

State of Maine Voter Guide

The information below explains how to register and vote in state elections. By voting, you are keeping Maine's democracy strong and continuing a long history of citizen participation in the governing of our state and nation.

It's easy to take our right to vote for granted--to decide that voting isn't worth the effort or "doesn't make a difference."

The reality is that voting makes a tremendous difference. By casting a ballot, each citizen has a voice in deciding who will serve in office and what positions will be taken on major issues.

Voting is of critical importance to the strength and vitality of our system of government, and I congratulate you for recognizing its significance.

For our democracy to work, we must all participate in the process. Please register and vote and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same.



Register

Who can register and vote in Maine?

To **register**, you must be a United States citizen, at least 17 years of age, and have established a fixed principal home in Maine.

To **vote** in a Referendum or General Election, you must be registered in the community where you reside, and be at least 18 years of age. A 17 year old may vote in a Primary Election, if that person will be 18 by the General Election.

How do I register to vote?

You fill out a voter registration card. See the sample card and instructions below.

Where do I go to register?

You can register to vote at your town office or city hall, through any Motor Vehicle branch office, in most state & federal social service agencies, or at voter registration drives.

Completed voter registration cards may be hand delivered or mailed to your town office or city hall, or sent to the Secretary of State's Office in Augusta.

Is there a deadline for registering?

There is no cut-off date for registering to vote **in person** at your town office or city hall. If you want to register to vote by mail or through a voter registration drive, the cut-off date is the close of business on the 21st day before the election. That date is **Tuesday, October 18, 2016 for the General/Referendum Election.**

When is the next election?

The **November 8, 2016**, General/Referendum Election, is the next statewide election.

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE MAINE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

All required items on the card must be completed or it may be rejected. No witness or notary is required. Common questions are answered below. NOTE: This is a sample card--other versions may look different.

MAINE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION			PARTY AFFILIATION
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 20px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">1</div> <p>Federally required questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO • Will you be 18 years of age on or before Election Day? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <p style="font-size: small;">If you checked "no" in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form. You must be a U.S. citizen in order to vote.</p>		<p>This portion <u>must</u> be completed.</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 20px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">2</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Green Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Other qualifying party: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unenrolled (no party choice)	
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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Physical address where you live) STREET NAME AND NUMBER, NOT A P.O. BOX CITY, TOWN, PLANTATION OR TOWNSHIP			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 20px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">5A</div>			
CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS (Complete if different from above address) STREET NAME AND NUMBER, OR P.O. BOX, etc. CITY/TOWN ZIP CODE			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 20px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">5B</div>			
Have you previously been registered to vote? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If the answer is "yes" provide address of previous registration below.			TELEPHONE (Optional)
CITY/TOWN	COUNTY	STATE	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 20px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">6</div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 20px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">5C</div>			
COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS CARD - PLEASE PRINT			

1. **Federally required questions. (Required)** A person who is **not a U.S. Citizen** is not eligible to register to vote. A person who is at least **17 years of age** may register to vote, but must be at least 18 years of age to vote in a Municipal, General or Referendum election.

2. **Party affiliation. (Required)** Voters must check the box if they want to be a member of one of the three qualified political parties in Maine, in order to participate in party primaries, caucuses, conventions or other political party activities. Voters who check "Other qualifying party" (with or without writing a designation on the line provided) and voters who choose Unenrolled (no party choice) will be designated as "U" on the voting list and will not be eligible to vote in party primaries, caucuses and conventions, but can vote in other elections.

3. **Name of Voter. (Required)** A voter must provide the voter's **legal name**, as follows:
 - Last name (surname) must be listed (Suffixes, such as Sr., Jr., II, etc, may be included) **and**
 - First name and the middle name or initial; **or**
 - First initial and full middle name; **or**
 - First name only

4. **Date of Birth. (Required)** Voters must be at least 18 years of age in order to vote. Under Maine law, 17-year olds may pre-register (and enroll if desired).

