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VOTERS HAVE LESS THAN A WEEK TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE MARCH 15, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

(Cleveland) Voters have until Tuesday, February 16th to register to vote or to update their name and/or address if they wish to cast ballots in the Presidential Primary. The Board of Elections will remain open until 9:00 p.m. on February 16th to accommodate last-minute registrations. People may also register at all public libraries.

It is important to register or to update your registration on or before the deadline and to vote in the March 15th Presidential Primary which could be of historic proportions. "This will be one of the most watched and talked about primary election seasons in decades, with colorful candidates and heavy media coverage," said Pat McDonald, the Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

Depending on the outcome of primaries in other states there is chance that there will be no clear frontrunners by the time Ohio votes. "Our state could play a pivotal role in choosing the two candidates that will face each other in November. Don't miss this opportunity to vote for the candidates and issues of your choice. Your vote makes a difference," said McDonald.

The ballot choices for voters are: Democrat, Republican, Green, Issues Only, and other. In Ohio, the only method voters may utilize to establish or change their party affiliation is by voting in a partisan primary election. People may also choose to vote an issues only ballot if they prefer to be considered a nonpartisan voter.

February 17th is the day Vote by Mail and early voting begins. To request a ballot application visit: www.443vote.com, or call 216-443-VOTE (8683). Vote by Mail applications are also available at all public libraries.

Early voting hours:

Weekdays: Wednesday, February 17th through Friday March 4th - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: March 5th - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Weekdays: Monday March 7th through Friday March 11th - 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: March 12th - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: March 13th - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday: March 14th - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Board of Elections is located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland.

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