



## WHO CAN VOTE IN THE 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION?

This year for the first time New Mexico will have a semi-open primary, which means more registered voters will be able to vote.

- For voters registered with the Democratic or Republican Party, there is no change. If they want to switch parties, they must do so by May 5<sup>th</sup>. They cannot change their party at the polls.
- Voters registered with the Libertarian or Green Party can change registration to Democrat, Republican or Decline-to-State by May 5 online, by mail, at the MVD. Or, they can do it at the polls using Same Day Registration (SDR).
- Voters registered with any other party, independent, or Decline-to-State (DTS) can vote in the primary without changing their voter registration. They may request the ballot of their choice at the polls.
- Same Day Registration (SDR) is available to unregistered adult citizens.
- Details are still being worked out for voting by absentee ballot.

Check your voter registration status at NM Voter Portal:  
<https://voterportal.servis.sos.state.nm.us/wheretovote.aspx>

Registration changes made online, on paper, or at MVD after May 5 will not take effect until after the primary election on June 2, 2026.

