



For Immediate Release
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2nd Congressional District **February 26, 2013 Special Primary Overview**

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday in parts of Chicago's South Side for a Special Primary to select nominees for U.S. Representative in the 2nd Congressional District.

The primary contests feature 16 candidates on the Democratic ballot and five candidates on the Republican ballot – all seeking party nominations to run in the Special Election for the seat vacated in November by Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr.

Three candidates withdrew after ballots were printed and touchscreens were programmed. Notices at the polling places will advise voters that Toi W. Hutchinson (Dem), O. Patrick Brutus (Dem) and James H. Taylor, Sr. (Rep) have withdrawn.

The primary for this Congressional seat is the only contest on the ballots. Only voters in the 2nd Congressional District are eligible to vote in these primaries.

In a primary, voters must decide whether to vote a Democratic or Republican ballot. That choice does not affect how a voter may cast ballots in the future.

The 2nd Congressional District includes parts or all of 170 precincts on Chicago's South Side (about one-tenth of the city), as well as precincts in south suburban Cook, Will and Kankakee counties.

Polling places in the 2nd Congressional District will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Voters may cast ballots Tuesday only in the polling place assigned to their local precinct.

Voters may visit chicagoelections.com or call (312) 269-7900 for:

- Sample ballots for the Democratic or Republican parties,
- The status (active or challenged) of a voter's registration. At the web site, a voter may enter an address and last name to view the information,
- The location and address of the polling place in each precinct, and
- Answers to "frequently asked questions."

To alert voters to the Special Primary, the Chicago Election Board mailed notices to all voter households in the 2nd Congressional District. The mailing provided the polling place for that precinct and Early Voting locations and hours.

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Chicago has approximately 120,000 voters in the 2nd Congressional District. The District covers parts or all of 170 precincts in Chicago (of the city's total 2,035 precincts).

To ensure a trouble and fraud-free election, the Chicago Election Board will deploy more than 50 investigators and technicians for Election Day duty. This will include roving investigators assigned to each ward where there will be voting to prevent electioneering in the campaign-free zone, which extends 100 feet from the polling-place entrance. Investigators, backup judges and technicians also are assigned to respond to various types of calls for assistance.

New: Military, Overseas Civilians Voting by Email

Under an agreement reached in federal court, this Primary marks the first time in Illinois when military personnel and civilians who are overseas are submitting ballots by email. The Election Board and the County Clerks sought this allowance because of the tight special-election calendar and the weeks needed to mail ballots to and from overseas destinations. The Election Board supports changing the law permanently to allow military/overseas voters to return their ballots by fax in every election.

Election Central: (312) 269-7870

Voters who witness anything irregular or who encounter a problem on Election Day are urged to call the Board's "Election Central" at (312) 269-7870. These telephone lines will be staffed by Board personnel and attorneys versed in election law. "Election Central" hotlines are open only on Election Day and will provide assistance in English and Spanish, among other languages.

Inactive Registrations & Provisional Ballots

Any voters whose registrations have been challenged or "inactive" can easily restore their voting rights on Election Day in the polling place by simply showing identification and signing an affidavit to show that they still live at the address listed on their registration.

Persons who claim to be legally registered, but whose registration records cannot be found at the time of voting, are allowed to vote a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots are kept separately. The Election Board then reviews registration records and decides whether a ballot can be added to the count, before the envelope with the provisional ballot is unsealed. By law, the Board may count only provisional ballots that are cast in the voter's correct precinct polling place.

Next Election

Final results in the Special Primary will be proclaimed by March 12. The winners in the Feb. 26 Special Primary will face off in the Special Election on April 9.

(Sample mailing to voters on following pages)

Commissioners
Langdon D. Neal, *Chairman*
Richard A. Cowen, *Secretary/Commissioner*
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Dear Voter,

You have the opportunity and duty to vote to select a new U.S. Representative for the Second Congressional District. There will be a **Feb. 26 Special Primary** to determine the Democratic nominee and the Republican nominee. Then, there will be an **April 9 Special Election** to elect the new U.S. Representative in the Second Congressional District. To have an impact in each election, you must vote in each election.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAYS

**On Feb. 26, 2013 and April 9, 2013, Vote ONLY at Your Precinct Polling Place
6:00 am – 7:00 pm**

Precinct 31, Ward 7:

MAHALIA JACKSON APTS - DINING RM

9177 S SOUTH CHICAGO AV

Early Voting for the SPECIAL PRIMARY

Feb. 11 thru Feb. 23, 2013

Early Voting for the SPECIAL ELECTION

March 25 thru April 6, 2013

Early Voting at Jackson Park, 6401 S Stony Island

Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 am-5 pm; CLOSED Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12) & Presidents' Day (Feb. 18)

Early Voting at Jeffery Manor Library, 2401 E. 100th St.

Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 am-5 pm; CLOSED Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12) & Presidents' Day (Feb. 18)

Early Voting at Palmer Park, 201 E. 111th St.

Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 am-5 pm; CLOSED Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12) & Presidents' Day (Feb. 18)

Early Voting at Vodak / East Side Library, 3710 E. 106th St

Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 am-5 pm; CLOSED Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12) & Presidents' Day (Feb. 18)

Early Voting at Chicago Election Board, 69 W. Washington, Lower Level

Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 am-5 pm

Open Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12), 9 am-noon; Open Presidents' Day (Feb. 18), 9 am-noon;

Open Sundays, 9 am-3 pm

(Español en el otro lado)

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CHICAGO, IL 60617-3358

Estimado Votante,

Usted tiene la oportunidad y deber de votar y seleccionar a un nuevo Representante de los EEUU para el Segundo Distrito Congressional. Habrá una **Primaria Especial en Feb. 26** para determinar al nominado Demócrata y al nominado Republicano. Entonces, habrá una **Elección Especial en Abril 9** para elegir al nuevo Representante de los EEUU del Segundo Distrito Congressional. Para tener un impacto en cada elección, usted tiene que votar en cada elección.

VOTACIÓN: LOS DÍAS DE ELECCIONES

En Feb. 26, 2013 y en Abril 9, 2013 Vote SOLAMENTE en el Precinto de Su Colegio Electoral – 6:00 am – 7:00 pm

Precinto 31, Distrito 7:

MAHALIA JACKSON APTS - DINING RM

9177 S SOUTH CHICAGO AV

Votación Temprana – PRIMARIA ESPECIAL
Feb. 11 a Feb. 23, 2013

Votación Temprana – ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL
Marzo 25 a Abril 6, 2013

Votación Temprana en Jackson Park, 6401 S Stony Island - Horas: Lunes-Sábado, 9 am-5 pm; CERRADO en el Día de Lincoln (Feb. 12) y CERRADO en el Día de Presidentes (Feb. 18)

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Votación Temprana en el Chicago Election Board, 69 W. Washington, Planta Baja

Horas: Lunes-Sábado, 9 am-5 pm

Abierto en el Día de Lincoln (Feb. 12), 9 am-miércoles; Abierto en el Día de Presidentes, 9 am-miércoles;

Abierto en Domingos, 9 am-3 pm

(English on reverse side)