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PRESS RELEASE

**Important deadlines pertaining to the May 20th, 2014 Primary Election
From Ben Ysursa, Secretary of State**

Important deadlines pertaining to the May 20th, 2014 Primary Election are fast approaching. A 2011 law provided a political party with the option to conduct an “open” or “closed” primary election and in so doing established party registration for Idaho voters. Those voters who are not registered with any political party are designated as “Unaffiliated” voters.

The following procedures apply for the 2014 Primary election:

March 14, 2014 is the last day for an elector currently registered with a party to change his or her party affiliation or become “unaffiliated.” This can be done by filing the Idaho Political Party Affiliation Declaration Form with the County Clerk for the Primary Election.

Registered Republicans may vote the Republican Primary Election Ballot along with the Non-Partisan ballot.

Registered Democrats, Republicans, Constitution Party, or Libertarian Party members, and voters not affiliated with any party (unaffiliated voters) may vote the Democratic Ballot along with the Non-Partisan Ballot.

Unaffiliated Voters (voters currently registered with no party preference) may select a political party affiliation up to and including Election Day. Before Election Day the unaffiliated elector may file a signed form with the county clerk. On Election Day an unaffiliated elector may affiliate with a party when signing the poll book.

The absentee ballot request form can also be used for an unaffiliated voter to select a party. The voter will be given the appropriate ballot for the voter’s party affiliation and ballot choice. The party choice will be recorded in the statewide voter registration system with the voting history.



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Secretary Ysursa said: “Participation is the essence of our Democracy. Thomas Jefferson wrote “An informed citizenry is the only true repository of the public will.” I would encourage all Idahoans to cast an informed ballot on May 20th.”

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