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While Farmington City Hall is open the day before the primary – Monday, Feb. 21 – also known as President's Day, Farmington Hills is not, officially. But for election purposes, the clerk's staff will be there 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"When the Legislature picked this date they moved it up because they wanted Michigan results earlier than in other states," Dornan said.

What legislators didn't immediately realize is that they planned the primary the day after a holiday when many city halls are closed. In Farmington Hills that could mean paying double time for some employees who will be asked to come in on the holiday to set up for the primary election the following day.

The state Legislature allocated $5 million to pay for the primary election. "We have to keep track of certain costs," Dornan said, adding the two cities do not have to pay for this election.

To participate in this primary, voters are not required to officially declare their party. But you vote for only one party.

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Only the Republicans will recognize the outcome of voting in this open primary. The Democrats – Lyndon LaRouche is the only candidate on the ballot – and Reform Party – represented by Donald Trump – do not.

The Democratic National Committee has decided it won't recognize the outcome of votes in "open primaries," because such primaries allow for crossover voting.

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The Reform Party isn't recognizing any individual state's results. Instead, it will hold its own national primary election later this year.

There is no law to prevent voters from casting ballots in both the primary and the March 11 caucuses. There is also no cross-checking system to determine if a voter casts ballots in both the Feb. 22 primary and the March 11 caucuses.

In the primary, any registered voter may participate. In the caucus, Democrats ask only that voters declare themselves to be Democrats when registering. To participate in the caucus, voters need not be actual party members.

The local clerks also remind voters that the Feb. 22 primary in Farmington and Farmington Hills is for the office of president only.

Primary ballot:

The following candidates and political parties will appear on the Feb. 22 presidential primary election:

Republican Party Section
(Vote for not more than one)
- Steve Forbes
- Orrin Hatch
- Alan Keyes
- John McCain
- Gary Bauer
- George W. Bush
- Uncommitted

Democratic Party Section
(Vote for not more than one)
- Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.
- Uncommitted

Reform Party Section
(Vote for not more than one)
- Donald J. Trump
- Uncommitted

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