

YOUR ENROLLMENT AS A VOTER

When you register to vote, you may choose to enroll in a political party or political designation, or you may choose to remain “Unenrolled,” which is commonly referred to as independent.

Choosing to Enroll in a Political Party: The current recognized political parties in Massachusetts are:

Democratic Party (D)
Republican Party (R)
Libertarian Party (L)
Green-Rainbow Party (J)

If you enroll in any of the above parties, you may vote only in that party’s primary. Enrollment in a political party does not affect your right to vote in a general election. In a general election, all voters receive the same ballot and vote for the candidates of their choice, regardless of party enrollment.

Choosing No Enrollment: If you do not wish to enroll in any party or political designation, choose “No Party (Unenrolled)” on the voter registration form. This is commonly referred to as “independent.”

If you do not enroll in a party, you are still eligible to vote in state and presidential primaries by choosing a party ballot. You will remain Unenrolled after voting in a primary.

Choosing to Enroll in a Political Designation: In addition to the political parties listed above, there are certain legal political designations in which you can enroll. Currently these are:

- Conservative Party (A)
- Natural Law Party (B)
- New World Council (C)
- Reform Party (E)
- Rainbow Coalition (F)
- Green Party USA (G)
- We the People (H)
- Constitution Party (K)
- Timesizing Not Downsizing (M)
- New Alliance Party (N)
- Massachusetts Independent Party (O)
- Prohibition Party (P)
- American Independent Party (Q)
- Socialist (S)
- Interdependent 3rd Party (T)
- America First Party (V)
- Veterans Party America (W)
- Pirate (X)
- World Citizens Party (Y)
- Working Families (Z)
- Pizza Party (AA)
- American Term Limits (BB)
- United Independent Party (CC)
- Twelve Visions Party (DD)
- Latino-Vote Party (EE)
- The People’s Party (FF)

If you enroll in a political designation, you may vote in the state or presidential primary of your choice.

Changing Party Enrollment or Political Designation: Once you make an enrollment choice, you may change your enrollment status by notifying your election official in writing at least 20 days before a primary or election.

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