

<u>Across</u>

3. the regularly scheduled election at which voters make a final selection of officeholders
4. special tax as a condition of voting; outlawed by the 24th Amendment

6. a term used to describe people who have no party affiliation9. a group of like-minded people who meet to select the candidates they will support in an upcoming election

11. expert in a particular subject or field who is frequently called on to give opinions about it to the public 14. right to vote

15. political arms of special-interest groups and other organizations with a stake in electoral politics

16. the strong support of their party and its policy stands **Down**

1. states in which the outcome of an election is too close to call and either candidate could win

 when the Republican and Democrat party work together
 provisions made for those unable to go to their regular polling places on election day 7. all of the people entitled to vote in a given election

8. a political party's formal statement of basic principles, stands on major issues, and objectives

10. members of the electorate who can be persuaded to vote either way

12. complex collection of the opinions of many different people; the sum of all their views

13. a group of persons who seek to control government through winning elections and holding public office