

Great News for New Mexico Voters!!!

New Mexico Now Has Semi-Open Primaries

What Changed?



Primary Election

A primary election is how the Democratic and Republican political parties select their nominees for the General Election. Voters choose a single party ballot, and the winning candidate from each party will appear on the General Election ballot.



Semi-Open Primary Election

A Semi-Open Primary is a Primary Election in which independent and Decline-to-State (DTS) voters can participate without having to change their voter registration or party affiliation.

Who Can Vote?

Decline-to-State (DTS) and Independent Voters

Can now vote in the Primary without changing their voter registration to Democrat or Republican

Libertarian and Green Registered Voters

Must still change their party to Democrat or Republican to vote in the Primary but they can use Same Day Voter Registration (SDR) to make the change

Republican and Democratic Registered Voters

No change unless they want to change their party then they must do so by May 5th and cannot use Same Day Voter Registration (SDR)

Voter Type	Can They Vote?	Do They Have To Change Party?	Same Day Voter Registration
DTS	✓	No	✓
Independent	✓	No	✓
Libertarian	✓	Yes	✓
Green	✓	Yes	✓
Republican	✓	No	Can't Change Party
Democrat	✓	No	Can't Change Party



All voters, particularly those who recently changed their registration, should check their registration status at voterportal.servis.sos.state.nm.us/wheretovote.aspx
Changes made after May 5 (online, paper, or at MVD) take effect after the primary.

