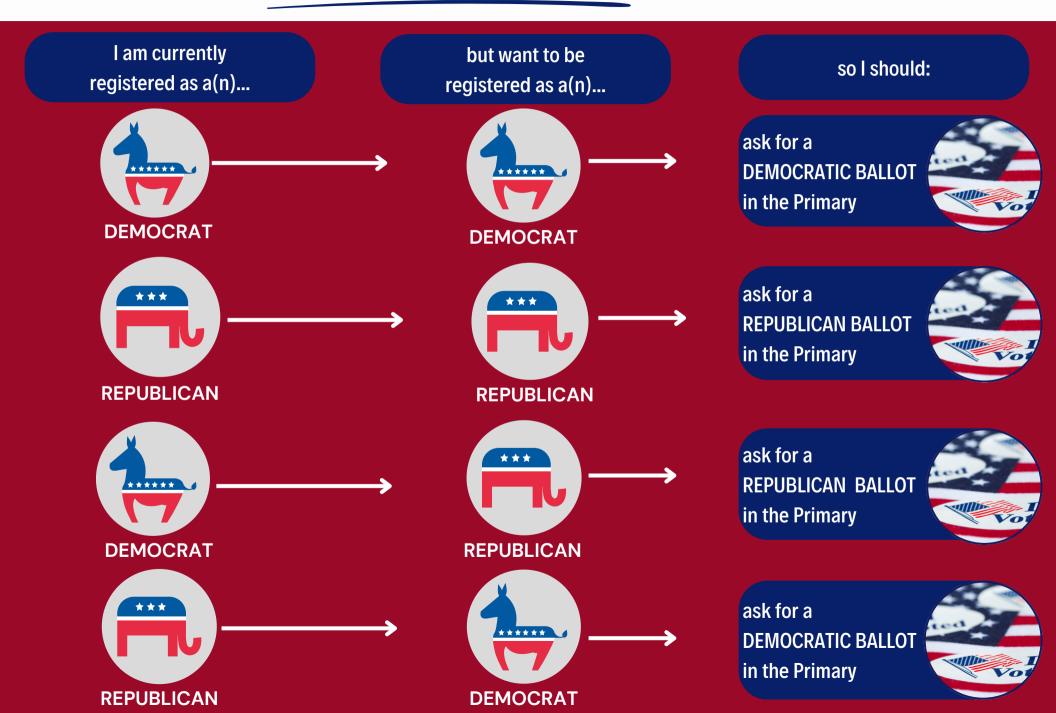
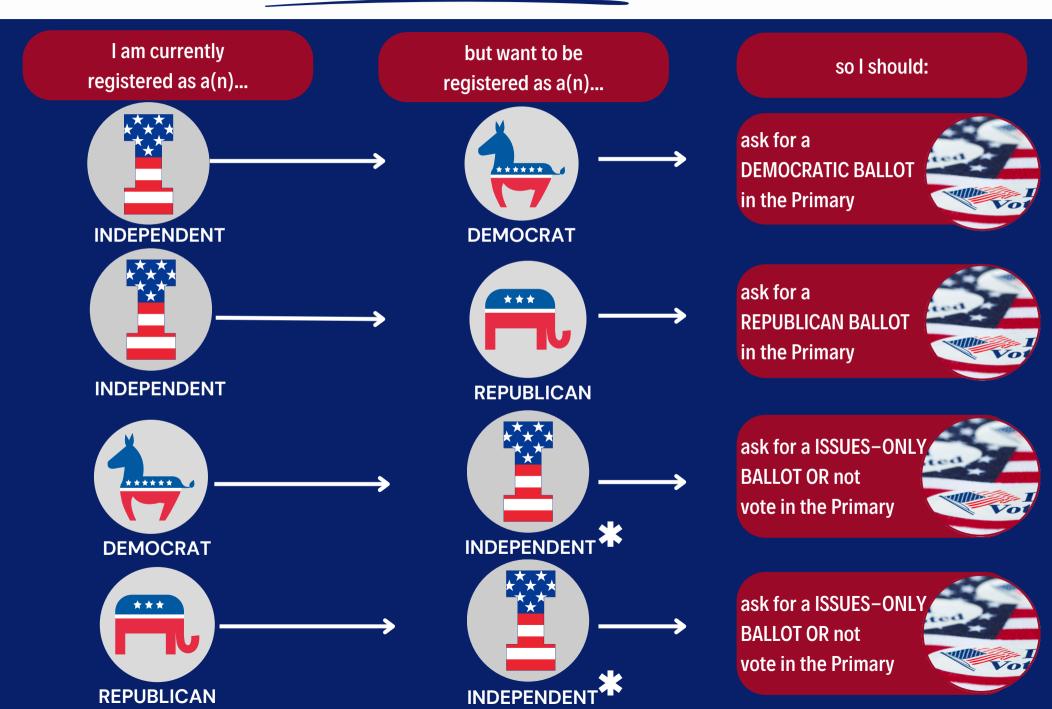


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I am currently registered as a(n)...

but want to be registered as a(n)...

so I should:





ask for a ISSUES-ONLY
BALLOT OR not
vote in the Primary

## **WHY THIS MATTERS:**

Under Ohio law, a voter cannot affiliate with a political party when they register to vote. A registered voter is designated as unaffiliated (Independent) until they select a party ballot (Democrat or Republican) and vote in a partisan primary election. If a voter does not want to affiliate with a political party, the voter may request an issues only ballot if any issues were certified to the ballot in that voter's precinct. Voters are considered to be a member of a political party if they voted in that party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years, or if they did not vote in any other party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years. Basically, if you voted in a Democratic or Republican primary in 2023 but want to become unaffiliated, you'll need to wait one extra election cycle for that party affiliation to drop off.

In the state of Ohio, "INDEPENDENTS" are referred to as "UNAFFILIATED," since they do not affiliate with a particular political party.



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