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Sec'y of State Jim Condos Announces Vermont Election Night Reporting

Montpelier, VT - Secretary of State Jim Condos is pleased to announce a pilot program to provide unofficial election night results for the 2012 election cycle. The results will be posted as they are received from towns on the following website:

<http://vtelectionresults.com>

"When fully implemented, this will provide more accurate and up to date election night results to Vermont's public, the media, and candidates," said Secretary Condos.

While not required by Vermont law, the Secretary of State, through the Elections Division, has asked and is encouraging all town and city clerks to log into a secure election results database to enter the results of the Presidential Primary as quickly as possible after the polls close. In Towns and Cities that use vote tabulators, the results could start coming in quickly after the polls close. In Towns that hand count the ballots, it may be later in the evening or Wednesday morning before results are entered by the town.

"If the 2012 pilots are successful, I expect to ask the legislature to require use of the automated unofficial election results system in 2013 for future elections," stated Condos.

The website will refresh the display of results every five minutes to update and add town by town results. For March 6, this will be only for the Presidential Republican and Democratic Primaries; there will be no municipal election results on the website.

The website will also provide an automatic RSS feed to the Associated Press. We encourage interested citizens to visit the website on election night. We expect that the majority of towns that participate will enter results between 9 pm and 11 pm.

Secretary of State Jim Condos has over 20 years of elected public service, including 18 years at the local level and 8 years as a Vermont State Senator, in addition to more than 30 years of private sector business experience.

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