

## APPENDIX B. STATE PARTY AFFILIATION AND PRIMARY RULES CHART

State	Primary Type	State tracks party affiliation?	Affiliation Deadline	Unaffiliated can vote on day of primary?	Other Comments	Statutory Cite
Alabama	Open	N	n/a	n/a	Parties have the option under state law to require primary voters to sign a statement that they will support the party's nominees in the general election. Parties also have an option generally to impose other qualifications. No party currently uses either	Ala. Code § 17-13-7
Alaska	Semi-closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	N	Parties have the option of holding open, semi-closed, or closed primaries under state law. Currently, the Republicans hold a semi-closed primary, while the Democrats, Libertarians, and Independence Party all hold open primaries. The state is classified	Alaska Stat. §§ 15.25.014, .060
Arizona	Mixed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	N	Presidential primaries in Arizona are closed. Other primaries are closed or semi-closed at the choice of parties. Currently, all parties opt for semi-closed primaries.	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 16-467; Ariz. Att'y Gen. Op. No. I99-025 (R99-049)
Arkansas	Open	Y	n/a	n/a	State law provides that parties have the discretion to impose additional qualifications for primary participation, but no party currently does so.	Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-307
California	Closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	N	Parties have the option of holding closed or semi-closed primaries. For most recent primary, both the Republicans and the Democrats held semi-closed primaries but not all ballot-qualified minor parties did so.	Cal. Elec. Code §§ 2151, 2152
Colorado	Closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline for affiliated voters; Election Day for unaffiliated voters	Y		Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7-201
Connecticut	Closed	Y	Three-month waiting period for affiliated voters; day before election for unaffiliated voters	N	State law provides that parties can choose to hold semi-closed primaries, but no party currently does so.	Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 9-23a; 9-431; 9-59
Delaware	Closed	Y	Nov. 1 for February presidential primary; March 31 for Sept. 9 regular primary	N		Del. Code Ann. tit.15, §§ 2049, 3110, 3189

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District of Columbia	Closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	N		D.C. Code §§ 1-1001.07; -1001.09
Florida	Closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	N		Fla. Stat. §§ 97.055; 101.021
Georgia	Open	N	n/a	n/a		Ga. Code Ann. § 21-2-224
Hawaii	Open	N	n/a	n/a		Haw. Rev. Stat. § 12-31
Idaho	Open	N	n/a	n/a		Idaho Code Ann. §§ 34-904, -1107
Illinois	Facially closed	N	n/a	n/a	Voters must formally affiliate with parties on the day of a primary election. Voters can be challenged as not being genuine members of a party. Statutory law still provides that the voter can only overcome that challenge by making a sworn statement that t	10 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/7-43, -45
Indiana	Facially closed	N	n/a	n/a	Indiana law provides that only voters who voted for a majority of a party's nominees at the last general election and will vote for a majority at the upcoming election (or, if a voter did not vote in the last general election, only the latter condition) m	Ind. Code §§ 3-10-1-6, -9
Iowa	Closed	Y	Election Day	Y		Iowa Code §§ 43.38, .32
Kansas	Closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline for affiliated voters; Election Day for unaffiliated voters	Y		Kan. Stat. Ann. §§ 25-3301, -3304, -4502
Kentucky	Closed	Y	December 31 of previous year for May primary	N		Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 116.055
Louisiana	Mixed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	N	Primaries for federal offices are closed, but could be opened to unaffiliated voters at discretion of parties. State uses "top two" nonpartisan blanket primary for state and local offices.	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 18:511, :1275.1

