



## Mississippi Secretary of State's Office

### Study Group to Review Mississippi Election Laws

## Summary of Articles on Primary Election Systems

- 1. Congressional and Presidential Primaries: Open, Closed, Semi-Closed, and “Top Two” Fair Vote**
  - This article provides information regarding the main categories of congressional primaries in the United States which include open, closed, semi-closed and top-two primary systems.
- 2. What Are the Different Types of Primary Elections?**

By Debbie Sharnak for IVN (the Independent Voter Network)

  - This article provides details of the different types of primary election systems.
- 3. Towards a More Perfect Election: Improving the Top-Two Primary for Congressional and State Races,**

by Chenwei Zhang for the Ohio State Law Journal 2011-2012, 72 OHSLJ 615

  - Although this his law review article focuses on the top-two primary election system, it also provides a good overview other types of primary election systems.
- 4. Idaho Primary: Why the GOP Closed Its Ballot**

By Samantha Wright on Boise State Public Radio

  - This article discusses the Idaho Republican Party's challenge to the closed primary system in Idaho.
- 5. Hawaii Democratic Party Fails to Prove Open Primaries are Unconstitutional**

By Shawn M. Griffiths for IVN (the Independent Voter Network)

  - This article discusses the Democratic Party of Hawaii's challenge to the open primary system in Hawaii.

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