



ELECTIONS BULLETIN

FOR THE MARCH 4, 2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

To: All Town Clerks

From: Melanie Hodge, Elections Administrator

Date: January 16, 2008

Warnings and Notice to Voters must be posted not later than Sunday, February 3, 2008: Enclosed are five (5) warnings and notices to voters for each of the polling locations that you have.

Presidential Primary Ballots will arrive not later than Monday, February 4, 2008: Please open boxes and check the ballots as soon as possible. Notify us immediately if there are any errors on your ballots. Most towns will receive the entire shipment of ballots at once, but all towns will receive at least 10% of the ballots by February 4th with the remainder to follow shortly.

Remember that the law now clearly states that the entrance checklist for the Presidential Primary must be marked with a "D" or "R" to indicate what major party ballot was requested by each voter. It is not acceptable to only use highlighters. Either the letter "D" for Democratic or "R" for Republican must be marked next to each voter's name to record the ballot that was requested by the voter.

For Early Absentee Voters, you must ask the voter which ballot he wants, mark "D" or "R" on your list and you will only send the voter one ballot for the election. If the person did not provide this information on the request form, you will need to contact them prior to sending the ballot out. You will not be using the "Unused Ballot" envelopes for the Presidential Primary.

Sample Primary Ballots must be posted not less than 20 days before the primary election in at least 2 public places and in or near the Town Clerk's Office (no later than Saturday, February 23rd). Please make sure that you mark "SAMPLE BALLOT" boldly across the ballot and put a line through the ovals before posting.

Tally and Summary Sheets and the Official Return of Votes will be received before February 22nd.

Wednesday, February 27th at 5 p.m. is the deadline for receipt of applications for addition to the checklist. Town and City Clerk Offices must be open from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27th for voter registration.

Vote Tabulator Towns: Clerks that use the tabulator need to run a test deck of ballots through their machines as soon as they receive their configured memory cards from LHS. (All towns must send 2 memory cards to LHS and receive 2 memory cards configured for the Presidential Primary.) Please notify LHS immediately if you have any problems.

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