

**ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PREVIEW
MONTANA PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008**

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On the ballot: Presidential nominee for the Democratic party, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Auditor, Secretary of State, local offices. ([List of candidates.](#))

Polling place hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling places having fewer than 400 electors must be open from noon to 8 p.m

Registered voters: [628,135](#) (May 30.) Montana permits [late and same-day voter registration](#) at county election offices.

Absentee and early ballots: [No excuse is required to cast an absentee ballot by mail.](#) Ballots must be returned by the close of polls on election day to be eligible for counting. Absentee ballots can also be cast in-person at the local elections office.

Voting systems: [Optically-scanned paper ballots](#) are used in 44 counties and hand-counted paper ballots are used in 12 counties. The [ES&S AutoMark system](#) is available in all counties for votes with disabilities.

Voter ID: All voters must show [ID at the polls \(photo and non-photo forms accepted\).](#)

State election links:

[Secretary of state](#)

[Value Your Vote Web site](#)

Recent news stories:

["Primary turnout expected to be huge"](#) *Great Falls Tribune*

["Early voting at record pace locally,"](#) *The Daily Inter Lake*

["About 600 Butte absentee ballots still at large,"](#) *MontanaNewsStation.com*

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