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 - A. **Current residence address. (Required)** Voters must provide the current street address or physical location where they have established their residence. This cannot be a P.O. Box.
 - B. **Current mailing address. (If applicable)** The mailing address is required only if it is different from the residence address, and is where the voter receives mail. This can be a P.O. Box.
 - C. **Previous registration address. (Required)** If a voter previously has been registered to vote, the voter must check the "YES" box and must provide municipality, county and state of previous registration. If never registered, the voter must check the "NO" box.

6. **Telephone number. (Optional)** If a voter provides a phone number, it becomes public information. A voter whose phone number is unpublished is cautioned against listing it on the application.

MAINE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

- COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS CARD -

CHANGE OF NAME (Prior legal name, if applicable)

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LAST FIRST MIDDLE

SIGN AND DATE THIS CARD. I certify that all the information I have provided on this form is true.

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Signature of Applicant on line above Date on line above

VOTER ID: By federal law, **NEW Maine voters** must provide an applicable ID number as follows:

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1. Your **Maine driver's license/Maine State ID**.
2. The last 4 digits of your **Social Security Number** (ONLY if you don't have a **Maine driver's license/Maine State ID**); or
3. Write "none" ONLY if you don't have either 1 or 2.

9B

9C

REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY: Date Received: _____ Ward-Precinct: _____

Source of Registration: In Person By Mail Agency BMV Voter Registration Drive/3rd Person

Type of Registration:

NEW Maine Voter Registration Form of Proof for ID: _____ for Residency: 11

Change of Existing Voter Registration (check boxes below) Form of Proof for Residency: _____

Address Change to new municipality Address Change within municipality Party Enrollment Change

Name Change Other Change _____

Duplicate Application (no changes made)

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Failure to complete this entire application may prevent registration.

- Deliver or mail this completed card to your municipal registrar or to the Division of Elections: #101 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0101. This properly completed application must be received by the municipal registrar 21 days or more before an election. If less than 21 days before an election, you must register in person.
- If you are a NEW Maine voter and mail this card, you must include a photocopy of your Maine driver's license, Maine State ID, or current utility bill, bank statement or government document that shows your name and address.
- For election information, call 207-624-7650 or visit www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/ 10 (rev. 06/12)

7. **Change of name.** (If applicable) This information is required only if the voter's legal name has been changed since registering to vote in Maine.

8. **Voter's Signature.** (Required) Voters must sign their legal name below the statement certifying that all the provided information is true.

9. **Voter ID or Unique ID Number.** (For new Maine voters only) The purpose of the voter ID number is to uniquely designate each **new** voter in the computerized statewide voter registration list. If the person is already registered to vote in Maine, this number is not required.

A. **Driver's License Number.** **New voters** who have a valid Maine Driver's License or a Maine State ID **must** list that number.

B. **Social Security Number.** **New voters** who do not have a valid Maine Driver's License or Maine State ID, must list the **last four digits** of their Social Security Number.

C. **NONE.** This designation may be used only by voters who do not have a Maine Driver's License/State ID or a Social Security Number.

NOTE: Voter ID is confidential (i.e., not public) information and will be concealed during public inspection.

10. **Instructions to Voters.** New voters who register by mail must provide a copy of certain identity documents with the completed registration form. The mail-in registrant may submit a copy of a Maine Driver's License or other valid photo ID, a current utility bill, a bank statement, a paycheck stub or other government document that shows the voter's current name and address.

11. **For registrar's use only.** This space must be completed only by the municipal registrar.

NOTE: If required information is omitted, the registrar must notify the applicant that the application is incomplete and must later reject the application of the required information is not provided. If optional information is omitted, the registrar must still process and accept the application.

Where do I go to vote?

Every town and city has its own places where people vote, called voting places or "the polls". You can call your [town office or city hall](#) to find out where you vote. Voting places open between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., depending on the population of the town. Local officials can give you the exact opening time for your community. All voting places close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

How do I mark a ballot?

Each ballot tells you how to mark your choices. If you have a question, ask an election official. If you make a mistake, fold your ballot and give it to an election official. The election official will give you another ballot.

