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**WEDNESDAY LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE
PRIMARY**

BATON ROUGE, La. - Louisiana Secretary of State Tom Schedler reminds everyone the March 5th Presidential Preference Primary is a closed primary meaning only registered Democrats and Republicans will be allowed to cast ballots. The last day to register for the PPP is this WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016.

Individuals can register to vote online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.GeauxVote.com. In addition, voter registration opportunities are available at the parish's Registrar of Voters Office, while obtaining services at the Office of Motor Vehicles, public assistance agencies, public schools, colleges and libraries and by mail.

The PPP will be held March 5, 2016 and 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.

Voters are encouraged to utilize the Secretary of State's smartphone app, GeauxVote Mobile, to check the status of their registration, review sample ballots and find polling place information.