

YOUR ENROLLMENT AS A VOTER

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

Choosing to Enroll in a Political Party: There are four political parties in Massachusetts:

Democratic Party (D), (617) 776-2676

Republican Party (R), (617) 523-5005

Green-Rainbow (J), (413) 650-6542

United Independent Party (CC), (617) 2UNITED

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

Choosing No Enrollment in a Political Party: If you do not wish to enroll in a party, check the box next to “No Party (unenrolled)” on the voter registration form.

If you do not enroll in a party, you may still vote in state and presidential primaries by choosing a party ballot and will remain unenrolled, which is commonly referred to as “independent.”

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

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

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

Change 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.