

**BAILEY'S BLOG**  
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**2016 Election Updates:**

How important is it to vote in the June 28, 2016 Primary Election?

Did you know that the Primary Elections are to select candidates to go on to the November General Election? There will not be presidential candidates on the Primary Election Ballot, as Colorado is not a Presidential Primary State. There WILL be state and local races on the Primary Ballot.

A Primary vote can be the deciding vote for an office if there is no one else running for that office. Pursuant to C.R.S. 1-4-105 "No person who has been defeated as a candidate in a primary election shall be eligible for election to the same office by ballot or as a write-in candidate in the next general election."

If you are unsure of the party you are affiliated with, or what your current address information might be, please take the time now to check with our office or go to [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com) to check your registration information. You may also change your affiliation to reflect how you want to vote before the deadline of May 27, 2016 and your address by obtaining appropriate forms from the Clerk and Recorder's Office or at the above listed web site. After this deadline you will receive the parties ballot that is listed on your registration records.

**June 28, 2016 – Primary Election Day**

Primary Election will be held as an all-mail ballot delivery election for Morgan County Voters. If you have moved since the last election you might need to update your address with us and doing so by May 27, 2016 will ensure that you receive your ballot in the mail. Ballots are not forwardable so we must have your current address information in order for you to receive your ballot.

Ballots for all eligible registered voters will be mailed between the dates of June 6 – June 10, 2016. There will be no additional Voter Service/Polling Centers open Primary Election Day. All voted ballots; replacement ballots or affiliation declarations must be returned to the Morgan County Clerk and Recorder's Office located at 231 Ensign Street, Fort Morgan, CO 80701.

**Unaffiliated voters** that would like to vote in a Primary Election need to complete the proper form to obtain that parties' primary ballot. The appropriate forms are available from the Clerk and Recorder's Office or on line at [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com) through Primary Election day June 28, 2016 by 7:00 p.m. Unaffiliated voters can declare a party anytime up to and including Election Day.

The Election Department can be reached at (970) 542-3521, option 5 for voter and election questions. The Recording Department can be reached at (970) 542-3521, option 4 for recording information. The Motor Vehicle Department can be reached at (970) 542-3521, option 2 for license plates/renewals or titling a vehicle. You can also reach our office by email at [sbailey@co.morgan.co.us](mailto:sbailey@co.morgan.co.us).

**Remember, you may check your voter registration status, affiliation and make changes to your status online at [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com)!**