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## **Secretary of State Jim Condos says 7 Candidates File Petitions For Vermont's Presidential Primaries**

Montpelier, VT – Secretary of State Jim Condos announced today that seven candidates filed petitions to be placed on the ballot in Vermont's Presidential Primary by today's 5:00 p.m. deadline. Six candidates filed petitions for the Republican ballot and one candidate for the Democratic ballot.

Barack Obama of Illinois was the lone Democrat filing for the March 6, 2012, Presidential Primary.

The Republicans filing petitions in Vermont are:

- Newt Gingrich of Virginia
- Jon Huntsman of Utah
- Ron Paul of Texas
- Rick Perry of Texas
- Mitt Romney of Massachusetts
- Rick Santorum of Virginia

Vermont law requires any candidate seeking to have his or her name printed on the ballot of a major party presidential primary must file petitions signed by no fewer than 1,000 Vermont voters, along with a \$2,000 filing fee. 17 V.S.A. §§2701-2702

This year, as a result of a Constitutional Amendment passed in November 2010, 17 year olds who will turn 18 by the November 6<sup>th</sup> general election, are eligible to register and vote in Vermont's Presidential Primary.

*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 Senate, in addition to more than 30 years of private sector business experience.*

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