

TOP TWO CANDIDATES OPEN PRIMARY ACT - THREE TYPES OF CANDIDATE OFFICES

ON JUNE 8, 2010, CALIFORNIA VOTERS APPROVED PROPOSITION 14, WHICH CREATED THE TOP TWO CANDIDATES OPEN PRIMARY ACT

1. PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES	2. VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES	3. NONPARTISAN OFFICES
PRESIDENT COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES	GOVERNOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SECRETARY OF STATE CONTROLLER TREASURER ATTORNEY GENERAL INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION U.S. SENATOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE STATE SENATOR STATE ASSEMBLY	SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION JUDICIAL OFFICES COUNTY OFFICES CITY OF SAN JOSE SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHO CAN VOTE

1. PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES	2. VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES	3. NONPARTISAN OFFICES
<p><i>ONLY VOTERS</i> registered with the same party preference as the candidate.</p> <p>(Except parties which allow Nonpartisan voters to cross-over and join in their primary.)</p>	<p><i>ALL VOTERS</i>, regardless of party preference, can vote for any candidate. This replaces party ballots in primary elections with a single combined ballot listing all candidates.</p>	<p><i>ALL VOTERS</i> regardless of party preference.</p>

WHO ADVANCES TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

1. PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES	2. VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES	3. NONPARTISAN OFFICES
<p><i>PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST</i> – The candidate chosen nationally by each party is placed on the general election ballot.</p> <p><i>COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES</i> – The highest vote-getters win outright in the primary election.</p>	<p>The top two candidates, regardless of party preference, who receive the most votes in each primary contest move on to the general election. After a top two primary, a general election must be held even if one candidate receives a majority of the vote (at least 50%+1) and even if there is only one candidate in the primary election, except in a special primary election only. Candidates that receive a majority of the votes win outright in the special primary election. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, the top two vote-getters (regardless of party preference) move on to the general election.</p>	<p><i>IN MAJORITY VOTE CONTESTS</i> (at least 50% +1) candidates that receive a majority of the votes, win outright in the primary election.</p> <p>If no one receives a majority of the votes, then the top two vote-getters move on to the general election.</p>