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CLEAN ELECTIONS

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So you want to vote in a Primary Election...

- What is a Primary Election?
- When is a Primary Election Held?
- How do I qualify to vote in a Primary Election?
- Who can participate in a Primary Election?
- Where can I vote in a Primary Election?
Primary Elections

• What is a Primary Election?
  • A primary election serves to narrow down each recognized political party’s candidates. The candidates that win the nomination in the primary election advance to the general election.

• Primary elections occur every two years, always in an even year. These elections may include U.S. Federal, Arizona Legislative, County and local offices that are up for re-election.

• A Presidential Preference Election IS NOT a Primary Election.
Primary Elections in Arizona Law

- A.R.S. 16-201. Primary elections
  - A primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday in August in any year in which a general election or special election is held and at which candidates for public office are to be elected.

- Arizona’s Next Regular Primary Election:

  Tuesday, August 4, 2020
How Do I Qualify to Vote in Arizona’s Next Primary Election?
Register to Vote before July 6, 2020
Who Can Register to Vote in Arizona?

Required:
1. United States Citizen
2. 18 years of age or older by the next General Election
   • Next General Election: November 3, 2020
3. Resident of the state of Arizona for 29 Days before the Election in which they would like to vote

Disqualifying:
1. Not a United States Citizen
   • Permanent Resident, Green Card, etc.
2. Convicted felons who have not had their civil rights restored
3. Persons adjudicated incapacitated
Registration, Election and Voting Deadlines

- Register to vote deadline: 29 days before election
- PEVL ballots mailed out: 27 days before election
- Deadline to mail ballot: 7 days before election* (recommended)
- Deadline to turn in ballot: 7:00pm on Election Day
Qualify to Vote in Arizona’s 2020 Primary Election

2020 Primary Election: Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Voter Registration Deadline: Monday, July 6, 2020

Ballot Request Deadline: Friday, July 24, 2020

Last Day to Mail Ballot: Wednesday, July 29, 2020
(Drop off at Polling Place after this date)
Your Primary Election Ballot

• Federal and State candidates run on a ballot of candidates of their own party. The winner of this election is placed on the General Election ballot.

• Each voter receives a ballot based on their Party Affiliation and must vote the ballot of their registered party
  • Democratic Party
  • Republican Party
  • Green Party
  • Libertarian Party
Your Primary Election Ballot Selection

- Based on the party affiliation on your voter registration record you will receive the corresponding partisan ballot for your area (referred to as a *ballot style*):
  - Democratic Party Voter - Democratic Ballot (No Choice)
  - Republican Party Voter - Republican Ballot (No Choice)
  - Libertarian Party Voter - Libertarian Ballot (No Choice)
  - Green Party Voter - Green Ballot (No Choice)
  - Independent/NPD/IND/PND Voter - *Choice of Democratic, Republican or Green Party Ballot*
    - *Not applicable during the Presidential Preference Election*
Independents and Primary Elections

- **YES** - Independents and no party designated voters **CAN vote in Arizona’s Semi-Open Primary Elections**
  - “Open Primary” - All voters can take part in the election
  - “Closed Primary” - Only Partisan voters may take part in the election

- Because there is no non-partisan ballot, Independents must choose a Partisan ballot if they would like to vote
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- Available ballots for Independents to choose in a Primary Election:
  - Democratic Party Ballot
  - Republican Party Ballot
  - Green Party Ballot

- NOT AVAILABLE: Libertarian Party Ballot (Closed Primary for Libertarians)
HOW to participate as a voter registered no party designated or Independent:

- **Early Voting by Mail:** To receive a ballot in the mail, you must contact your County Recorder’s Office to specify the ballot type you wish to be sent to you. *Even if on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL), Independents still need to contact their County Recorder.*

- **Early Voting Location and Election Day:** Independent voters who vote in-person simply need to tell a poll worker which party ballot they wish to vote.
Special Primary Elections***

- Arizona can hold a Primary Election per Arizona Revised Statutes if a vacancy occurs in an elected office

- Special Primary Elections:
  - If a member of the U.S. House of Representatives leaves office for any reason, an election is held to fill the seat until the end of the original term.
Where to Vote in Your Primary Election

• Vote at Home:
  • Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL)
    • Sign up with your County Recorder or Elections Department
    • You can request to receive an early ballot in the mail even if not on PEVL by contacting your County Recorder

• Early Voting: Vote Center or Ballot Replacement Site

• Vote Center or Polling Place on Election Day!
Participation in Primary v. General Elections

Make your voice heard - participate in the Primary Election!
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Thank you