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## **VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK 2015 BEGINS AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>**

BATON ROUGE, La.—Secretary of State Tom Schedler is joining with Registrars of Voters across the state the week of August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 hosting 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#faq104>.

“Our voter registration statistics are some of the most robust in the nation,” said Secretary of State Tom Schedler. Approximately 84% of our eligible citizens are already registered because we’ve made it quick and easy. This week is the perfect time to get informed, check your registration status, and if you’re not already registered, get registered leading up to the statewide elections this fall.”

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 [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com).

Additionally, residents of Louisiana can 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 an application which can be found at [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com), at 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.

“Registering to vote and participating in our election process is a precious right we all should cherish,” said Secretary Schedler. “Innovations like online voter registration make exercising that right easier than ever before, and I am proud to work hand in hand with the registrars of this state on this annual event.”

According to La. R.S. 18:18, the state’s official voter registration week shall be the last full week which occurs two weeks prior to the close of registration records for the regular fall primary election. The Gubernatorial Primary in Louisiana is scheduled for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The last day to register to vote for the primary is Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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