

Providing Absentee Ballots for the Semi-Open Presidential Primary

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This memo and chart clarify procedures for providing party ballots for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary.

1. Only the Democratic and Republican parties are conducting primaries. Voters enrolled in the D or R party must be provided the ballot for the party in which they are enrolled.
2. Unenrolled voters can participate in either primary by selecting the Democratic or Republican ballot without enrolling in the party. Voters can only vote in one primary.
3. Voters enrolled in the Green Independent, Libertarian, or No Labels parties must either withdraw their enrollment or change their enrollment to the D or R party to be eligible for a ballot, but they must do so at least 15 days before the primary in order to be eligible to vote in the primary. Voters MUST stay in a party for 3 months before they are eligible to either withdraw their enrollment or change enrollment to a different party.

Enrollment Status	Party Ballot Selection	Accept or Reject Absentee Application	Which Ballot to Provide	Other Instructions	Enter in CVR?
Unenrolled	Selected Democratic or Republican	Accept	Provide the D or R ballot selected.	Write "U-D" or "U-R" in Enrollment box on app.	Yes, enter D or R in "Ballot Issued Information Memo" field (see CVR Memo)
	Not Selected	ABR Request – Reject in ABR	Voter will receive a rejection email from ABR with instructions to submit another application with a party ballot selection.	File application in "Unenrolled Rejected" file.	No
		Non-ABR Request – Accept	Contact voter by phone or email to obtain the party ballot selection.	Write "U-D" or "U-R" in Enrollment box on app.	Yes, once ballot selection is obtained. Enter a D or R in "Ballot Issued Information" field (see CVR Memo)
Democrat	Selected Democratic	Accept	Provide the Democratic ballot.	Write "D" on the Enrollment box on app.	Yes
	Selected Republican	Accept	Verify enrollment by checking both CVR and the voter card to ensure that the voter is a Democrat. <u>Provide the Democratic ballot.</u>	Write "D" on the Enrollment box on app.	Yes
Republican	Selected Democratic	Accept	Verify enrollment by checking both CVR and the voter card to ensure that the voter is a Republican. <u>Provide the Republican ballot.</u>	Write "R" on the Enrollment box on app.	Yes
	Selected Republican	Accept	Provide the Republican ballot.	Write "R" on the Enrollment box on app.	Yes
Green Independent, Libertarian or No Labels	Selected Democratic or Republican or no selection	ABR Request – Reject in ABR	Verify enrollment by checking both CVR and the voter card. Reject if G, L, or NL. Voter will receive a rejection email from ABR with instructions about their ineligibility.	File application in "Party Name – Rejected" file.	No
		Non-ABR Request – Reject by mail or email	Verify enrollment by checking both CVR and the voter card. Reject if G, L, or NL. Send a rejection notice by mail or email (if you have one) with same text as the ABR rejection.		