

## STATE OF IDAHO OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE BEN YSURSA

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Secretary of State, Ben Ysursa, today encouraged Idahoans to vote in the primary election on May 25th. Polls will be open 8AM to 8PM. Voting information is available on the idahovotes.gov website, including a statewide polling place locator and information on the operation of the ballot marking device for the visually impaired.

Ysursa also focused attention on the importance of primary election participation. He stated that voting in a primary gives each elector an opportunity to nominate a slate of partisan candidates to carry his or her political party banner. He reminded voters that at a primary election they must confine partisan voting to a single political party ticket. However, Idaho's primary ballot also contains important non-partisan judicial races including Supreme Court Justice, which will be the final election for that office.

Ysursa said the strength and future of our political system dictates that we increase our interest and participation in the political nominating process. He is hopeful that the turnout will exceed the projected 26% of registered voters.

In concluding his pre-election remarks Ysursa urged a commitment to participate on the part of Idaho voters. He said Idaho's electoral system can only benefit from a strong turnout of informed voters on May 25th. He encouraged voters to visit the website www.idahovotes.gov to receive information on Idaho's election process.