ELECTIONS 2020
Vote on Tuesday, November 3

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Why vote?
You can help make important changes in the way your town, state, and country are run.

Is my vote private?
Yes, your vote is private. No one will know how you vote unless you tell them.

Who can vote?
You can vote in Maine if you are:
- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of the State of Maine
- Age 18 or older

You must first register to vote. Read about how to register on the next page.

What will I be voting for?
On Tuesday, November 3, Maine voters will choose:
- President of the United States
- U.S. Senator from the State of Maine
- U.S. Representatives in Congressional District 1 and Congressional District 2
- Representatives to the Maine State Senate and the Maine House of Representatives
- County, district, and municipal candidates and initiatives

When is Election Day?
Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
Registering to Vote

How do I register to vote?

You can register to vote in Maine if you are:
- An 18-year old citizen of the United States residing in the town where you will be voting.
- A 17-year old citizen who will turn 18 on or before Election Day.
- If you are 16, you can still fill out your voter registration card, and you will be eligible to vote when you turn 18.

People convicted of a crime or in jail can still vote. If you are in jail, you register to vote in the town where you lived before going to jail and vote by absentee ballot (more information on PAGE 16).

People who are homeless can still vote. If you are homeless, you register to vote using the location where you sleep. This location could be a shelter, a friend’s place, or outside.

You will need a photo ID and proof of residence.

Here are examples of a valid photo ID:
- Government document or credential with photo ID (e.g., driver’s license, State ID, valid U.S. Passport, military ID)
- Government ID document/credential without photo (e.g., certified birth certificate or signed Social Security card)
- An official document that shows name and address of voter (e.g., eligibility for public benefits, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck)
- Verified unique identifier (Maine driver’s license number or last four numbers of Social Security Number)

Here are examples of a proof of residence:
- A direct statement of your intention to reside at a particular place
- The location of any dwelling you currently occupy
- The place where you have registered your motor vehicle (if you own the vehicle)
- Your current income tax return showing your residence address
- The residence address where your mail is received
- The residence address on your current hunting or fishing license
- The residence address shown on your driver’s license
- Your eligibility for public benefits based on residency
- Any other objective facts that tend to indicate your place of residence
Registering to Vote

You can register to vote for the November 3 election:

- By mail. Your registration needs to be received by your town clerk by October 19.
- At a voter registration drive before October 19. (COVID precautions mean that there will be fewer in-person registration drives.)
- At a Bureau of Motor Vehicles office.
- In person at your city or town hall anytime, up to and including Election Day, November 3, 2020
- Through a 3rd party by October 12.

Use this link to download and print a voter registration application: https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/images/VoterRegistrationCard20.pdf

You must fill out a voter registration card:

- Complete both the front and back of the card.
- Sign and date the card.
- You do not have to join a political party to vote. If you do not want to join a political party, check “Unenrolled” on the registration card.
- See PAGES 6-7 for instructions to fill out a voter registration card.
## Maine Voter Registration Application

### Federally Required Questions:
- Are you a citizen of the United States of America? *(YES NO)*
- Are you at least 18 years of age? ***(YES NO)***
  - If NO, but you are at least 16 years of age, you may pre-register to vote.

### Application Information

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### Have you previously been registered to vote? *(YES NO)*
- If the answer is “yes” provide address of previous registration below.

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### Maine Voter Registration Application

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

Signature of Applicant on line above Date on line above

### Registrar’s Use Only

- **Date Received:**
- **Ward-Precinct:**
- **Source of Registration:**
- **NEW Maine Voter Registration**
- **Form of Proof for ID:**
- **Change of Existing Voter Registration**
- **Form of Proof for Residency:**
- **Address Change to new municipality**
- **Address Change within municipality**
- **Party Enrollment Change**
- **Name Change**
- **Duplicate Application (no changes made)**

### Instructions to Voters

- 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/
**Voter Registration Card | INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS.** Must answer yes to both to be able to register.

2. **PARTY.** Choose one of these listed possibilities: a Maine qualified party, an Other qualifying party, or Unenrolled.

3. **NAME.** Last Name and First Name or first initial and Middle Name.

4. **DATE OF BIRTH.** Must be 18 by Election Day to vote.

5a. **ADDRESS.**
   - **Current Resident Address:** Street or physical location. (Not a PO Box)
   - **Current Mailing Address:** Only if different from residence address. (Can be a PO Box)
   - **Previous Address:** If you were registered before and have moved, you must say yes and provide your previous city, county, and state.

6. **VOTER’S SIGNATURE.** Must sign and date the card.

