

SAMPLE BALLOT (with PROS AND CONS)

Type of Ballot: Closed Primary

Directions:

In a Primary Election, only voters registered with one of the parties qualified to hold a primary in New York may vote to nominate their party's candidate to run in the general election.

You may only use this ballot if you are registered as a Republican. If you changed your party affiliation, that change may not have gone into effect yet. A change of enrollment will go into affect **one week** following the General Election after the change is made.

State Senator- First Legislative District Vote for One

	Name	Party
<input type="radio"/>	Lawrence Chablis	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	Jane Cabernet	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	Charles Sauterne	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	Samuel Chardonnay	Republican

Pros and Cons

Arguments in Favor

Arguments Against

Encourages party affiliation and loyalty	Disenfranchises independent and non-affiliated voters from choice in selection of candidate and, in election districts where primary decides election, totally disenfranchises
Promotes adherence of candidate to party platform, enhancing accountability	Results in more extremist candidates
Incentivizes engagement by core party activists	Favors party wishes over wishes of typical voter
Enhances the position of third parties in the general election	Discourages bi-partisanship in government
Prevents strategic voting	Favors establishment candidates over new candidates