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Voters must affiliate by Jan. 4 to participate in March 1 Precinct Caucus

Caucus is first step to shaping ballot initiatives and selecting candidates for elections

LITTLETON, CO – Voters should register to vote and affiliate as Republican or Democrat by Jan. 4 at www.govotecolorado.com in order to participate in the March 1 Precinct Caucus for their political party.

A Precinct Caucus is a neighborhood meeting operated by the political parties, where affiliated voters may get involved in selecting delegates for their party's County and State Assemblies. This is an important step in the democratic process, because the delegates will eventually elect county, state and congressional candidates to appear on the party's June 28 Primary Election ballot, and also approve a party platform for 2016. In addition, registered voters who attend the Caucus may register to be an election judge in the upcoming election.

Any registered voter who is affiliated with the Republican or Democratic Party may attend the caucus in their precinct for that party. Arapahoe County's Republican and Democratic Party caucuses will be held in the evening on March 1 at schools, community centers, churches and homes.

The Precinct Caucus will be followed by the County Assembly, the State Assembly and the Primary Election. A candidate must receive 30 percent of the delegate vote at an assembly in order to be placed on the June 28 Primary Election ballot. A candidate may bypass the caucus and assemblies and petition their way onto the Primary Election ballots. The winners of each Primary race will appear on the ballot in the Nov. 8 General Election.

As of Dec. 22, Arapahoe County's 313,717 active registered voters included 98,039 Republicans (31.25 percent) and 102,058 Democrats (32.53 percent).

For more information about the caucus or assembly process, please contact the Arapahoe County Democratic Party at 303-481-8273 or visit www.arapahoedems.org or the Arapahoe County Republican Party at 303-779-1115 or visit www.arapahoerepublicans.org.

For more information about voting in Arapahoe County elections, please call 303-795-4511 or visit www.arapahoevotes.com.

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