

## The June 2024 Primary Election and Political Party Affiliation

2024 is a big election year starting with the June Primary election! Are you familiar with the rules about voting in primary elections and changing your political party affiliation?

Only voters who are registered in a **MAJOR** political party can vote in Primary elections in New Mexico. New Mexico has three MAJOR political parties. In alphabetical order they are Democrat, Libertarian and Republican. All voters registered in a **MINOR** political party or Decline to State (**DTS**) must change their political party registration to a MAJOR political party to vote in the primary. After you vote in the primary, you can change your political party affiliation again.

Now for the good news! Your current voter registration determines which option you should follow if you want to change your political party affiliation for the primary election. Follow the directions in **Option A - MAJOR** party or **Option B MINOR** party and **DTS**.

### Option A – Major Party

If you are registered with a **MAJOR** party and want to change your party affiliation, you **must** do it at least 28 days prior to the **primary** election to vote for candidates in that party. You can change your party by going to your County Clerk's office, online at [NMVOTE.ORG](https://nmvote.org), or by filling out a new Voter Registration form. You **cannot** use Same Day Voter Registration (SDR) to switch parties during the Primary Election. You may however update your name, address, or other contact information during SDR.

### Option B – Minor Party or DTS

If you are registered with a **MINOR** party, or as Decline to State (**DTS**) you will **not** be able to vote in the June 4, 2024 primary unless you change your party affiliation to one of the three major parties. To make a change utilize Same Day Voter Registration (SDR) at your polling site. SDR is available on the day you go to vote during early voting and on election day. You can also make the change online on the [Secretary of State Website](#). If you choose to make the change online be sure to follow the 28 day rule.

**Note:** *MINOR* parties in New Mexico do not hold publicly funded primaries to choose their candidates, but rather nominating conventions at dates and locations of their choosing. Check each minor party's website for more information on details of their conventions and their rules governing convention voting qualifications.