

# New Mexico Now has Semi-Open Primary Elections!



A primary election is an election held to allow voters to select major party candidates to move on to represent the parties in the general election. In the past, only voters registered with a major party could vote in a primary election in New Mexico. **That changes this year.**

## Major Party Voters

Registered with a major party? You can vote in your party's primary election. Once voting has started, you cannot change your party on your voter registration.

## Minor Party Voters

Registered with a minor party? You must register with a major party or update your voter registration declining to state a political party in order to vote in the primary election.

## Not Registered with a Qualified Political Party

Not registered with a qualified political party? You can select a major party's ballot and vote in the primary election without updating your voter registration.

## Unsure Voters

Not sure if you are registered with a qualified political party? Check your voter registration details at [NMVote.org](http://NMVote.org).

**Make a plan to vote today.**  
Learn More at [SOS.NM.GOV](http://SOS.NM.GOV)



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