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Deadlines to change party affiliation in closed primary states

State	Date to change Party	Statutory Reference
Delaware	2/26/16 for Presidential Primary 5/28/16 for primary	15 § 2049(a) Any duly registered voter may apply to change that registered voter's political affiliation by completing and submitting a voter registration application to the Department except in the year of a general election during the period from the last Saturday in May through the day of the primary election. http://elections.delaware.gov/calendar/2016ElectionCalendar.pdf
Florida	2/16/16 for Presidential Primary 8/1/16 for primary	Section 97.055, F.S. (1)(a) The registration books must be closed on the 29th day before each election and must remain closed until after that election. If an election is called and there are fewer than 29 days before that election, the registration books must be closed immediately. http://dos.myflorida.com/media/695026/elections-calendar-2015-2017.pdf
Kansas	14 days before a primary	KS Stat § 25-3304 (b) Any person, who, having declared a party or voter affiliation, desires to change the same, may file a written declaration with the county election officer, stating the change of party or voter affiliation. Such declaration shall be filed not less than 14 days prior to the date of any national, state, county or township primary election.
Kentucky	The fourth Tuesday preceding the primary	KY 116 § .045 The county clerk shall cause all registration to be closed the fourth Tuesday preceding through the first Monday following any primary or general election, and the twenty-eight (28) days prior to and seven (7) days following any special election.
Maine	15 days before a primary	M.R.S. Ch. 3, Subchapter 3, Article 2 § 144 Except as provided in subsection 4, a voter may not vote at a caucus, convention or primary election for 15 days after filing an application to change enrollment.
Nevada	Third Tuesday preceding a primary	NRS 293.560 registration must close on the third Tuesday preceding any primary or general election

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New Jersey	55 days before a primary to change party Unaffiliated may declare up to and on primary day	NJ 19: 31-6.3 http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voting-information-party-declaration-forms.html
New Mexico	28 days before a primary	NM 1-4-8 the county clerk shall receive certificates of registration at all times during normal working hours, except that the clerk shall close registration at 5:00 p.m. on the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding any election at which the registration books are to be furnished to the precinct board
New York	25 days before a primary for new voters 25 days before a general election the year before for registered voters	CH 17, Title III § 5-304 A change of enrollment received by the board of elections not later than the twenty-fifth day before the general election shall be deposited in a sealed enrollment box, which shall not be opened until the first Tuesday following such general election. Such change of enrollment shall be then removed and entered as provided in this article
Pennsylvania	30 days before a primary	PA 25 § 1503 & PA 25 § 1301
Wyoming	14 days before a primary	WY 5 § 22-5-214 An elector may change his party affiliation by completing an application signed before a notarial officer or election official, and filing it with the county clerk not less than fourteen (14) days before the primary election or at the polls on the day of the primary or general election, or when requesting an absentee ballot.

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