

MOTOR VOTER NEWS



Washington
Secretary of State
SAM REED

Presidential Primary Date Chosen

On June 11, a committee composed of state and party officials agreed to hold our state's 2008 Presidential Primary on February 19. "The primary will draw presidential candidates to Washington and give our state a chance to play an important role on a national scale," explained Secretary of State Sam Reed.

The State's Democratic Party Central Committee chose not to use the results of Washington's 2008 Presidential Primary to allocate delegates to the national nominating convention. The Republican Party State Committee decided to allocate 51% of its delegates to the national convention using results of the state's Presidential Primary. In 1989, the Washington State Legislature adopted the presidential primary method of selecting political party delegates.

Elections Update

The Washington State Primary will take place on August 21st, 2007. Because it is 2007 – an "odd" numbered year – there are very few candidates for offices at the state level. The following five counties will not hold a primary: Asotin; Ferry; Garfield; San Juan; and Wahkiakum.

Voters in the remaining 34 counties have until **July 21st** to change their voter registration residence if they have moved and they want to vote on candidates in their new districts.

People who have never registered to vote in Washington before must appear in person at the county auditor's office before August 5th to register if they are not registered by other means before July 21st.



June '07 Results

The Office of the Secretary of State was able to forward 5,062 voter registration forms and 1,051 electronic address change requests to county elections officials between June 4th and June 29th, thanks to the work of Department of Licensing agents. We hope those numbers will continue to increase as we move toward the 2008 election season.

When a "motor voter" registration form is printed, an accompanying electronic record is also created. Congratulations to the thirteen offices listed below that mailed in 85% or more of their forms on time during the month of June:

Office	# of Forms	%
Goldendale	14	100%
Ephrata	4	100%
White Salmon	51	96%
Colville	70	95%
Union Gap	79	93%
Kelso	124	92%
Port Townsend	44	88%
Auburn	193	87%
Wenatchee	175	87%
Port Angeles	100	87%
Clarkston	41	87%
Yakima	100	86%
Moses Lake	19	86%

Resources

For Voter Registration information and downloadable forms (including foreign language forms) visit:

www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/register.aspx ,

or contact:

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Quote

"Bad politicians are sent to Washington by good people who don't vote."

- William F. Simon