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**Are voters required to register by party in Tennessee?**

Currently when registering to vote in Tennessee persons are not required to register by party. If an election is a primary with ballots for specific parties, registered voters will select which party they want for that particular election. Selecting a party ballot does not make that person a registered Republican or Democrat.

Voters who wish to vote for an Independent candidate will not vote in a primary election as Independent candidates are not tied to a particular party and run only in General Elections.