



Primary Election vs General Election

Primary Elections are when candidates of the SAME party run against each other to determine who will be on the ballot in the General Election in November. The Presidential Primary for NY is April 2

New York State has what is called "closed primary" meaning you can only vote in a primary election if you are a member of that political party. You have until February 14th to add or change your party if you want to vote in this year's Presidential Primary Election.

General Election is when candidates of DIFFERENT parties run against each other, this is also the final election that determines who actually takes the position for which the candidates are running.

> Enrolling in a political party does NOT affect who you have to vote for in the November General Election, it ONLY affects whether you are eligible to vote in primary elections.

Inactive Voter Record vs. Purged Voter Record

The Board of Elections is obligated by Election Law to attempt to keep voter records up to date. Part of that means that we must update voter records if we are notified that a person has moved to a new address, or even that they no longer live at the address on file.

Inactive Voter Record – Means a voter IS STILL REGISTERED but may not have kept their voter information up to date. An Inactive voter needs to have their information verified or updated, and so will not be able to voter on the voting machines, but will be able to vote by Affidavit Ballot. Unless there are extenuating circumstances an Inactive Voter will have their Affidavit Ballot counted.

Purged Voter Record – Means a person is NO LONGER REGISTERED, this person is ineligble to vote in any elections. This person will need to submit a new voter registration form and make a new voter record. (Under most circumstances the Board of Elections will only change a voter status to Purged after it has been Inactive for a period of time that includes 2 federal elections.)

How do I check my voter status?

You can do so by going to: <u>www.monroecounty.gov/etc/voter/</u> or \rightarrow

A Message from Board of Elections



Jackie Ortiz



Commissioner Lisa Polito Nicolay

Starting this year any voter can request an Early Voting Mail Ballot.

This works the same as an Absentee Ballot except for 2 things:

- You do not need to be sick, disabled, or out of the County to request one – it's just another option for voting.
- 2) You must submit a new request every year you wish to use this method of voting.

Like with a traditional Absentee Ballot, you will not be able to vote on a voting machine for any election you requested a Mail Ballot for (but can vote in-person via affidavit ballot) and the deadlines for requesting one are the same.

For more information or to apply visit:

www.monroecounty.gov/electionsearlyvoting





585-753-1550

Checking your Voter Status

By entering your Last Name, Date of Birth and Street Address, you can check your voter registration status online, you can also see your:

- (1) Current Political Party
- 2) Absentee Ballot Status*
- (3) Polling Place
- A Map showing your Polling Place's location
- (5) Sample Ballot

Language Access

Monroe County is leading the State in language access for elections with the introduction of the Language Access Device (LAD) last year. The LAD uses the Propio One app, which is able to provide video calls to live interpreters for translation of more than 350 languages, including ASL.



Scan the QR Code or follow the link below to view a short video from Propio One showcasing how easy

the LAD is to use.



Need to vote by Absentee Ballot in the **Presidential Primary** Election?

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What you will see whan you enter your information into the Voter Status webpage www.monroecounty.gov/etc/voter/

WENEED POLL WORKERS!

It's a Presidential Election year so we need more help than ever!

Sign up online at the BOE's website: www.monroecounty.gov/elections-inspectors

Already a Poll Worker? - Recruit Your Friends! Training emails will be going out soon. If you don't see one, check your spam, promotions, or trash folders because sometimes automatic filters may accidentally send them there (and make BOETraining@monroecounty.gov a trusted email contact so that doesn't happen in the future).

Go to: www.monroecounty.gov/elections-absentee for more information, both printable and online applications, or you can call the Board of Elections and request we mail one to you. (*Remember you will not be allowed to vote on a voting machine for any election you have requested an absentee ballot for.)

BOE@monroecounty.gov

Presidential Primary Application deadlines: By Mail: March 20 - In Person: April 1