7a. **VOTER ID.**
   - **Maine Driver’s License # or Maine ID #:** New voters who have a valid ID must list one of these numbers.
   - **Social Security Number:** New voters who do not have a Maine license or ID must list the last 4 digits of their SSN.
   - **None:** Only voters who do not have a Maine license, ID, or SSN, must write "None."

8. **REGISTRATION BY MAIL.** New voters who register by mail must provide a copy of their ID (e.g. Maine Driver’s License) with registration card and a document showing their address.
Before Voting

Where do I go to vote?

Some towns have multiple polling places. To find out where you vote:
  • Call your Town or City Clerk’s office
  • Go to: www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/voter_lookup.php

What time do I vote?

  • Polling places open in the morning; opening time varies by town.
  • The polling places all close at 8:00 PM.
  • If you are in line to vote at 8:00 PM, you will not be turned away and will be able to vote.

How can I avoid the crowds at my voting place?

  • COVID safety precautions may slow down the voting process.
  • Because people will be physically distancing in line, lines may look long even if they are not.
  • You can reduce stress at your polling place on Election Day by voting absentee.
  • For more information on absentee voting, see PAGE 16.

What safety precautions are towns taking to make in-person voting as safe as possible?

  • Limits on how many people can be in each polling location at a time.
  • Voting booths positioned farther apart to allow for distancing.
  • Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces between voters.
  • Asking voters to wear face coverings.
  • Plexiglass shields protecting election workers.

Can I see the ballot before the election?

Yes, your town or city will have a sample ballot. Check their website.
Before Voting

What if my name is not on the list at my voting place?

- The people working at the voting place will help you.
- You may need to register to vote. You may register to vote at the polling place. You must bring identification and something that shows a current address. A driver’s license or state identification with the current address meets both criteria. Otherwise, a checkbook or bill addressed to you at your current address along with a social security card, birth certificate, or hunting/fishing license.
- If your problem is not solved, you can ask to vote a “challenged ballot.” Your vote will count on Election Day. Your problem will be solved later.

Do I need an ID (identification card)?

No. Registered Maine voters do not need to show ID to vote.

BUT, you should bring your ID and proof of your address (example is a driver’s license and electric bill) if:
- You are a first-time voter.
- You have moved.
- You need to register to vote on Election Day.

Don’t worry — no eligible voter can be turned away.
At the Voting Place

What will I do at the voting place?

- Look for signs or markings to tell you where you should go.
- Floor markings are common to help people figure this out.
- Some polling places will sort people by last name.
- Most will have separate entrances and exits.
- Go to the election clerk. Give your name and address.
- If you are registered to vote, your name will be on the list.
- The election clerk will give you a ballot or ballots.
- A ballot is the paper where you will mark your votes.
- You will go into a private voting booth and mark your ballot.
- When you are done, you will put the ballot into the ballot box or a machine.

What if I need help at the voting place?

Ask an election clerk for help if you have any questions. Election clerks can help you fill out a ballot and give you a new one if you need it. You will not be the only one with questions!

How do I fill out the ballot?

- Each ballot tells you how to mark your choices.
- You will be using Ranked Choice Voting for some candidate elections. You can rank as many candidates as you wish or you can rank only one.
- If you have a question, ask an election clerk.
- You do not have to vote for everything. Only the parts you vote on will count.
- Check your ballot.
- If you have made a mistake, you can ask for a new ballot.
At the Polling Place

What if I can’t read the ballot?

You can get help from:

• A friend or a relative. Your helper does not have to be a voter. Your helper does not have to be old enough to vote.
• An election worker.
• Your employer or union official cannot help you vote.
• A special machine is available if you want to see a large print ballot or hear a ballot read to you. (More information about this is on PAGE 11.)
ExpressVote System

What is ExpressVote?

ExpressVote is for people who may have difficulty reading a ballot. It is a device that can be used to help you read or hear your ballot and fill it out.

Can I use ExpressVote at my polling place?

- Yes, you can use ExpressVote at any voting place.
- Tell the election clerk at your voting place you want to use ExpressVote.
- The election clerk will set up the ExpressVote for you to use.

How does ExpressVote work?

- ExpressVote has a video display screen and built-in ballot printer.
- The ballot can be seen in large print.
- The ballot can be read to you through headphones that are provided.

How do I make my selections with ExpressVote?

You can make your selections by:
- Touching the screen.
- Using a keypad with different-shaped, colored buttons with braille labels.
- Using a switch with a green Yes or a red No.
- When you are done the device prints a ballot marked with your choices.
- You put your ballot into the ballot box or counting machine.
LEFT: This is what an ExpressVote system looks like. These are available at any voting place. Headphones should be available.

For more information on the ExpressVote system visit: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/accessiblevoting.html
Ranked Choice Voting

What is Ranked Choice Voting?

Ranked Choice Voting lets voters rank the candidates in order of preference.

How does Ranked Choice Voting work?

- Voters rank candidates in the order of their preference: first choice, second choice, third choice, and so on.
- When all the ballots are counted, if one candidate gets more than 50% of the first choice votes, they win.
- If no candidate receives more than 50% of first choice votes, the candidate with fewest votes is considered defeated.
- Voters who ranked the defeated candidate as their first choice have their votes counted for their second choice.
- This is repeated until only two candidates remain. The one with the most votes wins.

Why should I rank my vote?

- If your first choice is defeated, your ballot will still count for your next highest choice.
- You can’t hurt your favorite candidate by also ranking the other candidates. Those choices only count if your first choice is defeated.
- You can’t help your favorite candidate by ranking only one candidate. Your first choice will always count if your favorite candidate has not been defeated.

How do I avoid mistakes on my ballot?

- Mark only one oval per row.
- Mark only one oval per column.
- Rank as many candidates as you like.
- You do not need to rank any candidate that you do not support.
- If you make a mistake, ask the clerk for a new ballot.
- Ask for help. You won’t be the only one with questions.
### Ranked Choice Voting

Here is an example of how to rank your preferred candidates:

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**ABOVE:** In this example, Candidate Two is the 1st choice, and the bubble next to this has been filled in. Candidate One is the 2nd Choice. Candidate Three is the 3rd Choice.

If you are certain of your top choice and only want to vote for Candidate Two, then you only have to fill in the "1st Choice" bubble. You may leave the rest blank.

If you only wanted to rank 2 out of the 3 candidates, then you would fill in the bubbles for "1st Choice" and "2nd Choice" but you may leave "3rd Choice" blank.
### Sample Ballot

#### WITH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

##### Instructions to Voters

To vote, fill in the oval like this.

To rank your candidate choices, fill in the oval:
- In the 1st column for your 1st choice candidate.
- In the 2nd column for your 2nd choice candidate, and so on.

Continue until you have ranked as many or as few candidates as you like.

Fill in no more than one oval for each candidate or column.

To rank a Write-in candidate, write the person’s name in the write-in space and fill in the oval for the ranking of your choice.

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The Maine Ballot has:

- Five Presidential Candidates
- Four U.S. Senate Candidates
- Two Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives District 1

You also have the option to write-in a candidate name for each race.

Visit [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org) for more information about local races, such as candidates for Maine State House, Maine State Senate, City Council, School Board, and more.
The Maine Ballot has:

- Five Presidential Candidates
- Four U.S. Senate Candidates
- Two Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives District 2

You also have the option to write-in a candidate name for each race.

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Absentee Ballots

What is absentee voting?

- If you want to vote before Election Day, you can use an absentee ballot.
- If your ballot will be mailed to you or if you plan to return it by mail, it’s best to request it early.
- You can also request and pick it up in person.
- Absentee ballots can be requested now until Friday, October 30th.
- Ballots will be mailed out 30 days before the election.

How do I get an absentee ballot?

You do not need a reason to request an absentee ballot by Friday, October 30th. If you are qualified to vote, you can request your absentee ballot:

- By phone from your Town Clerk by 5:00 PM on October 29.
- In person at your Town Office by 5:00 PM on October 30.
- By mail by printing, filling out, and mailing this form: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/pdf/absballot1120.pdf
- Online by 5:00 PM on October 29 using the form at: https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl

Be aware that waiting until these deadlines may not allow enough time for your ballot to reach you through the mail or to return your ballot by mail.

A member of your immediate family member may request a ballot for you. Call your town clerk for more information.

Uniformed service members and overseas voters have different instructions. Follow instructions from the Maine Secretary of State here: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/uocava.html

If you are a voter with a disability that makes it difficult for you to use a paper ballot, you can request an accessible absentee ballot at: https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl
Absenter Ballots

What do I do with my absentee ballot?

• Fill out the ballot.
• Put it in the special envelope and sign the envelope.

Be careful! Many people forget to sign the envelope.

• Return your ballot to your town clerk’s office by 8:00 PM on Election Day.
  + You can return your ballot by mail; do it at least a week early in case of delays.
  + You or an immediate family member can drop your ballot off in person when your town office is open.
  + Many towns and cities will have secure dropboxes outside the town office, which will be accessible even when the office is closed.

