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MERRILL: DESPITE EXIT FROM THE RACE, SANTORUM REMAINS ON THE BALLOT FOR APRIL 24TH REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REMINDS REPUBLICANS AND UNAFFILIATED VOTERS THAT
DEADLINES TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ARE APPROACHING SOON

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today informed Connecticut Republican and unaffiliated voters that despite the suspension of his campaign, Republican Rick Santorum will remain on the ballot for the Republican Presidential Preference Primary to take place in Connecticut on Tuesday April 24, 2012 (Santorum can also still receive votes). Since the deadline to withdraw from the race was March 19th, ballots for the primary have already been printed for every town and there is no legal way to remove any one of the four candidates previously selected for the ballot by Secretary Merrill. Secretary Merrill is also reminding Republican and unaffiliated voters that the deadlines to register to vote in time for the presidential preference primary are fast approaching, starting with next Thursday April 18, 2012, the deadline to register to vote for the primary by mail. The final, in-person deadline to register to vote for the presidential preference primary is Monday April 23rd at 12:00 p.m. noon at town or city hall.

“We are closing in on the day Republicans in Connecticut get to decide who they want to be their presidential candidate,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “Republican voters will be going to the polls in a regional primary on April 24th, along with voters in New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Rhode Island. Unaffiliated voters can also participate in this primary if enroll with the Republican party by April 23rd at noon.”

Polls will be open on April 24, 2012 from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for registered Republicans in Connecticut for the Presidential Preference Primary. Voters can go online at www.sots.ct.gov to download voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications, and find out where their polling place is located. The four candidates to appear on the Republican Presidential Preference Primary ballot are: Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum.