

# FLORIDA IS A CLOSED PRIMARY STATE

## 1 *What is a Closed Primary State?*

A **closed primary** is a type of Primary Election used to choose candidates who will run in the General Election. Florida is one of 14

## 2 *Who can vote in a closed primary State?*

In a Closed Primary State, for partisan office contests, a **voter may only vote for candidates of the party in which the voter is registered (F.S. 101.021)**. The voter's ballot style is determined by the voter's party affiliation at book closing (29-days prior to election day), which is why different ballot styles exist in a Primary Election.

Voters registered with no party affiliation (NPA) are not eligible to vote for partisan candidates in Primary Election unless Universal Primary Contests (UPC)\* occurs. Therefore, it is important to indicate your preferred party affiliation at the time you register. If you do not affiliate with a party, you will be registered without party affiliation. All registered voters regardless of party affiliation are entitled to vote for non-partisan candidates and issues. Your party does

## 3 *Deadline to change your party*

All party changes for a Primary Election must be made by the registration deadline (book closing) which is on the **29th day before each election (F.S. 97.055)**. If the request is made after the deadline, the change will not take effect until after the election.



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