



**Somerset County  
Public Notice to Voters  
Primary Election  
July 7, 2020**

**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 a Primary Election in order to vote in that election. **The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020.** Therefore, voters who are required to file these forms must complete a Declaration of Party Affiliation form and file it with the Municipal Clerk or the County Commissioner of Registration no later than May 13, 2020 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.**

You need **NOT** file a Declaration of Party Affiliation form by May 13, 2020 in order to vote in the July 7, 2020 election if:

1. You are currently affiliated with the political party in whose Primary you wish to vote.
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 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 Municipal Clerk or the County Commissioner of Registration.
3. You are a newly registered voter and the July 7, 2020 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.

**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.