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REGISTERING TO VOTE

When you register to vote, you may choose to enroll in a political party or a political designation or you may choose "Unenrolled" (sometimes referred to as Independent). In order to vote in any Election in Massachusetts, you **MUST** be registered to vote at least 20 days prior to the election.

CHOOSING "Unenrolled" is to "NOT" ENROLL IN A POLITICAL PARTY (formally known as Independent)

As an UNENROLLED voter in Massachusetts you may vote in State and Presidential Primaries by choosing any one party ballot for the primary at the polls or by Absentee Ballot. You will remain "Unenrolled" after you vote; you do not need to do anything further.

What is a Primary Election?

When voting in a Primary Election, you are choosing a candidate to run in the party you vote in. The purpose is to narrow down the number of Candidates that would run in the general election. It is an opportunity for you to select the candidate you would like to see represent a certain party. *Example: in 2016 the Republican Party had 17 candidates run for President of the United States. Voting in the Republican Primary Election allows you to select the Candidate that you want to represent the Republican Party in the general election.*

CHOOSING TO ENROLL IN A POLITICAL PARTY

Currently there are four political parties in Massachusetts:

- (D) Democratic Party
- (R) Republican Party
- (J) Green Rainbow
- (CC) United Independent Party

If you register to vote in any of these four parties you may vote only in that party's Primary Election.

In the general election you may vote for any candidate regardless of the party you are registered to vote in.

CHOOSING TO ENROLL IN A POLITICAL DESIGNATION: If you enroll in any political designation you may vote in any state or presidential primary, by choosing the party of your choice ballot.

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

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)		

CHANGE OF 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. Please come to the Town Clerk's Office to make a party change.

Dear Voter,

This information is provided to help you better understand the voting process. If this information is unclear, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office for clarification. The most expedient and accurate way to register to vote is through your Town Clerk's Office. Another option to register to vote is through the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website.

Go to: www.sec.state.ma.us

Select Voter Information

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If you are unable to visit your local Town Clerk, this website will give you detailed information about voting, as well.

Voting is an honor bestowed upon our citizens. If you 18 years or older and a U.S. citizen you have the right to vote in elections. Please take the time to read and understand your rights and participate in the election process.

Feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office in Westborough at 508-366-3020.

Respectfully,

Wendy L. Mickel

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