

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
PUBLIC NOTICE TO VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY  
2026 PRIMARY ELECTION PARTY DECLARATION INFORMATION**

State Law requires that certain voters file a Declaration of Party Affiliation form no later than 55 days before the date of the Primary Election in order to vote in that election. The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. Therefore, voters who are required to file these forms must complete a Declaration of Party Affiliation form and file it with the Commissioner of Registration or the Municipal Clerk no later than April 8, 2026 in order to be eligible to vote in the Primary Election.

YOU MUST FILE A DECLARATION OF PARTY AFFILIATION FORM IF YOU WISH TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF A POLITICAL PARTY OTHER THAN THE PARTY WITH WHICH YOU ARE CURRENTLY AFFILIATED, OR IF YOU ARE UNAFFILIATED.

You need **not** file a Declaration of Party Affiliation form by April 8, 2026 in order to vote in the June 2, 2026 Primary Election **if**:

1. You are currently affiliated with the political party in whose primary you wish to vote or you are unaffiliated.
2. You have never declared a political party, and have never previously voted in a primary election. You may declare your party affiliation at the polling place during early voting or on the day of the Primary Election. Your choice of party affiliation can then be changed only if you complete a Declaration of Party Affiliation form and file it with the Commissioner of Registration or the Municipal Clerk.
3. You are a newly registered voter and the June 2, 2026 Primary Election is the first primary at which you are eligible to vote.
4. You were an **Independent** voter as of January 1, 2006, and have not affiliated with a party since that time.
5. You are a voter who is listed to receive mail-in ballots for all future elections, pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-3) or section 14 of P.L.2018, c.72 (C.19:63-3.1), and who you are not affiliated with any political party, you shall not receive a mail-in ballot for a primary election. Such unaffiliated mail-in voters shall receive a political party affiliation declaration form and information concerning how to affiliate with a political party and how to vote in person at a polling place on the day of a primary election.

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO INDEPENDENT VOTERS  
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2006, VOTERS PREVIOUSLY DECLARED INDEPENDENT ARE,  
BY LAW, NOW CLASSIFIED AS UNAFFILIATED.**

Unaffiliated voters may declare their affiliation with a political party by filing a Declaration of Party Affiliation form as described above. They may then vote in the Primary Election. An unaffiliated voter may, however, choose instead to declare affiliation with either the Democratic or Republican Party at the polling place on the day of the Primary Election.

**DEADLINE FOR FILING DECLARATION OF PARTY AFFILIATION  
FORMS IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026**

You may obtain a party declaration form from the Union County Board of Elections, 217 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208, by calling 908-527-4123, visiting [www.ucnj.org/ucboe](http://www.ucnj.org/ucboe) or requesting it through the Union County Votes App. Further, you may also contact your local Municipal Clerk's office.