

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) 939-0800
Republican Party (R)	(617) 523-5005
Libertarian Party (L)	(617) 902-0650
Green-Rainbow (J)	(413) 650-6542

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

If you enroll in any political designation you may vote in any state or presidential primary. Unenrolled voters and voters enrolled in a Political designation must declare a Party in Presidential and State Primaries.

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 an election.