

Vote NO on Amendment 3



Protect Our Primary Elections

Ballot Title: All Voters Vote in Primary Elections for State Legislature, Governor, and Cabinet

Ballot Summary: Allows all registered voters to vote in primaries for state legislature, governor, and cabinet regardless of political party affiliation. All candidates for an office, including party-nominated candidates, appear on the same primary ballot. Two highest vote getters advance to general election. If only two candidates qualify, no primary is held and winner is determined in general election. Candidate's party affiliation may appear on ballot as provided by law. Effective January 1, 2024.

- The open primary system sought by this amendment has been adopted in California and Washington and in the years since there has been a large body of peer-reviewed research about the impacts of this system. The bulk of this research has found no significant increase in participation by NPA and other minor party registrants.
- A report on this primary system compiled by America Votes found that “research using exit polls and analysis of state legislatures has shown that states with top-two primaries have candidates and voters that are just as polarized as in closed-primary states.”
- This system gives more power to insider special interests who have the resources to manipulate the first round of voting.
- Civil rights organizations argue that this could lead to a weakening of candidate diversity and participation, penalizing the party that has the broader field of candidates.
- In Florida's gubernatorial election in 2018, the Republican Primary had two major candidates while the Democratic Primary had four. Because the Democratic electorate was split four ways instead of two, **the top two vote getters were Ron DeSantis and Adam Putnam, there would have been no Democratic candidate on the General Election ballot.**