



# Hart InterCivic

## Service Bulletin

EDX Files and Fusion Results Imports in a Primary Election

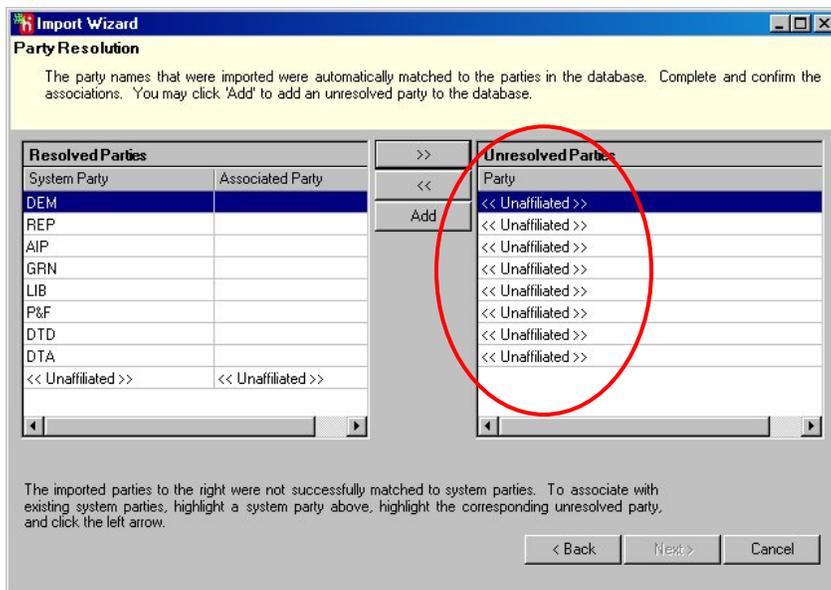
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Fusion versions affected: 3.x

### What is the issue?

It has come to our attention that Fusion users may have trouble correctly importing results into Fusion if the EDX export file from Tally has one or more empty **Party Name** field(s). This happens if some or all of the **Party Name** fields are left blank in BOSS.

Leaving **Party Name** fields blank in BOSS can cause some or all parties to appear as <<Unaffiliated>> on the Party Resolution window while importing results into Fusion. <<Unaffiliated>> should normally appear only as the name of the Non-Partisan party in Fusion. Blank **Party Name** fields can also cause Fusion to display too few or too many parties in the **Unresolved Parties** field in Fusion. This can make it impossible to proceed beyond this screen.



### How can the issue be resolved?

The issue can be avoided in one of two ways:

**Method #1:** Manually editing each EDX file before it is imported into Fusion; OR

**Method #2:** Including party names in the BOSS database.

See the following pages for step-by-step instructions for each of these two resolution methods.

## Method #1: Manually Editing the EDX file:

To edit the EDX file, right click on the file and select **Open With**. Next, select **Choose Program**. Highlight **Notepad** and click **OK**. Approximately 15 lines into the file you will see a section that looks like this:

```
<Parties>
  <Party name="" id="2" code="DEM"/>
  <Party name="" id="3" code="REP"/>
  <Party name="" id="4" code="AIP"/>
  <Party name="" id="5" code="GRN"/>
  <Party name="" id="6" code="LIB"/>
  <Party name="" id="7" code="DTD"/>
  <Party name="" id="8" code="DTA"/>
  <Party name="" id="1" code="NP" isUnaffiliatedParty="true"/>
</Parties>
```

In the example above, note that the field after <Party name= is currently blank and includes only quotation marks ("").

To correct this file, you will insert the Party Code between the quotes after <Party name =. Using the above file as an example, after copying the Party Code field into the Party Name field, the corrected file would look like this:

```
<Parties>
  <Party name="DEM" id="2" code="DEM"/>
  <Party name="REP" id="3" code="REP"/>
  <Party name="AIP" id="4" code="AIP"/>
  <Party name="GRN" id="5" code="GRN"/>
  <Party name="LIB" id="6" code="LIB"/>
  <Party name="DTD" id="7" code="DTD"/>
  <Party name="DTA" id="8" code="DTA"/>
  <Party name="NP" id="1" code="NP" isUnaffiliatedParty="true"/>
</Parties>
```

## Method #2: Editing the BOSS database:

If you have not yet generated your BOSS database, you can avoid the issues listed above by simply entering text into the **Party Name** fields in the **Party Maintenance** window in BOSS. If you do not want the **Party Name** field to display on your ballots, start the **Party Name** field with two pipe characters (||). Note: When using method #2 you will see the Party Name appear on some Tally reports.

Code	Party Name	Primary Ballot Header
DEM	DEM	OFFICIAL BALLOT DEMOCRATIC
REP	REP	OFFICIAL BALLOT REPUBLICAN
AIP	AIP	OFFICIAL BALLOT AMERICAN INDEPENDENT
GRN	GRN	OFFICIAL BALLOT GREEN
LIB	LIB	OFFICIAL BALLOT LIBERTARIAN
DTD	DTD	OFFICIAL BALLOT DECLINE TO STATE - DEMOCRATIC
DTA	DTA	OFFICIAL BALLOT DECLINE TO STATE - AMERICAN INDEPENDENT
NP	NP	OFFICIAL BALLOT NON-PARTISAN

With or without the pipes, putting text in the BOSS **Party Name** field will cause your parties to automatically associate correctly in Fusion.

Please contact the Hart Customer Support Center at (866) ASK-HART/(866) 275-4278 if you need further assistance.