

## **ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PREVIEW SUPER TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

*electionline's Election Administration Previews provide basic election administration information for upcoming primary and general elections. They are generally available up to five days before the vote.*

*electionline.org staff and consultants will be traveling to Arizona, California, Georgia, Illinois and New York to observe elections on Super Tuesday. These states and other selected states are previewed below.*

### **ARIZONA**

**Major Races:** Presidential [candidates](#). Arizona will hold the remainder of its primary races on September 2.

**Polling place hours:** 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. For more information, [click here](#).

**Registered voters:** 2,713,070 (January 2008).

**Voter registration:** Until recently, Arizona was the only state to offer online voter registration. The state's online system was [plagued with problems](#) in the final hours before the midnight January 8 registration deadline. Problems with the national driver's license database caused the system to go down for hours and then only worked intermittently. Despite the problem, more than 16,000 people registered to vote on January 8.

**Absentee and early ballots:** Arizona offers no-excuse absentee voting as well as in-person early voting. Early voting began in Arizona on January 10.

**Voting systems:** Voters will cast ballots in several different ways including paper-based, optically-scanned ballots, DRE's with VVPAT and ballot marking/hybrid devices. Approved vendors include Premier Election Solutions (formerly Diebold), ES&S and Sequoia. For more information, click [here](#).

**Voter ID:** Voters in Arizona must present some form of identification at the polls in order to cast a ballot, however photo ID is not mandatory. If a voter does not have a photo ID, they must present two other forms of identification — bearing their name and home address — such as a utility bill dated within 90 days, an Indian census card or property tax bill. For more information about voter ID in Arizona, click [here](#).

#### **State election links:**

[Secretary of State - Elections Division](#)

#### **Recent News Stories:**

[Poll workers preparing for primary](#), *Casa Grande Valley Newspapers*, Jan. 29, 2008

[Thousands party-switch for primary vote](#), *The Kingman Daily Miner*, Jan. 27, 2008

[Voter registration mix up in Santa Cruz County fixed](#), *Nogales International*, Jan. 22, 2008

[Thousands go online for voter registration](#), *The Arizona Republic*, Jan. 9, 2008

## CALIFORNIA

**On the ballot:** Presidential [candidates](#). Seven [ballot measures](#).

**Polling place hours:** 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**Registered voters:** [15,468,551](#) as of Dec. 7, 2007.

**Absentee and early ballots:** No excuse mail-in absentee ballots are due by 8 p.m. on election day. Early voting is not offered. For more information click [here](#).

**Voting systems:** Counties use optical scanners, paper-ballot marking systems and direct recording electronic (DRE) voting systems with voter-verified paper audit trails. Most DRE systems were decertified in 2007 by Secretary of State Debra Bowen (D). For a list of voting systems in use by county, click [here](#).

**Voter ID:** First-time voters who register by mail and did not provide identification with their registration form must show a form of photo or non-photo ID at the polls. Other voters are not required to provide ID. For more information click [here](#).

### State election links:

[Secretary of State](#)

### Recent news stories:

[Polling place sites pose a puzzle](#), *Sacramento Bee*, Jan. 30, 2008

[A paper jam roils California vote](#), *The Los Angeles Times*, Jan. 28, 2008

[Switch to paper ballots ensures long night](#), *San Francisco Chronicle*, Jan. 28, 2008

[Back to paper](#), *Tracy Press*, Jan. 26, 2008

## CONNECTICUT

**On the ballot:** Presidential [candidates](#).

**Polling place hours:** 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**Registered voters:** 1,916,381 (January 2008)

**Absentee and early ballots:** An excuse is required to cast an absentee ballot by mail. Early voting is not offered. Ballots must be received by the close of polls on election day. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Voting systems:** A uniform system [optically scanned paper ballots](#) will be available for the first time statewide in a presidential contest. A [vote-by-phone system](#) is available for voters with disabilities.

**Voter ID:** Photo or non-photo ID required of all voters at the polls, or a voter may sign an affidavit. Click [here](#) for more information.

**State election links:**

[Secretary of State - Election Administration](#)

**Recent news stories:**

[Town faces shortage of poll workers](#), *Greenwich Time*, Jan. 28, 2008

[Secretary of State says safeguards for computer voting are strictest in nation](#), *Greenwich Time*, Jan. 26, 2008

[Voting machines raise privacy concerns](#), *The Connecticut Post*, Jan. 24, 2008

**GEORGIA**

**On the ballot:** Presidential [candidates](#), some local ballot questions. See Fulton County's sample ballots [here](#).

**Polling place hours:** 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Any voter waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be permitted to cast a ballot.

**Registered voters:** 4,482,551 (Jan. 7, 2008). For more information, click [here](#).

**Absentee and early ballots:** No excuse is required to cast an absentee ballot. Early voting started January 28 and ends February 1. Election officials in DeKalb, Cobb and Fulton Counties all reported steady early voting on January 28.

**Voting systems:** All counties use touch-screen voting machines for election-day and in-person advance voting. Absentee ballots optically-scanned paper.

**Voter ID:** All voters are required to show photo ID at the polls and this is the first presidential election in which voters are required to do so.

Acceptable ID's include any state or federally-issued photo ID, such as a free ID card issued by the county registrar or state social services department, a current or expired Georgia driver's license, valid U.S. passport, military photo ID, or tribal photo ID, or a valid government employee photo ID.

