

## PARTIES TAKE OVER PRESIDENTIAL SELECTION PROCESS

The Missouri General Assembly eliminated the state's March presidential primary and turned the process over to the political parties in 2022. The League held an informational webinar for voters on changes in Missouri's presidential selection process on Wednesday, Jan. 17. A recording will be shared at [lwvmo.org](http://lwvmo.org). See below what each party plans and how a voter who wants to be more involved in partisan politics can register party affiliation.

**REPUBLICANS:** Any registered voter with a Republican affiliation or who is unaffiliated can participate in a Republican caucus at 10 am on Saturday, March 2, in the county where they're registered to vote. Find a list of Caucus locations on the Missouri GOP website ([Locate Your Caucus : Missouri GOP](#)).

**DEMOCRATS:** The party is offering a choice of casting a ballot by mail or voting at an in-person voting site from 8 am until noon on Saturday, March 23. All voters registered as Democrats by Jan. 22 will automatically receive a ballot in the mail. Anyone registered to vote by Feb. 21 and not as a Republican will be able to request a mail-in ballot or vote at in-person voting sites across the state. A list of sites will be posted at [missouridemocrats.org](http://missouridemocrats.org).

**LIBERTARIANS:** The party will continue to host a caucus at its Statewide Convention. Registration is open now on the [LPMO website](#) for the Feb. 24 event at the Holiday Inn in Earth City. Delegates will be picked to go to Washington, D.C., on Memorial Day weekend to vote for a presidential candidate.

**HOW TO REGISTER PARTY AFFILIATION:** Since this is a new law, most voters are listed as "unaffiliated."

You may register your party affiliation on the Secretary of State's website using a tablet, mobile device, or touchscreen device. Fill in all information on this page and the form on the next page. Go to a dropdown menu to select your party (Republican, Democrat, Libertarian or Unaffiliated). Use a stylus or finger to sign the completed form.



The screenshot shows the Missouri Secretary of State's website. The header includes the name John R. Ashcroft and the title Missouri Secretary of State. There are navigation icons for Business Services, Elections & Voting, and Investor Protection & Securities. The main content area is titled 'Register Voter Party Affiliation Change Form' and contains instructions: 'To change your party affiliation, you must complete this online form entirely. Your responses will be submitted to your Local Election Authority to make the change. The information you provide will be used to determine the validity of your identity.' Below this, there is a section for 'Please indicate if the statements are true by checking the box under each question.' with two questions: 'Are you a current registered voter?' and 'Are you using a tablet, mobile device, or other touchscreen device?'. Each question has a radio button next to it.

If you don't have a device that allows you to sign a digital form, you can go to "Register to Vote" on the SOS website and click on "Print and Mail Your Application." After completing the form, mail it to your local election authority. The "Register to Vote" page also has an option on the bottom to request that a form be mailed to you.



You can also register in person at your local election authority. Find contact information at [Local Election Authority \(mo.gov\)](http://Local Election Authority (mo.gov)) or scan the QR code at right.

For the latest information on the presidential preference or delegate selection process, contact the Missouri Republican Party at 573-606-0402 ([missouri.gov](http://missouri.gov)), the Missouri Democratic Party at 314-932-5125 ([missouridemocrats.org](http://missouridemocrats.org)), or the Libertarian party at 844-886-8357 ([lpmo.org](http://lpmo.org)).