

History of Political Parties That Have Adopted Party Rules Regarding No Party Preference Voters

Since January 1, 2001, California has had a "modified" closed primary system that permits "no party preference" (formally known as "decline-to-state") voters to participate in a party's primary election if authorized by the individual party's rules and duly noticed to the Secretary of State. If authorized by a party, no party preference voters would be allowed to vote for the office of U.S. President for that party.

Listed below is the history of the political parties who adopted a party rule permitting no party preference voters to request a party ballot in recent primary elections for partisan offices.

June 5, 2012, Presidential Primary Election

American Independent Party, letter dated January 23, 2012

Democratic Party, letter dated January 19, 2012

June 8, 2010, Statewide Direct Primary Election

Democratic Party, letter dated January 7, 2010

Republican Party, letter dated January 25, 2010

June 3, 2008, Statewide Direct Primary Election

American Independent Party, letters dated January 22 and January 24, 2008

Democratic Party, letter dated January 8, 2008

Republican Party, letter dated September 24, 2007

February 5, 2008, Presidential Primary Election

American Independent Party, letter dated August 23, 2007

Democratic Party, letter dated September 19, 2007

June 6, 2006, Primary Election

American Independent Party, letter dated January 10, 2006

Democratic Party, letter dated January 4, 2006

Republican Party, letter dated January 23, 2006

March 2, 2004, Primary Election

American Independent Party, letter dated September 30, 2003

Democratic Party, letter dated October 20, 2003

Republican Party, letter dated October 20, 2003