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MERRILL: TUESDAY JANUARY 24TH LAST DAY FOR
ENROLLED PARTY MEMBERS TO TRANSFER PARTY
AFFILIATION TO VOTE IN PRESIDENTIAL
PREFERENCE PRIMARY

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REMINDS VOTERS REGISTERED WITH A PARTY
THEY HAVE UNTIL TOMORROW TO REGISTER AS REPUBLICANS IF THEY WANT
TO CAST A BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT ON TUESDAY APRIL 24TH

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today is reminding Connecticut voters
enrolled in a political party that tomorrow, January 24th, is the deadline to transfer their
affiliation in order to cast a ballot in the Presidential Preference Primary taking place in
Connecticut on April 24, 2012. Primaries in Connecticut are open only to enrolled party
members and according to Connecticut General Statutes 9-59, a voter can vote in their
party primary after they have been enrolled with that party for at least three months.

“The Republican Presidential primary race is really heating up, with the real possibility
that Connecticut and our neighboring states will play an important role in choosing the
candidate to face President Obama this fall,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief
elections official. “If any registered Democrats or people enrolled in other parties want
to cast a ballot in the Republican Presidential Primary on April 24th, they need to make
sure they transfer their affiliation to Republican by tomorrow.”

Polls will open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the Presidential Preference Primary
statewide in Connecticut on Tuesday April 24, 2012. Eligible voters who are not
registered have until Monday April 23rd to register as Republicans in order to cast ballots
in the Republican Presidential primary. Unaffiliated voters who want to cast ballots in
that same primary also have until Monday April 23rd to affiliate with the Republican
party. In addition to Connecticut, voters will be casting Presidential Primary ballots in
New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Rhode Island on April 24th. Voters can go to the
Secretary of the State’s website www.sots.ct.gov to see if they are registered to vote and
where their polling place is located.

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