As South Carolina gears up for the <u>2024 Presidential Primaries</u>, the State Election Commission wants to remind everyone of important upcoming dates and deadlines on the horizon. With just a few weeks before voting begins, voters are urged to mark their calendars and educate themselves on the candidates and issues so they can be ready to have their voices heard.

You can vote in either Presidential Primary, but you can only vote in one:

- The **Democratic Presidential Primary** is on **Saturday, February 3** (registration deadline has passed).
- The **Republican Presidential Primary** is on **Saturday, February 24** (deadline to register is January 25th).

How can you register to vote?

- You can register to vote <u>online at scVOTES.gov</u> (requires Driver's License or DMV ID).
- You can <u>download a voter registration form</u>, complete it, and return it to your county voter registration office by mail, fax, or email.
- You can register in person by visiting your <u>county voter registration office</u> or while receiving services at the DMV and other various agencies.

Already registered but need to update your voter registration?

If you have moved, make sure you are ready to vote by updating your registration. If you have moved from one county to another, you must register in your new county by the deadline to be eligible to vote.

There are three ways to cast your ballot.

1. Vote Early

You don't have to wait until election day to vote, you can vote at any early voting center in your county during the early voting period. Simply bring your Photo ID and vote just like you would at your polling place on election day.

- The early voting period for the **Democratic Presidential Primary** is **January 22 February 2**.
- The early voting period for the Republican Presidential Primary is February 12 22.
- Early voting centers are open 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Horry County Locations are:
 - o Horry County Board of Voter Registration & Elections @ 1515 4th Ave in Conway
 - o North Strand Recreation Center EV @ 120 Highway 57 S in Little River
 - o South Strand Recreation Center @ 9650 Scipio Lane in Myrtle Beach

2. Vote Absentee

Consider voting absentee if you are unable to vote in person, however the deadline to do so for the Presidential Primaries is January 23rd. To learn more about absentee voting go to scVOTES.gov or download the Absentee Go-To-Guide.

3. Vote on Election Day

Bring your Photo ID to our polling place at the **Risen Christ Lutheran Church across from Briarcliffe Acres on Highway 17**. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Do get out and vote, and I ask everyone to please be respectful of the individuals working the polls.