Can I have help voting?

Yes. If you need help reading or marking the ballot, you may ask a relative or friend for assistance. The helper does not have to be a voter or old enough to vote. An election official can also help you read or mark a ballot. However, your employer or union official cannot help you vote.

Do I need to go to the polls on Election Day to vote?

No. Any registered voter may cast an absentee ballot instead of voting in person at the voting place.

You do not need to have a specific reason or be unable to vote at the voting place on Election Day to use an absentee ballot. Call your [town or city clerk](#) for an application and



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MAINE VOTER INFORMATION LOOKUP SERVICE

Welcome to the State of Maine Voter Information Lookup Service. Find election related information based on your home address. This information includes the location of your voting place, the candidates that will appear on your ballot, and your elected officials and how to contact them.

Please enter your address information and select the "Submit" button. **All fields are required.**

Select Municipality

*Town or City:

Enter Residence Address

*Street Number:

*Street Name:

TOP ONLINE SERVICES

- [Voter Information Look-Up Service](#)
- [Legislative Bill Status Search](#)
- [Statute \(Law\) Search](#)
- [Supreme Court Opinions & Orders Search](#)
- [Unclaimed Property Search & Claims](#)

HOW DO I...?

**State of Maine Sample Ballot
Referendum Election, November 8, 2016**

<p>Instructions to Voters</p> <p>Fill in the oval next to your Yes or No choice, like this: ●</p> <p>To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.</p> <p>If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.</p>	<p>Question 3: Citizen Initiative</p> <p>Do you want to require background checks prior to the sale or transfer of firearms between individuals not licensed as firearms dealers, with failure to do so punishable by law, and with some exceptions for family members, hunting, self-defense, lawful competitions, and shooting range activity?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Question 5: Citizen Initiative</p> <p>Do you want to allow voters to rank their choices of candidates in elections for U.S. Senate, Congress, Governor, State Senate, and State Representative, and to have ballots counted at the state level in multiple rounds in which last-place candidates are eliminated until a candidate wins by majority?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Question 1: Citizen Initiative</p> <p>Do you want to allow the possession and use of marijuana under state law by persons who are at least 21 years of age, and allow the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Question 4: Citizen Initiative</p> <p>Do you want to raise the minimum hourly wage of \$7.50 to \$9 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases up to \$12 in 2020, and annual cost-of-living increases thereafter; and do you want to raise the direct wage for service workers who receive tips from half the minimum wage to \$5 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases until it reaches the adjusted minimum wage?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Question 6: Bond Issue</p> <p>Do you favor a \$100,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities, equipment and property acquisition related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds?</p> <p>Total estimated life time cost is \$133,000,000 representing \$100,000,000 in principal and \$33,000,000 in interest (assuming interest at 6.0% over 10 years).</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Question 2: Citizen Initiative</p> <p>Do you want to add a 3% tax on individual Maine taxable income above \$200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten through 12th grade public education?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>		<p align="center">Turn Over Candidates on Front</p>

State of Maine Sample Ballot
General Election, November 8, 2016
for
Brunswick W1 -3

Instructions to Voters

To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●

To vote for a Write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the Write-in space and write in the person's name.

To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.

If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

President/Vice President
Statewide
Vote for ONE (1)

Clinton, Hillary Rodham
Kaine, Timothy Michael
Democratic

Johnson, Gary
Weld, Bill
Libertarian

Stein, Jill
Baraka, Ajamu
Green Independent

Trump, Donald J.
Pence, Michael R.
Republican

Write-in

Rep. to Congress
District 1
Vote for ONE (1)

Holbrook, Mark I.
Brunswick
Republican

Pingree, Chellie
North Haven
Democratic

Write-in

State Senator
District 24
Vote for ONE (1)

Carson, Everett Brownie
Harpwell
Democratic

Coffin, Tristam W.
Brunswick
Republican

Write-in

Rep. to the Legislature
District 49
Vote for ONE (1)

Daughtry, Matthea Elisabeth
Brunswick
Democratic

Stevens, Michael R.
Brunswick
Republican

Write-in

Register of Probate
Cumberland County
Vote for ONE (1)

Daniels, Nadeen M.
Portland
Democratic

Hughes, James
Freeport
Republican

Write-in

Turn Over
Questions on Back

State of Maine Sample Ballot
General Election, November 8, 2016
for
Brunswick W1 -1

Instructions to Voters

To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●

To vote for a Write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the Write-in space and write in the person's name.

