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Kansas City Election Board Readies Voters for March 15 Presidential Primary

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (March 9, 2016) – The Kansas City Election Board (KCEB) announces details for the upcoming March 15 election. Following are the specifics to ensure that voters have the information needed to participate.

NOTE: The National Weather Service has scheduled a statewide test of the tornado sirens and drill on election day. All voting will continue throughout the drill, as it is voluntary.

<u>Date, Time, Place</u>: The election will be held Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Poll hours are 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

<u>What's on the Ballot</u>? As an "open" primary state, Kansas City voters can choose one of the following ballots to vote for a presidential nominee:

Democratic Party Republican Party Libertarian Party Constitution Party

Sample ballots are available online at www.kceb.org.

<u>What's New?</u> KCEB is preparing for the 2016 presidential election cycle by testing several new procedures it hopes will enhance the voter experience and post-elections operations. Most voters will not notice or be impacted by these "tests."

- 1) New check- in procedure designed to reduce processing time at all polling locations
- 2) New judges' resource---trouble shooting tablets
- 3) New judges' resource---Bluetooth voting ticket printers at 23 combined polling locations
- 4) New judges' resource---Poll Administrator Logbook (P.A.L) at all polling locations
- 5) Adopt-A-Poll---non-profit organizations' volunteers will serve as poll workers. In exchange, payment will be donated to the organizations.

Absentee Voting: In-person absentee voting ends on Monday, March 4, at 5:00 p.m. All mail-in absentee voting ballots must be received by the election office, no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day- March 15.

In Missouri, voters need one of five reasons to vote absentee:

- 1) Away from one's voting jurisdiction on Election Day
- 2) Religious restrictions
- 3) Incapacitated, hospitalized or homebound, or caring for a person who is confined
- 4) Working at the polls or for KCEB, or an election authority employee
- 5) Incarcerated, but eligible to vote
- 6) Participant in Missouri "Safe at Home" program

<u>Polls</u>: Voters may find their polling location online at <u>www.kceb.org</u> by entering a last name and birth date in the *Check Your Voter Status* box, or by clicking on the *Poll* link on the KCEB homepage.

<u>Election Notice Cards</u>: Eligible voters were sent an election notice postcard. The polling location and address are printed on each election notice card. Voters whose polls have changed will be reminded on their card, or sent a letter.

<u>Voter Identification</u>: Voters may present several forms of identification including:

- 1) Missouri or out-of-state driver's license
- 2) Local, State or Federal government issued I.D. (employee, passport, social security card, military, etc.)
- 3) Missouri higher education I.D. (college or university)
- 4) Local election authority issued I.D.
- 5) Current bank statement, utility bill, government paycheck, regular paycheck or government document containing the voter's name and current address

Photo identification is not required to vote in Missouri.

Additional Facts:

Number of Polls: 137 Number of Precincts: 388 Total Registered Voters: 205,887 Estimated Election Cost: \$464,139

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