Note 1: "Although counties have been required to report the party affiliation of California's registered voters since 1915, the first statewide record did not appear until 1922, and no records are available prior to that date." See Eugene C. Lee, *California Votes 1928 - 1960*, Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, 1963, quoted at page 26.

Note 2: Prior to 1944, the presidential primary was held in May, and a second primary was held in September or August to nominate partisan candidates for congress, the state senate, and the assembly. In 1944, these primary elections were consolidated into a single primary election date.

Note 3: Since the statewide primary election party nomination process began in 1910, fifteen parties have qualified to conduct primary elections, including:

- Democratic 1910 - present
- Republican 1910 - present
- Independence League 1910
- Prohibition 1910 - 1962
- Socialist 1910 - 1932
- Progressive ("Bull Moose") 1912 - 1918
- Liberty 1923 - 1934
- Commonwealth 1934 - 1938
- Communist 1934 - March 1944
- Progressive 1934 - 1938
- Townsend 1938 - 1942
- Independent Progressive 1948 - 1954
- American Independent 1968 - present
- Peace and Freedom 1968 - present
- Libertarian 1980 - present
- Green 1992 - present

Prior to 1910, many parties either conducted conventions or held primary elections to select their candidates for the statewide general election. The five parties whose names are preceded by an asterisk were active before 1910.