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Catherine Harder-Bernier, Town Clerk

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Last Day to Register to Vote or Change your Party for the March 5 Presidential Primary

Hanover Town Clerk Catherine Harder-Bernier announced that Saturday, February 24th is the last day to register to vote or change your party preference in the March 5th Presidential Primary. The Hanover Town Hall will be open until 5:00 p.m. on February 24th, and on-line registration will be available until 11:59 p.m. that night. Please come to Town Hall if you need to register in person; staff will either be in the large hearing room on the first floor or the Registrar's Office on the lower level. Read on for on-line registration information!

Any Hanover citizen who will be eighteen on or before the March 5, 2024 Election is encouraged to register to vote. Once registered, individuals will be eligible to vote in all elections thereafter. Further, residents may "pre-register" to vote if they are age 16 or 17, but they will not be eligible to vote until they turn 18.

Citizens of Hanover may conveniently register to vote or change their party status on-line, by mail or in person. The link for on-line registration is here: <u>https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR</u>. If residents choose to register by mail they should download the "Massachusetts Mail-In Voter Registration Form" found here: <u>https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf</u> and mail the completed form to the Hanover Town Clerk's Office.

If voters wish to register to vote in person, they may do so at two convenient locations: Hanover Town Hall or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. "With automatic registration now the law of the land in Massachusetts, very few people actually need to come in to register to vote", said Harder-Bernier. "However, what we do occasionally see is that people who have moved recently and/or who have not updated their driver's license - those people do need to update their voter registration status. We also sometimes see 18 year olds who do not yet have driver's licenses who need to register to vote. We look forward to helping those folks!", said Harder-Bernier.

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