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## **SECRETARY MERRILL: CONNECTICUT IS READY TO VOTE!**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE PROMOTES PRIMARY DAY VOTER HOTLINE; REMINDS  
VOTERS TO CHECK REGISTRATION STATUS AND WHERE TO VOTE

**HARTFORD:** The number of registered voters in Connecticut hit 1,970,098 in advance of primary day as Secretary of the State Denise Merrill declared that the state is ready to cast ballots in the April 26 primary. In the days leading up to the primary, Secretary Merrill has worked to promote the rules of the primary contest—which differ significantly from general elections—as well as the voter hotline and acceptable forms of voter identification.

Secretary Merrill said, “We are expecting a big turnout, which all of us must be prepared for including my office and the towns. This is an exciting moment for our state and for our democracy. However, we must do our best to make sure the voters understand the differences in the rules between primaries and the general election in November. There is no primary day same-day registration. That means new or unaffiliated voters will not be able to register on April 26 for the purposes of participating in the 2016 Connecticut primary. In addition, voters must be a member of the party in order to participate in that party’s primary. In other words, you cannot be enrolled in one party and participate in a different party’s primary. Lastly we would urge everyone to check [myvote.ct.gov](http://myvote.ct.gov) in order to find their polling places and ensure that their registration status is up to date.”

**Hotline:**

Secretary Merrill has released the voter hotline with the State Elections Enforcement Commission. Members of the public should use the state’s 866-SEEC-INFO hotline or email [elections@ct.gov](mailto:elections@ct.gov) if they encounter any problems at the polls. The hotline and email address will

be monitored throughout the day by the State Elections Enforcement Commission and the Secretary of the State's office.

**Voter ID:**

Secretary Merrill is also reminding voters to bring with them some form of identification when they cast a ballot. A driver's license will suffice in all cases but if a voter does not have a government issued photo ID then a bank statement, utility bill, pay stub or other forms of identification are also acceptable. Voters should go online at [myvote.ct.gov](http://myvote.ct.gov) see a complete list of acceptable forms of voter identification.

Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**New Registrations Since January 1, 2016:**

Democrat: 46,492

Republican: 21,448

Unaffiliated: 25,883

**Total:** 93,823

**Total Active Voters by Party as of April 25, 2016:**

Democrat: 757,825

Republican: 431,774

Unaffiliated: 780,499

**Total:** 1,970,098