Voters who do not have the requisite identification can cast provisional ballots but must present an acceptable form of ID within two days of the election to have ballots eligible for counting.

For more information, click [here](#).

**State election links:**

[Secretary of State – Elections Division](#)

**Recent news stories:**

[Turnout steady for early voters](#) – *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Jan. 28, 2008

[Georgia voter registration swells in advance of primary](#) – *Ledger-Enquirer*, Jan. 28, 2008

[Feb. 5 to 'test' ID law](#) – *The Athens Banner-Herald*, Jan. 27, 2008

## ILLINOIS

**On the ballot:** Presidential [candidates](#), U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, some State Senate and all State General Assembly seats, judges and other state, county and local offices. For more information, click [here](#).

**Polling place hours:** 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**Registered voters:** [7.2 million](#) (January 2008).

**Absentee and early ballots:** In-person no-excuse early voting began January 14 and ended January 31. An excuse is required to cast an absentee ballot by mail. For more information click [here](#). Voted absentee ballots postmarked by midnight on the day before the election and received within 14 days after the election will be eligible to be counted.

**Voting systems:** Counties use optical scanners, paper-ballot marking systems and direct recording electronic (DRE) voting systems with voter-verified paper audit trails. For a list of voting systems in use by county, click [here](#).

**Voter ID:** First-time voters who register by mail and did not provide identification with their registration form must show a form of photo or non-photo ID at the polls. Other voters are not required to provide ID. For more information click [here](#).

**State election links:**

[State Board of Elections](#)

**Recent news stories:**

[Primary spurs surge in voter registration](#) – *The Journal Star*, Jan. 28, 2008.

[Absentee ballots absent in some counties](#), *Daily Herald*, Jan. 25, 2008.

[Some Illinois counties see major delays with primary ballots](#), *The Associated Press* as published in the *Pantagraph*, Jan. 24, 2008

## MISSOURI

**On the ballot:** Presidential [candidates](#), three special elections for State House seats in some districts.

**Polling place hours:** 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**Registered voters:** 3,871,461 (January 2008).

**Absentee and early ballots:** An excuse is required to cast an absentee ballot by mail. Early voting is not offered. Ballots must be returned by close of polls on election day. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Voting systems:** Counties use optical scanners, paper-ballot marking systems and direct recording electronic (DRE) voting systems with voter verified paper audit trails. For more information click [here](#).

**Voter ID:** Photo or non-photo ID is required of all voters at the polls. Click [here](#) for more information.

**State election links:**

[Secretary of State](#)

[Polling place lookup](#)

**Recent news stories:**

[Preparing for the Missouri primaries](#), *Columbia Missourian*, Jan. 27, 2008

[Election judges train for 'every eventuality'](#), *Columbia Missourian*, Jan. 26, 2008

[Missouri counties still in need of poll workers for Super Tuesday 2008](#), *Maryville Daily Forum*, Jan. 24, 2008

**NEW JERSEY**

**On the ballot:** Presidential [candidates](#).

**Polling place hours:** 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**Registered voters:** [4,845,847](#) (January 2008)

**Absentee and early ballots:** No-excuse absentee ballots by mail must be returned by the close of polls on election day. Early voting is not offered. For more information click [here](#).

**Voting systems:** Twenty of the state's 21 counties use direct-recording electronic (DRE) voting systems without voter-verified paper audit trails (VVPATs) One Warren County employs DREs with VVPATs. For more information click [here](#).

A deadline to require DRE systems to be equipped with VVPATs by Jan. 1, 2008 was extended by six months. For more information, click [here](#).

**Voter ID:** First-time voters who register by mail and did not provide identification with their registration form must show a form of photo or non-photo ID at the polls. Other voters are not required to provide ID. For more information click [here](#).

**State election links:**

[Division of elections](#)

[Polling place search](#)

**Recent news stories:**

[Officials say election budget is low](#), *The Star-Ledger*, Jan. 29, 2008

[In N.J., no paper trail for most Feb. 5 primary votes](#), *The Associated Press*, Jan. 26, 2008

[ACLU fights with AG over 'voters rights' cards at polls](#), *The Star-Ledger*, Jan. 22, 2008

**NEW YORK**

**On the ballot:** Presidential [candidates](#).

**Polling place hours:** New York City; Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam and Erie counties; 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. All other counties - 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Registered voters:** [11,245,218](#) (November 2007)

**Absentee and early ballots:** An excuse is required to cast an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be mailed to county election offices no later than seven days before an election or returned in person the day before the election. Early voting is not offered. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Voting systems:** While change is looming, New York voters will continue to cast ballots on lever voting machines at least until 2009, when the state is scheduled to require all counties to select one of three types of optical-scan, paper-based voting systems.

Some form of the antiquated lever machines have been a fixture in the Northeast for generations. But they continue to be inaccessible to voters with visual disabilities. Until the September primary, any visually-impaired voter will have to go to a central location – usually the board of elections office for the county or in New York City, the borough – to have access to a machine that allows independent and secret balloting.

**Voter ID:** First-time voters who register by mail and did not provide identification with their registration form must show a form of photo or non-photo ID at the polls. Other voters are not required to provide ID.

**State election links:**

[State Board of Elections](#)

[Polling place finder](#)

**Recent news stories:**

[Preparing for Primaries](#), Capital News 9, Jan. 30, 2008

[Back to the Future for New York Voters](#), Ithaca Journal, Jan. 26, 2008

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