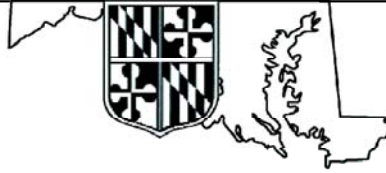


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**DEADLINE TO CHANGE PARTY AFFILIATION FOR THE  
2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

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Annapolis, Maryland (November 6, 2007) – Monday, November 19, 2007, at 9:00 p.m. is the deadline for Maryland voters to change their political party affiliation for the upcoming presidential primary election. Under State law, a registered voter is generally prohibited from changing his or her party affiliation or changing to or from “unaffiliated” status after 9:00 p.m. on the Monday that is 12 weeks before the primary election. For the 2008 Presidential Primary Election, this date is Monday, November 19, 2007.

There is an exception for any registered voter who has moved from one jurisdiction to another jurisdiction in Maryland since the last general election (November 7, 2006). This voter has until the close of registration on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at 9:00 p.m. to change his or her party affiliation.

A registered voter may register with any of Maryland’s recognized political parties or choose not to register with a political party (“unaffiliated”). To change party affiliation, a registered voter can submit to his or her local board of elections a voter registration application (available at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us) under “Voter Registration”) or a written request to indicate the political party with whom he or she wishes to affiliate or indicate “unaffiliated” status. (An “unaffiliated” voter will not be able to vote for President and Vice President in the 2008 Primary Election but may be able to vote in the primary election if his or her jurisdiction has nonpartisan primary contests, such as candidates for board of education.)

The 2008 Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday February 12, 2008, and the Presidential General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Additional election-related dates are available at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us) under “Elections” and “2008 Presidential Elections.” For more information, contact a local board of elections or the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) OR [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us).

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