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## **SECRETARY OF STATE CONDUCTING ANNUAL VOTER EDUCATION WEEK**

The Louisiana Secretary of State's Office is using Louisiana's annual voter education week to remind Louisiana voters of the major changes going into effect for the fall elections this year. So during the week of July 14-18, Secretary of State Jay Dardenne will join elections officials throughout the state in spreading the message of closed congressional primaries and the importance of accurate voter registration.

Louisianians will vote in closed primaries for the first time in decades beginning with the Sept. 6 1<sup>st</sup> Party Primary for all seven congressional districts and the U.S. Senate race. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Party Primary will follow on Oct. 4, the same day as voters will choose many local leaders, such as district attorneys and judges, in open primaries.

"Each year, we make a concerted effort to educate voters on the election process so that they can make informed decisions on election day," Secretary Dardenne said. "We recognize that closed primaries and open primaries on the same ballot will be confusing for voters, so we're encouraging everyone to visit our Web site at [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com) to learn more."

The Secretary of State's office also uses Voter Education Week to encourage eligible citizens to register to vote. Anyone interested in registering, or changing their voter registration, can contact their parish registrar of voters, call the Secretary of State's election hotline at 1.800.883.2805 or visit [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com).

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