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## **MERRILL: VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> PRIMARIES FAST APPROACHING**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REMINDS ELIGIBLE VOTERS WHO WANT TO CAST  
A PRIMARY BALLOT THEY HAVE ONE WEEK TO REGISTER AS DEMOCRATS OR  
REPUBLICANS BY MAIL

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today is reminding eligible voters who want to cast a ballot in the upcoming statewide primaries on August 14, 2012 that voter registration deadlines are fast approaching. Anyone wishing to cast a ballot on August 14<sup>th</sup> must register as a Democrat or a Republican by Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> in-person at their town offices. Mail in registration forms must be received no later than Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup> in order to be processed before the primaries. Also, registration forms delivered to town offices by anyone other than the voter must be turned in no later than August 9<sup>th</sup> in order for those voters to be eligible to cast primary ballots. Voters can check online at [www.sots.ct.gov](http://www.sots.ct.gov) to see if they are registered to vote and where their polling place is located, as well as download voter registration forms and applications for absentee ballots. Absentee ballots for the primary are available now and will be counted as long as they are received by town clerks by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup>.

“The 2012 Statewide Primary Elections are rapidly approaching on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “I am reminding all eligible, non-registered voters to register either in person or by mail so they can take part in deciding the candidates for the November General Elections. Come out to the polls and let your voice be heard! Only registered Democrats and Republicans can vote, so if you are unaffiliated you must enroll with a major party by Monday August 13<sup>th</sup> at noon in order to cast a primary ballot.”

Nearly 2,000,000 Connecticut citizens are registered to vote. Almost 50,000 voters are newly registered since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. In that same time, more than 6,100 unaffiliated

voters have registered with a major party to be eligible to vote in the primaries, with 3,407 becoming Democrats and 2,705 affiliating as Republicans. More than 2,500 17 year-old voters have also registered to vote so far this year, and are eligible to vote in the statewide primary so long as they will turn 18 by the November 6<sup>th</sup> general election. Polls will be open statewide for Registered Democrats and Republicans on Tuesday August 14, 2012 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The list of at least 24 primaries taking place in the state of Connecticut can be found below (*endorsed candidates are indicated by \**):

<u>Office</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
United States Senator	Republican	*Linda E. McMahon Christopher Shays
United States Senator	Democratic	*Christopher S. Murphy Susan Bysiewicz
Representative in Congress – 2	Republican	*Paul M. Formica Daria Novack
Representative in Congress – 5	Republican	*Andrew Roraback Justin Bernier Lisa Wilson Foley Mark Greenberg
Representative in Congress – 5	Democratic	*Chris Donovan Elizabeth Esty Dan Roberti
State Senate – 19	Democratic	*Tom Reynolds Catherine A. Osten
State Senate – 23	Democratic	*Ernest E. Newton II Andres Ayala, Jr. Edwin A. Gomes
State Senate – 33	Democratic	*James Crawford Mary Ellen Klinck
Assembly District – 3	Democratic	*Minnie Gonzalez Victor M. Luna, Jr.
Assembly District – 5	Democratic	*Leo Canty Brandon McGee Donald Trink
Assembly District – 6	Democratic	*Edwin Vargas, Jr. Hector Luis Robles
Assembly District – 13	Democratic	*Joe Diminico Tom Gullotta

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Assembly District – 35	Democratic	*Tom Vicino Tony A. Palermo
Assembly District – 58	Democratic	*Kathy Tallarita David Alexander
Assembly District – 63	Democratic	*Michael J. Renzullo Doug Bendetto
Assembly District – 75	Democratic	*Victor Cuevas Davis Aldarondo
Assembly District – 91	Democratic	*John P. Flanagan Michael C. D’Agostino
Assembly District – 107	Republican	*Harold A. Shaker David A. Scribner
Assembly District – 116	Democratic	*Louis P. Esposito, Jr. David C. Forsyth
Assembly District - 128	Democratic	*Christina M. Ayala Angel Reyes
Assembly District – 132	Democratic	*Sue Brand Kevin Coyner
Hamden – Bethany Probate District	Democratic	*Craig B. Henrici Edward C. Burt, Jr.
Registrar of Voters - Hartford	Republican	*Salvatore A. Bramante Nyesha C. McCauley
Registrar of Voters – Hartford	Democratic	*Ramon L. Arroyo Olga Iris Vazquez