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PRESS RELEASE

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

**Last Day to apply for an Absentee Ballot by mail is Wednesday, May 14.
Last Day for in-person absentee voting is Friday, May 16.**

(Boise, Idaho) – Secretary of State Ben Ysursa today reminded voters the last day to submit an application for a mail-in absentee ballot is this Wednesday, May 14th and that the last day for in-person absentee voting is this Friday, May 16th.

Voters have until 5pm Wednesday to request a mail-in absentee ballot from their County Clerk so that a ballot can be mailed to the voter and returned to the county by 8pm on Election Day. Applicants must be registered in Idaho and submit a written request with their name, mailing address and signature. Application forms are available from the County Clerk's office or online at www.idahovotes.gov.

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.

This Friday, May 16th, is the last day for absentee voting in-person or "Early Voting". Contact your County Clerk for the in-person absentee voting location in your county.

Secretary Ysursa reminded voters that for the Primary Election party affiliation does determine which ballot a voter is entitled to vote.

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.



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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.

Secretary Ysursa also reminded voters to bring their photo identification to the polls. Voters that are not able to show an acceptable photo identification will be given the option to sign a personal identification affidavit and vote.

Secretary Ysursa said, "Participation is the essence of our Democracy. I encourage all Idahoans to cast an informed ballot before the absentee deadline, or at the absentee in-person location in their county before Friday or at the polls on Tuesday, May 20th."