

# Washington State Presidential Primary

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- Washington's May 24 Presidential Primary gives voters a voice in the Republican and Democratic nominating process. The Primary was created by the Legislature in 1989 as a response to a citizen Initiative to the Legislature.
- Washington retains a hybrid system, with both caucuses and primaries. Democrats are using the March 26 caucuses to allocate national convention delegates; Republicans caucused Feb. 20, primarily for platform/resolution discussion and election of delegates to legislative and county conventions.
- The Presidential Primary is for both major parties. All registered voters are invited to take part. Voters must sign a party declaration and vote only in that party's primary in order for the ballot to count.
- Presidential Primaries, which are now used in most American states, are very popular, attracting candidates and media coverage to Washington. Primary participation is typically about 10 times greater than caucus turnout.
- April 25 is the deadline to register or update addresses/names online or by mail.
- Our 18-day voting period begins May 6.\* Please return ballots promptly. We recommend use of secure county drop boxes. \*(Clallam County ballots will be mailed May 4.)

Washington  
voters want a  
voice in choosing  
presidential  
nominees.  
A primary  
engages voters.

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