

## How does the Primary work in Oregon?

Voters have the choice of selecting a major, minor or no political party when they register to vote. Voters may also change their political party up to the 21<sup>st</sup> day prior to an election. (April 24<sup>th</sup> for May 15, 2018 election.)

Oregon has a closed primary. Some races are Partisan, mostly Statewide and Federal positions. Major political parties put forth partisan candidates to be nominated in the May Primary.

Voters registered with the Democrat, Republican or Independent Party will receive ballots with their party partisan races as well as statewide and local non partisan races.

Examples of non-partisan races are Statewide court judges, circuit court judges and local county and city positions.

Nonaffiliated (voters who choose “not a member of a party”) and voters that register with minor political parties such as Libertarian, Progressive, Pacific Green, Constitution and Working Families receive Statewide and local non-partisan races on their ballot because the parties do not put forth candidates to be nominated.

The major political parties have the option to OPEN the primary to Nonaffiliated voters so that they can vote for their candidates.

The Independent Party has OPENED their primary and nonaffiliated voters may request the ballot by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

