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FINAL WEEK TO CHANGE REGISTRATION FOR MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

JUNE 12 IS THE CUTOFF TO CHANGE PARTY ENROLLMENT IN ORDER TO VOTE IN
"NEW" PARTY'S MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

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

June 12 is the last day for changes to be received to party enrollment for the September 12, 2017 municipal primary. Changes can easily be done online at: <https://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 officials.

If making a change of party enrollment by mail, voters are advised to start early in order to allow sufficient time for postal delivery.

The deadline for new voters and for unaffiliated voters to enroll in a party for the primary is September 7 via mail/online or noon on September 11 in-person. More details available at the election calendar:

http://www.sots.ct.gov/sots/lib/sots/electionservices/calendars/2017_election/2017_-_nov.pdf

Secretary Merrill said, "Making the choice to join a political party or remain unaffiliated is an important and personal decision. However, it must be remembered that 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. This is your last week to change your registration if you are enrolled with another party.”

The municipal primary will be held on September 12, 2017. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

NOTE: CGS Sec. 9-59 states: Erasure or transfer of name. Any elector whose name appears on any enrollment list or who has made application for enrollment may, at any time, make a written application, on an application form for admission as an elector, which shall be signed by such elector, to either registrar for erasure of his name from such list or for transfer of his name to the enrollment list of another party. If an elector makes an application for erasure, his name shall be erased from said enrollment list and, if a municipality is having a primary in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote, under section 9-431, such elector’s name shall be placed on the list of unaffiliated electors together with the date he is eligible to vote in a primary. If an elector makes an application for transfer, his name shall be transferred to the enrollment list of another party, together with the effective date of such transfer. Any elector whose name has been transferred from one enrollment list to another or who has applied for erasure or transfer of his name from an enrollment list shall not be entitled to participate or vote in a caucus or primary of any party, participate in the appointment of members to any board or commission that is political in nature, be appointed as a member of any board or commission that is political in nature or be entitled to the privileges accompanying enrollment in any party for a period of three months from the date of the filing of his application for transfer or for erasure. Any elector who removes his name from the registry list and from an enrollment list in accordance with the provisions of section 9-35b shall not be entitled to enroll in any political party or vote in any primary for three months after such removal. The registrars of voters shall state, on the notice of acceptance sent under sections 9-23g, 9-19b and 9-19e, the date enrollment privileges take effect, if delayed.