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KS Presidential Caucuses March 5th

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Republicans and Democrats in Kansas both hope March 5 caucuses will lure serious contenders for their parties' 2016 presidential nominations into the state.

Each party's executive director said Monday that it picked a Saturday for its contest to lessen the chances that prospective voters would have to miss work to participate.

The date also is only four days after Super Tuesday, when a dozen states are expected to have caucuses or primaries.

The parties' executive directors said the timing of the election could make it attractive for candidates to come to Kansas to campaign.

Each state party plans to use the caucus results to allocate delegates to its national nominating convention among its presidential candidates.

Kansas has 40 delegates to the Republican convention and 37 to the Democratic convention.

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