

**(b) In the event that a county elections official determines that a voter choice open primary ballot will be larger than can be conveniently handled, the county elections official may create a separate ballot for voters, containing non statewide nonpartisan offices and non statewide measures, pursuant to Section 13230. This separate ballot shall be titled with the heading: "LOCAL ELECTED OFFICES AND MEASURES BALLOT." Statewide nonpartisan offices and statewide measures shall at all times be included on the "Voter Choice Open Primary Ballot" and not on the "Local Elected Offices and Measures Ballot."**

**SECTION 18. Section 359.5 of the Elections Code is added to read:**

**359.5 (a) "Voter-nominated office" means any state elected office or federal elected office for which a candidate is nominated or elected by the voters, regardless of the political party or "no party" registration status of both the candidate and the voters.**

**(1) Any election to a "voter-nominated office" shall not utilize a political party nomination process.**

**(2) The voter registration status of a candidate for voter-nominated office shall be stated, as described in Section 13105, either as with a qualified political party, subject to the political party's consent as specified in Section 7031, or as "no party" on a ballot, a sample ballot, and the voter pamphlet. The following statement shall be included on the ballot and sample ballot and in the voter pamphlet: "The designation of the political party registration status on the ballot of a candidate for a voter-nominated office is for the voters' informational purposes only, and does not indicate that the political party with which a candidate may be registered has nominated that candidate or that the party necessarily agrees with or endorses that candidate." The statement shall be printed in not less than 8 point boldface type on each page of a ballot and a sample ballot on which the political party registration status of any candidate is printed and in not less than 10 point boldface type on each page in a ballot pamphlet on which the political party registration status of any candidate is printed. The state elected offices in a voter choice open primary election shall include the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, Controller, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Member of the State Legislature, and Member of the Board of Equalization. The federal elected offices in a voter choice open primary election shall include the offices of Member of the United States House of Representatives and Member of the United States Senate.**

**(b) "Voter-nominated office" shall not mean offices as described in Section 334, any delegate to a national political party convention who shall choose a nominee for President, or any political party central committee member. Delegates to national political party conventions and county central committee members, which shall be considered political party positions and not voter-nominated offices, shall be selected or elected only by voters registered with, or otherwise authorized pursuant to Section 13102(c) by, the political party with which such delegates and members are registered.**

**SECTION 19. Section 2001 of the Elections Code is added to read:**

**2001. (a) Each voter entitled to vote, whether registered or not registered with a political party, shall be able to vote for all state elected offices and federal elected offices in each voter's respective political subdivision in every voter choice open primary election.**

**(b) All registered voters shall have the choice to vote for any of the candidates described in subsection (a) regardless of the political party registration, if any, of the candidate.**

**(c) Subsection (a) shall not apply to the choosing, selection or election of political party positions as defined in Section 338.**

**SECTION 20. Section 2150 of the Elections Code is amended to read:**

2150. (a) The affidavit of registration shall show:

(1) The facts necessary to establish the affiant as an elector.

(2) The affiant's name at length, including his or her given name, and a middle name or initial, or if the initial of the given name is customarily used, then the initial and middle name. The affiant's given name may be preceded, at affiant's option, by the designation of Miss, Ms., Mrs., or Mr. No person shall be denied the right to register because of his or her failure to mark a prefix to the given name and shall be so advised on the voter registration card. This subdivision shall not be construed as requiring the printing of prefixes on an affidavit of registration.

(3) The affiant's place of residence, residence telephone number, if furnished, and e-mail address, if furnished. No person shall be denied the right to register because of his or her failure to furnish a telephone number or e-mail address, and shall be so advised on the voter registration card.

(4) The affiant's mailing address, if different from the place of residence.

(5) The affiant's date of birth to establish that he or she will be at least 18 years of age on or before the date of the next election.

(6) The state or country of the affiant's birth.

(7) The affiant's California driver's license number, California identification card number, or other identification number as specified by the Secretary of State. No person shall be denied the right to register because of his or her failure to furnish one of these numbers, and shall be so advised on the voter registration card.

(8) The affiant's political party affiliation or "no party" registration. The word "Party" shall follow the listing of each qualified political party on the affidavit of registration.

(9) That the affiant is currently not imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony.

(10) A prior registration portion indicating whether the affiant has been registered at another address, under another name, or as ~~intending to affiliate~~ registered with another party or as "no party." If the affiant has been so registered, he or she shall give an additional statement giving that address, name, or party or "no party" registration status.

(b) The affiant shall certify the content of the affidavit as to its truth and correctness, under penalty of perjury, with the signature of his or her name and the date of signing. If the affiant is unable to write he or she shall sign with a mark or cross.

(c) If any person, including a deputy registrar, assists the affiant in completing the affidavit, that person shall sign and date the affidavit below the signature of the affiant.

**SECTION 21. Section 2151 of the Elections Code is amended to read:**

2151. **(a)** At the time of registering and of transferring registration, each elector may **designate a political party on his or her affidavit of registration** ~~declare the name of the political party with which he or she intends to affiliate at the ensuing primary election.~~ The name of that political party shall be stated in the affidavit of registration and the index. The voter registration card shall inform the affiant that any elector may ~~decline to state~~ **designate "no party" instead of a political party affiliation,** but no person shall be entitled to vote the ballot of any political party at any primary election unless he or she has stated the name of the party ~~with which he or she intends to affiliate~~ **on the affidavit of registration** or unless he or she has ~~declined to state a party affiliation~~ **designated "no party"** and the political party, by party rule duly noticed to the Secretary of State, authorizes a person who has ~~declined to state a party affiliation~~ **designated "no party"** to vote the ballot of that political party. The voter registration card shall include a listing of all qualified political parties: **and of "No Party" from which a person may designate a choice of either a political party or "no party."** **The word "Party" shall follow the listing of each qualified political party on the affidavit of registration.** No person shall be permitted to vote the ballot of any party or for any delegates to the convention of any party other than the party designated in his or her registration, except as provided by Section 2152 or unless he or she has ~~declined to state a party affiliation~~ **designated "no party"** and the party, by party rule duly noticed to the Secretary of State, authorizes a person who has ~~declined to state a party affiliation~~ **designated "no party"** to vote the party ballot or for delegates to the party convention.

**(b) All affidavits of registration on which persons have designated that they "decline to state" a political party shall be classified and treated by elections officials as a designation of "no party" consistent with the definition contained in Section 334.5. Elections officials may continue to use, distribute, and to receive existing supplies of affidavits of registration that include the designation of "decline to state" and that may or may not contain the word "Party" after the listing of each qualified political party. However, elections officials shall take all reasonable steps to reprint and provide new affidavits of registration that comply with subsection (a) as supplies of the prior affidavit format are fully utilized.**

**SECTION 22. Section 2152 of the Elections Code is amended to read:**

2152. Whenever any voter ~~has declined to designate or has~~ **desires to** changed his or her political **party or "no party" registration status** affiliation prior to the close of registration for an election, he or she may either so designate or have a change recorded by executing a new affidavit of registration and completing the prior registration portion of the affidavit.

**SECTION 23. Section 2154 of the Elections Code is amended to read:**

2154. In the event that the county elections official receives an affidavit of registration that does not include portions of the information for which space is provided, the county elections official voters shall apply the following rebuttable presumptions: