

## New Qualifying Political Parties American Delta Party & Progressive Party

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Maine currently has four qualified parties: Democratic, Green Independent, Libertarian and Republican. Maine does not have an "Independent" party. If a person lists "Independent" under "Other qualifying party" they are designated as "Unenrolled".

Two proposed parties have filed a "Declaration of Intent to Form a Party by Party Enrollment" with the Dept. of the Secretary of State Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions pursuant to Title 21-A, section 303. As required by statute, each Declaration of Intent was signed by 10 or more voters who were not enrolled in a qualified party.

In order for a proposed party to become a qualified party for the 2018 elections, each group must enroll at least 5,000 voters in the proposed party by December 1, 2017.

A voter may enroll in the proposed party by completing a new Maine Voter Registration Application. The voter must check the box next to "**Other qualifying party:**" and write in "**American Delta**" or "**American Delta Party**" or "**Progressive**" or "**Progressive Party**". A proposed party will not be pre-printed on the Maine Voter Registration Application until it becomes a qualified party.

If the proposed party does not meet the required 5,000 registered voters by the deadline then the voters who registered for this party would then be changed over to "Unenrolled" which means that they would not be affiliated with a political party. If the voter decides they want to be affiliated with one of the other qualified parties then they would need to complete a new Maine Voter Registration Application.

