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**MERRILL: ONE WEEK TO REGISTER TO
VOTE ONLINE OR BY MAIL FOR AUGUST
12TH CONNECTICUT PRIMARIES**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REMINDS ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO REGISTER AS
DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO CAST A
PRIMARY BALLOT

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today is reminding eligible voters interested in casting a ballot in primary elections on August 12, 2014 that they have one week to register to vote online or by mail. Voting age citizens and 17-year-olds who will turn 18 by the general election on November 4, 2014 can register online or by mail until August 7th and have until Monday, August 11th at noon to register in person in town offices. Only registered Republicans and Democrats are permitted to vote in the primary. There are 30 primaries taking place, including three statewide Republican primaries for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and State Comptroller. Democrats and Republicans can vote in a variety of primaries for Connecticut State House and State Senate, Judge of Probate, and Registrar of Voters. A complete listing of all Connecticut primaries on the ballot August 12th follows at the end of this news release.

“This year’s primaries are right around the corner,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “I want to make sure all eligible voters can make their voices heard and choose candidates for November’s general election by registering online, by mail, or in person. Only registered Democrats and Republicans can vote, so if you are unaffiliated, you must enroll with a major party by Monday, August 11th at noon in order to cast a primary ballot.”

Voters can go online to www.sots.ct.gov/vote to see if they are registered to vote and where their polling place is located, register to vote, download an application for an absentee ballot, and view the list of candidates. Absentee ballots for the primary are now available and will be counted as long as town clerks receive them by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12th.

The following primaries reported to the Office of the Secretary of the State will be on the ballot on August 12, 2014 (* denotes party endorsed candidate):

<u>Office</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Governor	Republican	*Thomas C. Foley John P. McKinney
Lieutenant Governor	Republican	*Penny Bacchiochi Heather Somers David M. Walker
Comptroller	Republican	*Sharon J. McLaughlin Angel Cadena
State Senate 2	Democratic	*Shawn Wooden Eric D. Coleman Len Walker
State Senate 20	Democratic	*Elizabeth B. Ritter William L. Satti
State Senate 22	Democratic	*Anthony J. Musto Marilyn Moore
State Senate 23	Democratic	*Andres Ayala, Jr. Scott Hughes
Assembly District 7	Democratic	*Douglas McCroy Donna Thompson-Daniel
Assembly District 23	Republican	*Devin R. Carney Vicki Lanier
Assembly District 32	Democratic	*Kathleen G. Richards Anthony "Tony" Salvatore
Assembly District 44	Democratic	*Christine Rosati Michael Cartier
Assembly District 47	Republican	No Endorsement Doug Dubitsky Noah Enslow Michael P. Meadows

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Assembly District 48	Democratic	*Linda A. Orange Jason Paul
Assembly District 64	Republican	*Brian Ohler Mark Lauretano
Assembly District 122	Republican	*Ben McGorty Michael C. Vickerelli
Assembly District 124	Democratic	*Ernie Newton Andre Baker
Assembly District 128	Democratic	*Christopher Rosario Christina Ayala Dennis Bradley Teresa Davidson
Assembly District 133	Democratic	*Cristin McCarthy Vahey Matt Waggner
Assembly District 137	Democratic	*David Watts Chris Perone
Assembly District 140	Democratic	*Bruce Morris Warren Pena
Assembly District 142	Republican	*Emily Wilson Fred Wilms
Probate District Plainfield/Killingly 27	Democratic	*Andrea Truppa Anna Zubkova
Probate District Madison /Guilford 34	Republican	*William Bilcheck Gail S. Kotowski
Registrar of Voters – Bristol	Democratic	*Kevin McCauley Mary Rydingsward
Registrar of Voters - Chaplin	Republican	*Eugene V. Boomer, Jr. William L. Jenkins

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Registrar of Voters - Danbury	Democratic	*Susan Lewis Ward Margaret F. Gallo
Registrar of Voters - Hampton	Democratic	*Marilynn S. Higgins Matthew E. LaFontaine
Registrar of Voters - North Stonington	Democratic	*Marilyn MacKay Joan L. Kepler
Registrar of Voters - Norwalk	Republican	*John F. Federici Karen Doyle Lyons
Registrar of Voters – Somers	Republican	*William Karl Walton III David P. McCaffrey