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### Important 2016 Presidential Primary Election Deadlines

*April 5th is the Deadline to Register to Vote, Change Party Affiliation, and Request an Alternate Polling Place*

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Annapolis, Maryland (March 30, 2016): Important deadlines for the upcoming 2016 Presidential Primary Election are approaching. The deadline to register to vote, change party affiliation, update an address, and request an alternate polling place for this election is **9:00 pm on Tuesday, April 5, 2016**.

To vote in the upcoming primary election, Maryland residents who are eligible to vote but are not yet registered – including 17-year-olds who will be 18 years old or older on or before the November 8th General Election – must register **by 9:00 pm on Tuesday, April 5, 2016**. This is also the last day for registered voters to update their address at their local board of elections or change their party affiliation.

Residents with a Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued ID may register to vote, change their address, or change their party affiliation online at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration>. Voters and members of the military, their spouses and dependents who are overseas and who do not have a Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued ID, may also register or change their address or party affiliation online using different identifying information.

Paper voter registration applications must be hand-delivered or mailed to the voter's local board of elections. A hand-delivered application must be received by the local board of elections by 9:00 pm on April 5, 2016, and a mailed application must be postmarked by April 5, 2016.

Voter registration applications are available throughout Maryland at the following locations:

Local boards of elections	Public institutions of higher education
Motor Vehicle Administration offices	Marriage license bureaus
State Department of Health offices	Post offices
Local Department of Social Services offices	Public libraries
Offices on Aging	State Board of Elections
Division of Rehabilitation Services	

You may also call 1-800-222-8683 to request an application by mail or download and print a voter registration application at [www.elections.maryland.gov/voter\\_registration/application.html](http://www.elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html).

Most of Maryland's polling places are accessible to voters with disabilities. An elderly voter or a voter with a disability who is assigned to an inaccessible polling place may ask to be reassigned to an accessible polling place. This request must be submitted in writing by 9:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 5, 2016**. The request form is available online at [www.elections.maryland.gov/pdf/request\\_for\\_accessible\\_polling\\_place.pdf](http://www.elections.maryland.gov/pdf/request_for_accessible_polling_place.pdf) or by calling 1-800-222-8683 to request a form by mail. On receipt of a timely request, the voter's local board of elections will review the request and determine whether there is an accessible polling place with the same ballot as the voter's home precinct and notify the voter of the status of his or her request.

To verify voter registration status or to find out if an assigned polling place is accessible, voters may visit <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>.

The 2016 Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, and the 2016 Presidential General Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Starting Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> through and including Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, voters can vote in person at the designated early voting center(s) in their county of residence and update their address. The best days to vote early to avoid delays are Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Early voting locations and hours and additional election-related dates and information are available at [www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/early\\_voting.html](http://www.elections.maryland.gov/voting/early_voting.html).

For more information, voters may contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) or visit [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov).

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