

2012 ELECTION DATES

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION	February 28, 2012
Voter Registration closes	January 30, 2012 @ midnight
Early Voting begins	February 2, 2012
Last day to request Early Ballot by mail	February 17, 2012
Last day to vote Early in person	February 24, 2012

What is the Presidential Preference Election?

This is an election where different persons, registered to the same party, run against each other to see which will be the choice of Arizona Party Voters to be nominated at the National Convention. Each of the **recognized parties** in Arizona decide whether they will participate or not and notify the AZ Secretary of State of their decision. The AZ Secretary of State then notifies each county so that an election may be held for the individual parties desiring to participate.

Who can vote in the Presidential Preference Election?

Only Voters who are registered to a specific participating Party may cast their vote for one of their own Party's candidates. In 2012 only the *Republican* and *Green* parties will participate.

Do Voters registered as "Independent", "Party Not Designated", etc. vote in this Election?

NO, only registered Republican and Green party Voters can vote in this election.

PRIMARY ELECTION	August 28, 2012
Voter Registration closes	July 30, 2012 @ midnight
Early Voting begins	August 2, 2012
Last day to request Early Ballot by mail	August 17, 2012
Last day to Vote Early in person	August 24, 2012
First day to file	April 30, 2012
Last day to file	May 30, 2012 & 5:00 p.m.
GENERAL ELECTION	November 6, 2012
Voter Registration closes	October 8, 2012 @midnight
Early Voting begins	October 11, 2012
Last day to request Early Ballot by mail	October 26, 2012
Last day to Vote Early in person	November 2, 2012
First day to file	July 9, 2012
Last day to file	August 8, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m.

Note: Early voting is a function of the Santa Cruz County Recorder's office. To request an early ballot, please contact the Recorder's office at (520) 375-7990.