



IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE Elections, Campaign Disclosure and Lobbyists

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Idaho Primary Election - 2012

- Only registered Republican voters will be allowed to vote in the Republican Primary.
- Members of the Democratic, Republican, Constitution or Libertarian Parties and those who do not affiliate with any party will be permitted to vote the Democratic Ballot if they so choose.
- Those not registered with a party may do so on election day.
- The poll book and registered voter history will reflect which ballot the elector voted.

Beginning in 2011, a law went into effect that restricts an elector to voting only in the primary election of the political party for which he or she is registered, unless a party notified the Secretary of State in writing that the political party elects to allow additional voters (unaffiliated voters and/or voters registered with another party) to participate in the party's primary election. (See Idaho Code 34-904A.)

On November 2, 2011, the Democratic Party exercised the option to open their primary election to include voters not affiliated with the party.

The Republican Party did not exercise the same option. Voting in the Republican Primary election will be limited to party members only.

Therefore, for the 2012 Primary Election, the only electors who can vote on the Republican Ballot are those who have affiliated, including those who affiliate on election day, with the Republican Party. Members of the Democratic, Republican, Constitution or Libertarian Parties and those who do not affiliate with any party will be permitted to vote the Democratic Ballot if they so choose. An elector can vote only one party ballot however, and the poll book and registered voter history will reflect which ballot the elector voted.
