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**MERRILL: ONE MONTH REMAINS TO  
REGISTER TO VOTE FOR AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>  
PRIMARY**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REPORTS OVER 45,000 NEW VOTERS REGISTER IN  
CONNECTICUT SINCE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today is reminding adult Connecticut citizens they have one month to register with either the Democratic or Republican party if they wish to vote in the upcoming statewide primary on August 14, 2012. Secretary Merrill also reports that 45,191 new voters have registered to vote in Connecticut since January 1, 2012, bringing the total number of Connecticut registered voters to 1,962,905. The number of newly registered voters this year trails 2008 figures in the same period of time. By July 20, 2008, more than 100,000 new voters had registered. Similar to 2008, however, young voters are the largest group of new voters to register so far in 2012 with 18,952 voters between the ages of 18-29 registering in the last seven months.

“Many thousands of Connecticut citizens are recognizing that 2012 is a major election year, and we have some hotly contested statewide primaries coming up in just one month,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “I am encouraged to see thousands of eligible Connecticut residents make the decision to become registered voters, by doing so they are making the statement that they want their voice to be heard at the polls. Anyone who wants to vote on Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup> who is not yet registered to vote has one month from today at noon to register with the Democrats or the Republicans at your local Registrar of Voters office. Unaffiliated voters who want to participate also face that same deadline to enroll with either party in order to cast a primary ballot.”

Currently, there are 1,962,905 active voters in Connecticut. There are 720,161 registered Democrats, 411,062 Republicans, and 817,432 registered as unaffiliated. Among the 45,191 newly registered voters since January 1, 2012, 13,851 registered as Democrats and 9,256 registered as Republicans and 21,091, registered as unaffiliated.

Among new voters, the largest group of new voters are some 18,952 voters between the ages of 18 and 29. Among voters aged 30-44, there are 10,334 newly registered voters. The age bracket of 45-59 gained 7,340 new voters while those aged 60 and over comprise 5,792 newly registered voters.

Secretary Merrill encourages everyone to visit [www.sots.ct.gov](http://www.sots.ct.gov) to learn how to register to vote, find polling locations, view candidate lists, and download absentee ballot forms. To register to vote by mail, voter registration cards must be received by the local Registrar of Voters by August 9<sup>th</sup>. The last day for in person registration at town offices is Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Unaffiliated voters face those same deadlines if they wish to register with a major party and vote in the primary. Polls will be open on Primary Day for Registered Democrats and Republicans on August 14, 2012 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### ACTIVE VOTERS AS OF JUNE 27, 2012

A Better Future	6
A Connecticut Party	4
A Sentinel Party	26
Canterbury First	2
Chatham Party	8
Concerned Citizens	187
Connecticut For Lieberman	80
<b>Democratic</b>	<b>720,161</b>
Enfield Taxpayers	2
Friends of Saybrook	13
Green	1,673
Guilty	1
Independence	786
Independence for Montville	7
Independent	9,854
Independent party of Darien	1
Libertarian	1,254
Milford Independent Party	3
Norwich for Change	1
Pro-Bethel	2
Realistic Balance	3
Reform	84
<b>Republican</b>	<b>411,062</b>
Swing	1
The Hampton Party	1
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>817,432</b>
We the People	48
Winsted Independent	36
Working Families Party	167
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<b>Total Active Voters:</b>	<b>1,962,905</b>

### VOTERS ADDED SINCE JANUARY 1, 2012

<u>Party</u>	<u>Count</u>
Connecticut For Lieberman	4
Democratic	13,851
Green	41
Independence	14
Independent	853
Independent Party of Darien	1
Libertarian	67
Reform	1
Republican	9,256
Unaffiliated	21,091
We the People	4
Working Families	8
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<b>Total New Voters:</b>	<b>45,191</b>

