

Modified Closed Primary and Non-Partisan Voters

The California Primary election system is unique in that it allows non-partisan voters, also known as decline to state voters, to vote either a non-partisan ballot or a ballot from a political party that allows cross-over voting. (Non-partisan voters are voters who have registered non-partisan, have declined to state a political party or are registered with a non-qualified political party.)

If you did not select a political party when you registered to vote, some of the political parties will allow you to vote for their candidates. Upon request, you can vote a ballot of any political party that has notified the Secretary of State that it will permit non-partisan voters to help nominate their candidates.

The following political parties are allowing non-partisan voters to request and vote their party's ballot except for Central Committee races at the June 3, 2008, Statewide Direct Primary Election:

- **American Independent Party** *(excluding Central Committee races) Please note this is political party, and not to be confused with an "independent voter."*
- **Democratic Party** *(excluding Central Committee races)*
- **Republican Party** *(excluding Central Committee races)*

The Green Party, Libertarian Party, and the Peace and Freedom Party will not be allowing non-partisan voters to vote their party's ballot in this election. As always, you may choose to vote for the nominee of any political party on the November General Election ballot.

You may NOT request more than one party's ballot. If you do not request a specific ballot, you will be given a non-partisan ballot containing only state and local measures to be voted upon at the June 3, 2008, Statewide Direct Primary Election.

How and when to choose: To receive a party ballot, go to your polling place on Election Day and state your choice to the poll worker. If voting a vote by mail ballot, follow the application instructions on the back cover of this booklet.

You may contact the Elections Division if you have questions about this process at 530-886-5650 or toll free in California at 1-800-824-8683. You may also contact the Secretary of State's Office at their toll free number 1-800-345-8683 or visit their website at www.sos.ca.gov for more information.