



Open Primaries Explained

- South Dakota’s June primary elections are currently run by the Republican and Democratic parties, freezing out half of the electorate from the elections that often matter most.
- Our top-two primaries constitutional amendment would create one “South Dakota Primary”:
 - All registered South Dakota voters would get the same primary election ballot.
 - All candidates for office would be listed together on that ballot.
 - The top-two vote-getters would advance to the general election in November.
- The South Dakota Primary would cover the three congressional offices, the governor, and legislative and county offices.
- Open primaries are important because:
 - They make sure the winning candidate is the one most South Dakotans agree on.
 - They are fairer and more competitive.
 - They reduce partisan polarization because the winning candidate must appeal to a broader part of the electorate.

Open primaries let all voters vote!