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SECRETARY MERRILL: FINAL DAYS TO CHANGE REGISTRATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

JANUARY 26TH DEADLINE TO CHANGE PARTY ENROLLMENT IN ORDER TO VOTE
IN "NEW" PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

HARTFORD: Enrolled party members have only six days left to transfer enrollment from one party to another in order to cast a ballot in their "new" party's presidential primary, Secretary of the State Denise W. Merrill said today.

January 26th is the last day that voters can change their party enrollment for the 2016 presidential primary, which can easily be done online at: <http://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>. Please follow the directions carefully as people without a valid driver's license will still need to mail their completed registration change to their town election official or Secretary of the State.

The deadline for new voters and for unaffiliated voters to enroll in a party for the primary is April 21 via mail or April 25 in person. More details available at the election calendar: http://www.sots.ct.gov/sots/lib/sots/electionservices/calendars/2016_election/2016_ppp_calendar.pdf

Secretary Merrill said, "Choosing a political party—or deciding to remain unaffiliated—is an important decision. That choice is yours and yours alone. That said, the primary campaigns have offered us some very different visions for America's future. If you want to participate in choosing a party's nominee, then you will have to register with the party in which the candidate is running. If you are not already enrolled in one of the parties or you would like to change your party enrollment, this is the last week to change your registration."

The presidential preference primary will be held on April 26, 2016. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Every year thousands of people enroll in a party or change their party registration. Last year, there were around 19,000 changes to party registration. In 2014, there were approximately 14,000 changes to party registration.