To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.

If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

President/Vice President
Statewide
Vote for ONE (1)

Clinton, Hillary Rodham
Kaine, Timothy Michael
Democratic

Johnson, Gary
Weld, Bill
Libertarian

Stein, Jill
Baraka, Ajamu
Green Independent

Trump, Donald J.
Pence, Michael R.
Republican

Write-in

Rep. to Congress
District 1
Vote for ONE (1)

Holbrook, Mark I.
Brunswick
Republican

Pingree, Chellie
North Haven
Democratic

Write-in

State Senator
District 24
Vote for ONE (1)

Carson, Everett Brownie
Harpwell
Democratic

Coffin, Tristam W.
Brunswick
Republican

Write-in

Rep. to the Legislature
District 50
Vote for ONE (1)

Tucker, Ralph L.
Brunswick
Democratic

Write-in

Turn Over
Questions on Back

**State of Maine Sample Ballot
General Election, November 8, 2016
for**

Brunswick W1 -2, Harpswell W1, Harpswell W2, Harpswell W3

Instructions to Voters

To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this:

To vote for a Write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the Write-in space and write in the person's name.

To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.

If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

President/Vice President
Statewide
Vote for ONE (1)

Clinton, Hillary Rodham
Kaine, Timothy Michael
Democratic

Johnson, Gary
Weld, Bill
Libertarian

Stein, Jill
Baraka, Ajamu
Green Independent

Trump, Donald J.
Pence, Michael R.
Republican

Write-in

Rep. to Congress
District 1
Vote for ONE (1)

Holbrook, Mark I.
Brunswick
Republican

Pingree, Chellie
North Haven
Democratic

Write-in

State Senator
District 24
Vote for ONE (1)

Carson, Everett Brownie
Harpswell
Democratic

Coffin, Tristram W.
Brunswick
Republican

Write-in

Rep. to the Legislature
District 51
Vote for ONE (1)

McCreight, Joyce
Harpswell
Democratic

Write-in

Register of Probate
Cumberland County
Vote for ONE (1)

Daniels, Nadeen M.
Portland
Democratic

Hughes, James
Freeport
Republican

Write-in

**Turn Over
Questions on Back**

**Official Ballot for Town of Brunswick
November 8, 2016
Municipal Election
District 1**

Francine M. Smith
Town Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- ◆ To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this:
- ◆ To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the write-in space and write in the person's name.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

**For Council Representative
District 1
(3-Year Term)
(Vote for One)**

Watson, W. David

Write-in

.....Write-in

**For School Board Representative
District 1
(3-Year Term)
(Vote for One)**

Merrill, Mandy L.

Watson, Byron D.

Write-in

**Sample Ballot for Town of Brunswick
November 8, 2016
Municipal Election
District 2**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- ◆ To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●.
- ◆ To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the write-in space and write in the person's name.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

For Council Representative District 2 (3-Year Term) (Vote for One)	For School Board Representative District 2 (3-Year Term) (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> Walker, Stephen S.	<input type="radio"/> Clough, Brenda D.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Tucker, Benjamin J.
<input type="radio"/>Write-in	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>Write-in

**Sample Ballot for Town of Brunswick
November 8, 2016
Municipal Election
District 6**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- ◆ To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●.
- ◆ To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the write-in space and write in the person's name.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

For Council Representative District 6 (3-Year Term) (Vote for One)	For School Board Representative District 6 (3-Year Term) (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> Millett, Jane F.	<input type="radio"/> Sokoloff, Elizabeth Garrett
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>Write-in	<input type="radio"/>Write-in