas, persons hospitalized, and sequestered juror voters who have until March 4, 2016.*)
- **Early Voting will be held February 20-27, 2016.**