2016 Presidential Preference Primary

A statewide presidential preference primary election is held on the 1st Saturday in March in 2016 and every 4th 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.