The Political Process   Vocabulary Builder

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence and fill in the blank with the correct word or phrase.

1. In some states, party candidates vying for political office are chosen by

   _____. **(caucus/plurality)**

2. If a candidate receives more votes than his or her opponent in an election, the

   candidate wins by _____. **(plurality/absentee voting)**

3. _____ describes funds contributed to a specific political
   campaign. **(Hard money/Soft money)**

4. Political parties hold a/an _____ when more than one party
   member seeks the same office. **(open primary/direct primary)**

DIRECTIONS Answer each question by writing a sentence that contains at least one
word from the word bank.

hard money	write-in candidate	closed primary
soft money	absentee voting	open primary
caucus	plurality	direct primary

5. Describe the differences between the two types of direct primary elections.

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6. How may people who are unable to vote at their polling location on election day
   submit their votes?

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7. What is one way candidates can avoid limits on campaign contributions?

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8. How might a candidate without a party nomination seek election to political office?

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