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**DEADLINE TO FILE AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE  
2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Annapolis, Maryland (*January 4, 2012*) – **Wednesday, January 11, 2012**, at 9:00 pm is the deadline for an individual to file as a candidate for the upcoming 2012 Primary Election. Under State law, an individual must file a *Certificate of Candidacy* by 9:00 pm on the Wednesday that is 83 days before the primary election. The filing location depends on the office sought. All federal and State candidates file a *Certificate of Candidacy* at the State Board of Elections (SBE), located at 151 West Street, Annapolis, MD. Local candidates file at the local board of elections.

While Delegate to the National Convention is a federal office, SBE has authorized two local boards of elections – Washington County Board of Elections and Wicomico County Board of Elections – to serve as satellite locations through January 11, 2012, to accept delegate candidate filings. The Washington County Board of Elections is located at 35 W. Washington Street, Room 101, in Hagerstown, Maryland. The Wicomico County Board of Elections is located at 123 Bateman Street, in Salisbury, Maryland.

Besides filing the *Certificate of Candidacy*, all candidates, except candidates for Delegate to the National Convention, must pay a filing fee at the appropriate board of election. State and local candidates must also provide evidence that the candidate has filed a financial disclosure statement and established a candidate committee at SBE. Failure to meet any of the requirements prior to the deadline will invalidate the *Certificate of Candidacy* and remove the individual from the ballot.

The 2012 Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday April 3, 2012, and the Presidential General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Additional election-related dates and forms are available at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us). For more information, contact a local board of elections or the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) OR [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us).

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