

TABLE 12.2 **Meso-Level Presidential Nomination Variations in the United States**

Open	Semiclosed	States With Caucuses Rather Than Primaries
Allowing citizens to cross over to vote in the other party's election	Allowing Independents to vote in the other party's election	Controlled by the political parties rather than the state
AL MN TN	AK IL NH	AK ME NV
AR MS VT	CA IA OH	CO MN ND
ID MO VA	GA MA RI	IA WA
IN ND WA		KS NE WY
MI SC WI		
Open in the Democratic but closed in the Republican processes:	Semiclosed in the Democratic but closed in the Republican processes: KS	Texas has both a primary and a caucus
MT UT WV		

Sources: Bowen 2008; Center for Voting and Democracy 2008; Green Papers 2008a, 2008b; National Archives and Records Administration 2008; "Primary Calendar" 2008; Project Vote Smart 2008; State of Delaware 2008; "U.S. Elections Map" 2008; Voting and Democracy Research Center 2008.

Note: States that are not listed in the first two columns have closed voting systems—one can only vote if registered in that party.