

NEW BALLOT COLORS EFFECTIVE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

Beginning for the **September 1, 2026, State Primary**, the Secretary of State's Office has instated **new colors for primary election ballots**.

According to General Laws Chapter 53, Section 33, primary ballots for each party are required to be of **different colors**.

Effective for the September 1, 2026, Primary Election, the colors of each ballot shall be:

- Official Democratic Primary Ballot - **Blue**
- Official Democratic Early/Absentee Primary Ballot - **Light Blue**
- Official Republican Primary Ballot - **Pink**
- Official Republican Early/Absentee Primary Ballot - **Salmon**
- Official State Election Ballot - **White**
- Official Early/Absentee State Election Ballot - **Yellow**

This change reflects voters' expectations and will help reduce confusion and error when ballots are provided to voters.

New Ballot Colors Starting September 1, 2026



**The Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin
directs a change to primary ballot colors.**

G.L. c. 53 § 33 requires that primary ballots for each party be of different colors.



Blue - Official **Democratic** Primary Ballot



Pink - Official **Republican** Primary Ballot



Light Blue - Official **Democratic** Early/
Absentee Primary Ballot



Salmon - Official **Republican** Early/
Absentee Primary Ballot



White - Official **State Election** Ballot



Yellow - Official Early/ Absentee **State
Election** Ballot