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Maine	Closed	Y	Fifteen-day waiting period before change of affiliation is effective for affiliated voters; Election Day for unaffiliated voters	Y	Parties have statutory option of opening primaries to all voters. In addition to fifteen-day waiting period for change of affiliation for affiliated voters, voters can't change party affiliation again in the three months after a first change of affiliation	Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, §§ 143, 144, 340
Maryland	Closed	Y	Twelve weeks before a primary election	N	While parties have option to open their primaries under state law, currently no party does so.	Md. Code Ann., Elec. Law §§ 3-303, 8-202
Massachusetts	Semi-closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	Y		Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 53, § 37
Michigan	Open	N	n/a	n/a		Mich. Comp. Laws § 168.575
Minnesota	Open	N	n/a	n/a		Minn. Stat. § 204D.08
Mississippi	Facially closed	N		n/a	Mississippi law provides that voters must intend to support a party's nominees in the general election in order to participate in the primary election, but there is no way to enforce this rule.	Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-575
Missouri	Open	N	n/a	n/a		Mo. Rev. Stat. § 115.397
Montana	Open	N	n/a	n/a		Mont. Code Ann., § 13-10-301
Nebraska	Mixed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	N	Partisan primaries are generally closed, except that Congressional primaries are open. The state legislature, however, is elected on a nonpartisan basis	Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-312
Nevada	Closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	N		Nev. Rev. Stat. §§ 293.287, 293.518, 293.560
New Hampshire	Closed	Y	For affiliated voters, first Wednesday in June for September primary election; Friday before the October filing period for January presidential preference primary; for unaffiliated voters, Election Day	Y	Parties have the option of closed or semi-closed primaries, and all parties currently close their primaries. However, New Hampshire has a separate same-day affiliation rule for unaffiliated voters.	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann §§ 654:32, 34; 659:14

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New Jersey	Closed	Y	For affiliated voters, 50 days before the primary election; for unaffiliated voters, Election Day	Y		N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 19:23-45; 19:31-13.2
New Mexico	Closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	N		N.M. Stat. §§ 1-4-16, 1-12-7
New York	Closed	Y	Voter registration deadline for previous general election (October of prior year for both February presidential preference primary and September primary)	N		N.Y. Elec. Law § 5-304
North Carolina	Semi-closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline, except during one-stop voting period, voters who have been registered for at least four years may change party affiliation.	Y	Parties have the option of holding open or semi-closed primaries under state law. Currently, all parties that hold primary elections open their primaries to unaffiliated voters.	N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 163-59, -82.6A
North Dakota	Open	N	n/a	n/a	North Dakota has no voter registration.	N.D. Cent. Code, § 16.1-11-01 <i>et seq.</i>
Ohio	Facially closed	N	n/a	n/a	While there is no restriction on choosing a particular party's ballot in the first instance,, voters can be challenged on the basis of their lack of affiliation with a party if they voted in a different party primary in the previous two years. Voters can	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3513.19
Oklahoma	Closed	Y	June 1st for end-of-July primary	N		Okla. Stat. tit 26, § 4-119
Oregon	Closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	N	Parties have the choice of holding closed or semi-closed primaries. Currently all parties close their primaries.	Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 247.203, 254.365
Pennsylvania	Closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	N		25 Pa. Stat. Ann. §§ 1503, 2812, 3050
Rhode Island	Closed	Y	Ninety-day waiting period before change of affiliation is effective for affiliated voters; Election Day for unaffiliated voters	Y		R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 17-9.1-23, -24

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South Carolina	Open	N	n/a	n/a	While parties have the right to require additional qualifications for primary voters, no party currently does so.	S.C. Code Ann. § 7-9-20
South Dakota	Closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline	N	Parties have the choice under state law to hold closed or semi-closed primaries, but currently all parties close their primaries.	S.D. Codified Laws §§ 12-4-15, -6-26.
Tennessee	Facially closed	N	n/a	n/a	Tennessee law technically requires affiliation of a voter with a party before they vote in a primary, but also has a same-day affiliation rule.	Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 2-7-115, -126
Texas	Open	N	n/a	n/a	The act of voting in a party primary is itself an act of affiliation that bars the voter from participating in other party selection mechanisms, but that affiliation expires at the end of the year.	Tex Elec. Code Ann. § 172.086
Utah	Closed	Y	Ordinary registration deadline for affiliated voters; Election Day for unaffiliated voters	Y		Utah Code Ann. §§ 20A-2-107, 20A-2-107.5;
Vermont	Open	N	n/a	n/a		Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 17, § 2363
Virginia	Open	N	n/a	n/a		Va. Code Ann. § 24.2-530
Washington	Blanket	N	n/a	n/a	Washington holds both a partisan presidential preference primary, which is open to voters who have not participated in another party's caucus, and a blanket nonpartisan primary for all other offices.	Wash. Rev. Code § 29A.52.112
West Virginia	Semi-closed	Y	21 days before a primary	Y	Parties can choose to hold closed or semi-closed primaries under state law. Currently all parties hold semi-closed primaries.	W. Va. Code § 3-5-4
Wisconsin	Open	N	n/a	n/a		Wis. Stat. § 6.80
Wyoming	Closed	Y	Election Day	Y		Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 22-5-214