

New Hampshire Cottes EDUCATION AWARENESS





VOTE! it's your right and duty as a U.S. citizen

GLOSSARY OF TERMS



Absentee/mail-in voting:

Absentee/mail-in voting is voting that does not happen in person on Election Day but instead occurs another way (generally by mail).

Appointee:

A person who has been placed, not elected, in a position in government by an appointing authority.

At Large:

The whole membership or population (notably a city, county, state, province, nation, club or association), rather than a subset.

Ballot:

Either in paper form or electronic, the system for voters to show their vote preferences.

Campaign:

A series of democratic activities to influence a political vote for or against candidates or ballot questions.

Candidate:

A person who is running for an elected office.

Domicile:

The place where a person physically lives.

Election:

A formal process of selecting a person for public office, or of accepting or rejecting a political view by voting.

Gerrymandering:

Gerrymandering is the practice of drawing district lines to favor one political party, individual or constituency over another.

Incumbent:

A person who is currently in office.

Legislation:

The preparing and enacting of laws by local, state, or national lawmaking branches of government

Office:

Any federal, state, county, town, parish, borough, municipal, school, district or other government position.

Party:

A political organization with specific ideological or policy goals that coordinates candidates to compete in elections.

Primary:

An election to choose front runner candidates for a party ahead of the General Election.

Poll:

(1) To check the status of or record the opinion of a voter. (2) The process of voting in an election.

REGISTER TO VOTE

YOU'RE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN NH IF YOU ARE...

- A U.S. citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- Living in New Hampshire
- Not currently in jail or prison for a felony (including C1)

If you meet these eligibility requirements, you can vote if you're:

- On parole or released from prison unless you specifically lost the right to vote as part of your sentence.
- Currently incarcerated on a misdemeanor conviction or detained pretrial
- A college student
- Don't have a fixed, permanent home in NH

TO REGISTER TO VOTE YOU NEED...

- for **DOMICILE** proof of residence where you will vote (driver's license, non-driver's ID, rental lease, utility bill in your name/address)
- for **IDENTITY** proof that you are who you say you are (driver's license, non-driver's ID, current passport, military or school ID)
- for CITIZENSHIP proof that you are a US citizen (Certificate of citizenship/naturalization, current passport, birth certificate)
- for AGE proof that you will be 18 by election day (driver's license, non-driver's ID, passport, birth certificate)

*If you don't have these papers with you, you may sign official affidavits (swear under oath that you meet the requirements)

Questions about registering and voting?
Email the Secretary of State Office at elections@sos.nh.gov or call 603-271-3242

VOTER ACCESSIBILITY

Voting accommodations are available to every voter during election season.

As a voter with a disability, you have the right to:

- Ask someone for assistance requesting or completing an absentee or in-person ballot.
- Accessible parking and entryway provisions.
- Accessible voting machine that allows anyone to vote privately and independently.
- Ask someone to assist you with completing your ballot, but that assistant is not supposed to influence your choice.

For additional information

Go to the Secretary of State's website or call 603-271-8241.



Secretary of State
Voter
bit.ly/3SHGU0Y

For more information on

New Hampshire's accessible absentee voting

and registration process:

Call the Disability Rights Center-NH directly at 1-800-834-1721 or 603-228-0432.

WHERE TO REGISTER

- 1. At the polls on Election Day
- 2. Your local City / Town Hall

VOTING LOCATION



Secretary of State
Voting Locations
bit.ly/NHLOC

Go to website or scan QR code above.

- 1. Click on "Voter Information Lookup".
- 2. Click on "Search Polling Places and Sample Ballots by Address".
 - 3. Enter "Town or City, Street Name, Street Range".

WHO'S ON YOUR BALLOT

For information on voting including absentee, sample ballots & elections go to:



State Sample Ballot: bit.ly/3DYUA2W



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VOTING AND CANDIDATES:



Ballot Info: NHPR bit.ly/3fpvG2f



Ballot Info: Ballotpedia bit.ly/3DTOpgF



Candidate Info: Citizens Count bit.ly/3dOyUfg



DID YOU KNOW?

If you feel your voting rights are being violated you can contact the moderator at your polling place.

Ask any election official to direct you to the moderator.

If contact with the moderator does not resolve your concerns contact the Attorney General

Toll Free Election Line: 1-866-868-3703 1-866-VOTER03



Secretary of State bit.ly/3SYe7EY

For information on voting see the Secretary of State's web site and select the "Elections Division."

Attorney General

33 Capital Street Concord, N.H. 03301-6397 e-mail: electionlaw@doj.nh.gov 1-603-271-3650

CURBSIDE VOTING

A disabled voter can arrive at a polling location and if unable to enter, may inform the moderator and request that an absentee ballot be brought outside of the polling location.

Per RSA 659:20-a



VOTING AS A REGISTERED INDEPENDENT

In NH you can vote in one party's primary even if you are an independent voter; but by doing so you become a member of that party. To be able to choose a primary to vote in again during the next election, you must fill out a card or sign a list to return to an independent voter status.

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Our lives begin to **end**the day we become **Silent** about things that matter.

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

GOVERNOR

- Fnacts state laws & executive orders.
- Has veto power over legislative bills.
- Establishes & manages state budget.
- Oversight of state departments & agencies
- Appoints Judges, Attorney General, state department & board heads, and Commissioners.

U.S. SENATOR

Amends federal budget spending bills.

officials, ambassadors, Supreme Court &

Confirms cabinet & executive agency

Creates and votes on federal laws.





- Creates and votes on federal laws.
- Proposes federal budget spending bills.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Initiates impeachment of government officials.

EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

- Approves state budget spending.
- Approves all state contracts over \$10,000.
- Approves governor's pardons.
- Approve governor's appointments of Judges, Attorney General, state department & board heads, Commissioners.

STATE SENATOR

Creates and votes on state laws.

federal judges.

Ratifies treaties.

- Approves state budget & tax laws.
- Votes for/against governor vetoes.
- Conducts impeachment proceedings against state officials.

- Creates and votes on state laws
- Approves state budget & tax laws
- Oversight of budget spending for county

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

- Votes for/against governor vetoes.
- Initiates impeachment proceedings against state officials.

*SHERIFF

- Chief law enforcement officer for the
- Enforces state laws & serves civil processes.
- Provides court security.

*COUNTY ATTORNEY

- Prosecutes felonies and misdemeanor appeals from the district courts.
- Prosecutes crimes in collaboration with the State Attorney General's Office, Sheriff's Department, NH State Police and local police departments.

- Maintains county properties.
- Reviews county department budgets.
- Oversight of the department of corrections, nursing homes, public assistance and human resources.

*COUNTY COMMISSIONER

*COUNTY TREASURER

- Manages county budget & financial accounts.
- Collects county property tax from municipalities.
- Invests county funds.

*REGISTRAR OF PROBATE

Oversees wills, trusts, estates, quardianships, involuntary commitments, adoptions, name changes, and partition of real estate in the county.

*REGISTRAR OF DEEDS

 Processes and maintains records on the selling and buying of land and buildings, including plans, sales, and foreclosures.

> *will depend on your town or city federal seat in Washington D.C.

State & Federal Government Seats









Real change,
enduring change,
happens one step at a time.

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg





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