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**MEDIA ADVISORY: QUALIFYING BEGINS WEDNESDAY
FOR 2016 CONGRESSIONAL/PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

BATON ROUGE, La.—Louisiana Secretary of State Tom Schedler reminds everyone that qualifying for the November Congressional Primary/Presidential Election begins on Wednesday, July 20 and runs through Friday, July 22.

All candidates for local municipal races will qualify with their parish clerk of court. All candidates for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representatives, Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judges and Public Service Commissioners will qualify at the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office located at 8585 Archives Ave. in Baton Rouge. Hours of operation for the secretary of state are 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. daily. Check with your local clerk of court for specific parish hours.

The media is invited to attend qualifying at the Secretary of State's Office and will have the opportunity to interview and/or photograph candidates as they file their paperwork.

Once qualified, candidates will appear on the secretary of state's website in real-time under "Elections & Voting," "Get Election Information," "Search for Candidates," or by visiting <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/CandidateInquiry?electiondate=20161108>.

PLEASE NOTE

By law, presidential electors for political parties that are recognized in Louisiana (Republican, Democrat, Green, Libertarian and Reform) qualify by submitting a certificate of nomination as well as an affidavit of acceptance. The deadline for the chairman and secretary of the state central committee or the chairman and secretary of the convention to file the required documentation with the Louisiana secretary of state is AUG. 16, 2016 AT 4:30 P.M. (If the state central committee does not meet the aforementioned deadline, the national chairman may file the required documentation no later than AUG. 19, 2016 AT 4:30 P.M.)

Independent candidates for president can file their Notice of Candidacy as well as an Affidavit of Acceptance of Nomination with the Louisiana secretary of state along with a qualifying fee or nominating petition beginning TUESDAY, JULY 19 through FRIDAY, AUG. 19, 2016 AT 4:30 P.M.

The Fall Congressional Primary/Presidential Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 and the Fall Congressional General Election will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10. For more information on qualifying, visit the secretary of state's website at www.sos.la.gov.

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