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NYS PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NYS ANNOUNCES HOTLINE FOR PRIMARY DAY ISSUES

Vestal, NY - The purpose of the Presidential primary is to select delegates to a national convention of a political party. Voters must be registered in the Democratic or Republican party to vote in that party’s primary. For already registered voters, any change to party enrollment was to have been requested by October 9th, 2015 in order for it to have gone into effect and be applicable for any primary election occurring in 2016 or beyond. The deadline for new voter registrations was March 25th.

In New York State, the Republican and Democratic Presidential primaries are organized differently. Only registered Democrats and Republicans are eligible to vote in this Primary. Registered voters who are not enrolled in any party cannot vote in the presidential primary in New York.

Republican Voters will be issued a ballot with candidates listed. The voter will choose one candidate, but will not vote for delegates. Please be advised that some candidates have withdrawn from the race but are still listed on the New York Ballot. Delegates for the Republican Party’s national convention are selected by the state’s Republican Committee.

Democratic Voters will be asked to vote for the Presidential candidate AND delegates for the democratic convention. The delegate distribution will be determined by the number of votes each Presidential candidate receives. Based on the population of your congressional district, you will vote for 5-7 delegates (instructions indicated on the top of the ballot). Outside of NYC, the delegates listed in the same row across from the Presidential candidate are the delegates for that candidate. In NYC, the delegates are listed in a separate column next to the column of Presidential candidates; the name of the candidate that they are pledged to support is indicated under the delegate’s name (see sample ballot).

To see a sample ballot for both the Democratic and Republican parties in Broome and Tioga Counties go to: http://www.tiogacountyny.com or http://www.broomevotes.com//departments/board-of-elections.

The League of Women Voters of New York State has announced a coordination with the Lawyer’s Committee who will offer a hotline on election day for people having questions or issues at the polling places.

Hours for Live, Real-Time Assistance:
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
6 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT for English assistance (866-OUR-VOTE)
5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. EDT for bilingual English/Spanish assistance (888-VE-Y-VOTA)