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More Than 87,000 New Voters Registered in Advance of Connecticut Primary

Approximately one new voter registered every 55 seconds in Connecticut in the month of April

HARTFORD: Voter registration has hit a record-setting pace in advance of Connecticut's historic April 26 primary.

Connecticut Secretary of the State Denise Merrill said, "This primary has been a nail-biter and voters are eager to take part. Whether you're a Republican or Democrat, this feels like the playoffs, only all of us get to participate. If you are a new or unaffiliated voter, there is time to register with a party to have your voice heard. Don't get left out!"

New and unaffiliated voters have until noon on April 25 to register with a party in person at their town hall. Online registration is available through April 21. There is no Election Day registration during a primary.

So far, 87,085 new voters have registered to vote with the Connecticut Secretary of the State in 2016. That includes 32,885 in the month of April.

NEW VOTERS SINCE JAN. 1, 2016

Democratic: 41,674 Republican: 19,159 Unaffiliated: 24,931

Total: 87,085 (including "minor parties")

NEW VOTERS SINCE APRIL 1, 2016

Democratic: 16522 Republican: 7355 Unaffiliated: 8506

32,835 (including "minor parties")