

FEBRUARY 28, 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

A Presidential Primary Election will be held in all precincts of all cities and townships in Livingston County on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting for candidates seeking nomination to the Office of President of the United States.

Electors who wish to vote in the Presidential Primary Election must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 30, 2012. To register, visit any Secretary of State Branch Office, the County Clerk's Office, or any City or Township Clerk's Office.

Applications for absent voter ballots are available for the February 28, 2012, Presidential Primary Election and may be obtained by contacting your City or Township Clerk. Please call ahead for office hours. Requests for absent voter ballots must be in writing. On the absentee voter application, voters are reminded to check a box to indicate which ballot style they would like to receive—the Democratic Party ballot or the Republican Party ballot. A third ballot style option containing the Howell Area Fire Authority's millage proposal is also available to those voters within the City of Howell and the Townships of Cohoctah, Howell, Marion, and Oceola who choose not to vote in the Presidential Primary Election.

The Presidential Primary Election will be conducted as a "closed" primary. Upon arrival at the polls on February 28th, voters will be asked which Party's primary they wish to vote in. Voters must indicate if they wish to receive the Democratic Party ballot or the Republican Party ballot. A third ballot style option containing the Howell Area Fire Authority's millage proposal is also available to those voters within the City of Howell and the Townships of Cohoctah, Howell, Marion, and Oceola who choose not to vote in the Presidential Primary Election.

Voters are again reminded of the photo identification requirement. They will be asked to present photo ID at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Voters who don't have a Michigan driver's license or identification card can show the following forms of photo ID: Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state; federal or state government-issued photo identification; U.S. passport; military identification card with photo; student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education, such as a college or university; or tribal identification card with photo.

Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or who is not carrying one can still vote. They will sign a form stating that they are not in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and will be counted on Election Day.

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