### NEW VOTERS AGED 18-29 SINCE JANUARY 1, 2012

<u>Party</u>	<u>Count</u>
Connecticut For Lieberman	3
Democratic	5,475
Green	20
Independence	5
Independent	419
Libertarian	36
Reform	1
Republican	3,722
Unaffiliated	9,266
We the People	2
Working Families	3
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<b>Total New Voters Aged 18-29:</b>	<b>18,952</b>

### NEW VOTERS AGED 30-44 SINCE JANUARY 1, 2012

<u>Party</u>	<u>Count</u>
Democratic	3,189
Green	15
Independence	4
Independent	149

Independent Party of Darien	1
Libertarian	14
Republican	2,087
Unaffiliated	4,870
We the People	1
Working Families	2
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<b>Total New Voters Aged 30-44:</b>	<b>10,334</b>

**NEW VOTERS AGED 45-59 SINCE JANUARY 1, 2012**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Count</b>
Democratic	2,584
Green	3
Independence	2
Independent	124
Libertarian	4
Republican	1,643
Unaffiliated	2,978
We the People	1
Working Families	1
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<b>Total New Voters Aged 45-59:</b>	<b>7,340</b>

**NEW VOTERS AGED 60 AND OVER SINCE JANUARY 1, 2012**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Count</b>
Connecticut for Lieberman	1
Democratic	1,938
Green	1
Independence	2
Independent	100
Libertarian	5
Republican	1,280
Unaffiliated	2,463
Working Families	2
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<b>Total New Voters Aged 60 and Over:</b>	<b>5,792</b>

**ACTIVE VOTERS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

CD	PARTY	COUNT
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001	A Connecticut Party	1
	Concerned Citizens	16

	Connecticut For Lieberman	33
	<b>Democratic</b>	<b>167,720</b>
	Friends Of Saybrook	1
	Green	258
	Independence	55
	Independent	1,705
	Libertarian	215
	Reform	6
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>68,993</b>
	<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>147,879</b>
	Winsted Independent	36
001	Working Families	59

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**CD1 TOTAL 386,977**

002	A Connecticut Party	1
	A Sentinel Party	26
	Canterbury First	2
	Chatham Party	8
	Concerned Citizens	7
	Connecticut For Lieberman	15
	<b>Democratic</b>	<b>127,220</b>
	Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
	Friends Of Saybrook	1
	Green	466
	Independence	269
	Independence For Montville	7
002	Independent	2,255
	Libertarian	318
	Norwich for Change	1
	Reform	15
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>87,595</b>
	The Hampton Party	1
	<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>185,730</b>
	Working Families	34

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**CD2 TOTAL 403,973**

003	A Better Future	6
	A Connecticut Party	1
	Concerned Citizens	21
	Connecticut For Lieberman	17
	<b>Democratic</b>	<b>160,785</b>
003	Friends Of Saybrook	7
	Green	383
	Guilty	1
	Independence	167
	Independent	1,032
	Libertarian	181
	Milford Independent Party	3

Realistic Balance	3
Reform	30
Republican	61,918
Unaffiliated	164,647
Working Families	21

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**CD3 TOTAL 389,223**

004	A Connecticut Party	1
004	Concerned Citizens	5
	Connecticut For Lieberman	4
	Democratic	136,411
	Friends Of Saybrook	1
	Green	239
	Independence	173
	Independent	2,093
	Independent Party of Darien	1
	Libertarian	285
	Reform	26
	Republican	99,420
	Unaffiliated	147,100
	Working Families	16

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**CD4 TOTAL 385,775**

005	Concerned Citizens	138
	Connecticut For Lieberman	11
	Democratic	128,144
	Friends Of Saybrook	3
	Green	328
	Independence	122
	Independent	2,780
	Libertarian	255
	Pro-Bethel	2
	Reform	8
	Republican	93,174
	Swing	1
	Unaffiliated	172,096
	We The People	48
	Working Families	37

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**CD5 TOTAL 397,147**