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Arapahoe County voters to receive ballots by mail for June 26 Primary Election

Visit www.arapahoevotes.com to register to vote or affiliate with a political party

Littleton, Colo. – The Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder’s Office will conduct the June 26 Primary Election by mail. Ballots will begin arriving in mailboxes on June 5 to all active registered voters in Arapahoe County who are affiliated with either the Democratic, Republican or American Constitution Party.

“Colorado’s primary elections have historically taken place in August; however, the State Legislature approved moving these elections to the month of June,” said Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty. “By conducting the June 2012 Primary Election by mail ballot, Arapahoe County can help to ensure that eligible voters are made aware of the earlier date, and also conserve approximately \$100,000 in taxpayer dollars compared to the costs of a polling place election.”

Voters will have until 7 p.m. on Primary Election Day, June 26, to return their ballot by mail or deliver it to any of the County’s 16 drop-off locations. No polling places will be available; however, voting machines for voters with disabilities will be available at the Clerk and Recorder’s Motor Vehicle branch offices in Aurora, Byers, Centennial and Littleton.

The Clerk and Recorder’s proposal to conduct the 2012 Primary Election by mail was approved by the Board of County Commissioners and was favored by a majority of citizens who responded during a public comment period in January. Also, 73 percent of active voters in Arapahoe County have requested to be permanent mail ballot voters in every election.

Citizens may visit www.arapahoevotes.com to register to vote, choose a political affiliation, find locations and hours for ballot drop-off boxes, and track their mail ballot. The final date to register to vote for the 2012 Primary Election is May 29. Voters who are already registered and affiliated with a major political party have until May 25 to change or withdraw from their affiliation. Voters who are registered but not previously affiliated have until 7 p.m., June 26 to affiliate. Ballots will not be mailed after June 22. Voters must go in-person to a Clerk and Recorder’s Branch Office to request a ballot after this date.

Arapahoe County’s General Election in November 2012 will give voters the option to cast a mail ballot, vote at one of eight Early Vote sites, or vote at any one of 32 Vote Centers on Election Day, Nov. 6.

For more information about Arapahoe County elections, please contact the Elections Division at 303-795-4511 or visit www.arapahoevotes.com.

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