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What's Happening Now at the Town Clerk's Office:

Important Reminders for the 2018 September Primary

The deadline to register to vote for the Primary or Change your Political Party affiliation is Wednesday August 15th by 8:00 p.m.

The deadline to apply for and vote by absentee in person is Friday August 31st by 5:00 p.m.

If you need to apply for an application by mail and/or need a ballot send to you by mail, you must do so as soon as possible to allow for mailing time.

Democratic Party	D	Political Party-Voter can ONLY receive this ballot at the Primary Election
Republican Party	R	Political Party-voter can ONLY receive this ballot at the Primary Election
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WHO Can Vote in the September Primary?

In Massachusetts, registered voters may choose to (1) enroll in a ***political party***; (2) enroll with a ***political designation***; or (3) choose to be an ***"unenrolled" voter*** (i.e., an "independent").

Voters may change their enrollment status with their election official, with a deadline twenty days before an election.

All registered voters may vote in General Elections. Massachusetts voters enrolled in a particular Political PARTY may vote only in that party's primary, and cannot cross-over to vote in another party's primary, but "Unenrolled" voters may cast a primary ballot for one of the three parties. ***Political designations are treated as "Unenrolled" voters for primary purposes***, and so they too may choose to vote in one of the party primaries. When an "Unenrolled" voter or a voter registered under a "Political Designation" goes to vote they will then "declare" their choice of

ballot at the Check In table and their choice will be indicated on the voting rolls. (M.G.L. Ch. 53, S.37)

Under Massachusetts law, a political designation is created when fifty registered Massachusetts voters "file a form with the Secretary of the Commonwealth requesting that they, or any other voters, may change their registration to such designation. These non-party political designations may field candidates for statewide office only if they petition with a sufficient number of signatures (10,000).

The various political designations have generally small membership, although they have attracted some media attention.

List of Current Political Parties and Designations

As of 2016, the Secretary of the Commonwealth listed 3 officially recognized political parties and 25 officially recognized political designations in Massachusetts.

Designation	Abbreviation	Type
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America First Party	V	non-party political designation
American Independent Party	Q	non-party political designation
American Term Limits	BB	non-party political designation
Conservative Party	A	non-party political designation
Constitution Party	K	non-party political designation

Green Party USA	G	non-party political designation
Green-Rainbow Party	J	non-party political designation
Interdependent 3rd Party	T	non-party political designation
Latino-Vote Party		non-party political designation
Massachusetts Independent Party	O	non-party political designation
Natural Law Party	B	non-party political designation
New Alliance Party	N	non-party political designation
New World Council	C	non-party political designation
Pirate	X	non-party political designation
Pizza Party	AA	non-party political designation
Prohibition Party	P	non-party political designation
Rainbow Coalition	F	non-party political designation
Reform Party	E	non-party political designation
Socialist	S	non-party political designation
Timesizing Not Downsizing	M	non-party political designation

Twelve Visions Party	DD	non-party political designation
United Independent Party	CC	non-party political designation
Veterans Party America	W	non-party political designation
We The People	H	non-party political designation
Working Families	Z	non-party political designation
World Citizens Party	Y	non-party political designation

Our Website:

Our website information is below.

<https://www.milfordma.gov/> (Main page)

<https://www.milfordma.gov/town-clerk> (Town Clerk’s page)