

### Controlling Contest

Ballot content structured as a contest that affects other contests under its control. The purpose of a controlling contest varies but includes the activation or deactivation of parts of the ballot based on the voter's selection.

### Controlled Contest

A contest on a ballot whose state is dependent on the selections made in a separate controlling contest.

### Activation Contest (formerly Non-Party Activation Contest)

A controlling contest containing an activation option that when selected activates one or more controlled contests.

### Activated Contest

A controlled contest that has been activated by the selection of an activation option in an activation contest, and thus eligible to be voted on.

### Activation Option

A contest option appearing under an activation contest that when selected, causes the controlled contests to change state to selectable/activated/eligible.

### Open Primary Party Preference Contest (Was Party Activation Contest)

A contest that may appear on an open primary ballot that allows the voter to select which political party's primary they wish to vote. A valid selection in this contest protects the voter from voiding the partisan selection of the ballot by making option selections in more than one party's contest.

### Contest Eligibility

The ability to select options in a particular contest. All contests of a given ballot style are eligible to be voted on, subject to one or more activation contests.

### Straight Party Contest

A controlling contest that allows voters to select multiple candidates of the same political party appearing in multiple contests through a single selection of a political party.

### Indirect Selection

The condition in which a selection for a specific contest option caused selections in other linked contest options. An example is a straight party selection that causes indirect selections for all contest options of the identified party in contests linked to the straight party contest,

### Direct Selection

A contest selection explicitly made by the voter.

### Straight Party Override\*\*

Explicit voter selection that overrides or supplements the vote selections made by a straight party voting option. Straight party overrides may be subject to state election rules for how they work or whether they are allowed.

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