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CAUCUS DEADLINES FAST APPROACHING

In 2012, the Republican and Democratic parties are holding their precinct caucuses one month apart. The Republican caucus will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2012. The Democratic caucus will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2012. In Colorado, Precinct Caucus Day is held in even-numbered years on the first Tuesday in March. However, in a Presidential Election year, Colorado law gives each party the option to hold caucus one month earlier on the first Tuesday in February.

Different caucus dates means each party has different affiliation and registration deadlines. To participate, a voter must be affiliated with that party 2 months prior to the caucus. They must also be a resident of the precinct for 30 days prior to the caucus. The table below shows where those dates fall for the 2012 caucuses. The first of those deadlines is fast approaching. The last day to affiliate with the Republican Party in order to participate in caucus is Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

Date / Deadline	Event
Wednesday December 7, 2011	Last day to affiliate with the Republican Party in order to vote in the February 7th Republican Party precinct caucus. (2 months before the precinct caucus)
Friday January 6, 2012	Last day to affiliate with the Democratic Party and American Constitution Party in order to vote in the March 6th Democratic Party and American Constitution Party precinct caucus. (2 months before the precinct caucus)
Monday, January 9, 2012	Last day to register to vote for the February 7th Republican Party precinct caucus. (Must be a resident of the precinct for 30 days and registered no later than 29 days before the precinct caucus.)
Monday February 6, 2012	Last day to register to vote for the March 6th Democratic Party and American Constitution Party precinct caucus. (Must be a resident of the precinct for 30 days and registered no later than 29 days before the precinct caucus.)

Tuesday February 7, 2012	Republican Party Precinct Caucus Day
Tuesday March 6, 2012	Democratic Party and American Constitution Party Precinct Caucus Day

Colorado does not have a Presidential Primary Election. Instead, persons who participate in caucus have an opportunity to become delegates to county and state assemblies and eventually the national convention. Delegates to the national convention vote to place a party's candidate for President on the November ballot.

Precinct caucuses are conducted by the political parties in accordance with Colorado law and each party's by-laws. To learn more about your precinct caucus, you may contact your local political party. To register to vote or update your party affiliation, please visit www.votebroomfield.org or come to our office at 1 DesCombes Drive in Broomfield, Mondays through Fridays from 8:00am to 5:00pm.