

**ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PREVIEW
MISSISSIPPI PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008**

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On the ballot: Presidential primary, U.S. House of Representatives. Click [here](#) for a Democratic sample ballot. Click [here](#) for a Republican sample ballot.

Polling place hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Registered voters: 1,777,683 (November 2007)

Absentee and early ballots: An excuse is required to cast an absentee ballot by mail or in-person at the county clerk's office. In-person absentee voting ends Saturday, March 8. Mailed absentee ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on March 10. Mailed absentee ballots received between this time and close of polls on Tuesday, March 11 will have votes counted only in the presidential contest. The state [election calendar](#) provides more details.

Voter ID/Provisional voting: Per federal law, first-time voters who registered by mail but did not include verification with their application must show ID at polling places the first time they cast ballots. Provisional ballots must be cast in the correct precinct.

Voting systems: Direct-recording electronic (DRE) and optical scan and systems. Most counties (77) employ DRE systems. Only one of these counties, Jackson, does not offer a voter-verified paper audit trail. For more information, [click here](#).

State election links:

[Secretary of State](#)

Recent news stories:

[Voting officials expect high turnout for primary](#), *Hattiesburg American*, March 7, 2008.

[Registration, investigation urged after voter roll purge](#), *Clarion Ledger*, March 7, 2008.

[Democrats want voting machines with printers](#), *The Mississippi Press*, Feb. 8, 2008

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