Someone who isn’t in your family may return your ballot for you, but you’ll need two witnesses to sign the envelope.

How do I request an absentee ballot after Friday, October 30th?

To get an absentee ballot after the Friday before the election, call or go in person to your city hall or town office and complete a special application.

Your application must include one of the following reasons:
• You will be out of town unexpectedly all day on Election Day.
• You have a disability.
• You live on an island and are unable to get to the voting place on Election Day.
• You have an illness and cannot leave home or a treatment facility.
• Your city or town clerk must receive your absentee ballot by 8:00 PM on Election Day, November 3, 2020.
Presidential Candidates | JOB DESCRIPTION

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT

Term (years to serve): 4 years
Salary: $400,000

Ranked Choice Voting
Maine voters will use Ranked Choice Voting to rank their preferred presidential candidates in the general election on Tuesday, November 3.

You do not have to rank all the candidates if you are certain of your top choice. See PAGES 12-13 for how to use Ranked Choice Voting. See PAGE 14 for a sample ballot.

The President is the Chief Executive of the U.S. government and the Commander-in-Chief of all the military forces. As Chief Executive, the President: enforces laws, treaties, and court rulings, develops federal policies, prepares the national budget, and appoints federal officials.

The President also approves or vetoes acts of Congress and grants pardons. As Commander-in-Chief, the President has the authority to send troops into combat. The Constitution and federal law describe the powers of the President.

The election of President of the United States is an indirect election. The popular vote chooses delegates or electors to the Electoral College, which elects the President. The Electoral College has 538 electors. States have an elector for each member of Congress. States have two electors for their two Senators and one for each member of the House of Representatives (based on the state’s population.) Maine has four electors.

The President must be at least 35 years old, a natural-born citizen of the United States, and have lived in the United States at least 14 years.

THE CANDIDATES: There are five presidential candidates on the Maine ballot.

JOE BIDEN
Democrat

ROQUE DE LA FUENTE
Alliance Party

HOWARD HAWKINS
Green Independent

JO JORGENSEN
Libertarian

DONALD TRUMP
Republican

Note: Candidates appear in this guide in the order in which they appear on the ballot.
Presidential Election | JOE BIDEN

Visit [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org) for the most up-to-date information.

**Democratic Party**

**Ranked Choice Voting**
If this candidate is your top choice, then you will fill in the bubble next to “1st Choice” on your ballot.

**Campaign Website**
joebiden.com

**Campaign Email**
info@joebiden.com

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joebiden.com

**Campaign Email**
info@joebiden.com

**Mailing Address**
PO Box 58174
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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**Alliance Party**

**Ranked Choice Voting**
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U.S. Senate Candidates | JOB DESCRIPTION

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Term (years to serve): 6 years
Salary: $174,000

Senators write and pass laws. They share this job with the House of Representatives. They research issues of national importance and hold public hearings. The Senate approves treaties with other countries. They also approve cabinet members, federal judges, and foreign ambassadors who are chosen by the president.

Citizens of each state elect two Senators who represent the whole state. They serve for 6 years. Voters can elect a Senator for as many terms as they choose. The Senate consists of 100 members, two from each state. Every two years, one-third of the Senate is elected. Senators must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States for at least nine years, and a resident of the state the senator represents at time of election.

Ranked Choice Voting
Maine voters will use Ranked Choice Voting to rank their preferred U.S. Senate candidates in the general election on Tuesday, November 3.

You do not have to rank all the candidates if you are certain of your top choice. See PAGES 12-13 for how to use Ranked Choice Voting. See PAGE 14 for a sample ballot.

THE CANDIDATES: There are four U.S. Senate candidates on the Maine ballot.

SUSAN COLLINS  
Republican

SARA GIDEON  
Democrat

MAX LINN  
Independent

LISA SAVAGE  
Independent

Note: Candidates appear in this guide in the order in which they appear on the ballot.
What are the greatest challenges facing Maine right now?

The greatest challenge currently facing Maine and America is the coronavirus pandemic. Medical research is essential to meeting this public health crisis. Since 2016, Congress has increased funding for the National Institutes of Health by $9 billion. In 2018, 13 medical research institutions in Maine received 160 NIH grants totaling nearly $100 million to expand the frontiers of science. In direct response to the coronavirus, Congress passed an $8.3 billion emergency funding package focused on vaccine development and the immediate needs of public health agencies. Another $105 billion package provided free testing, increased unemployment and food assistance, expanded paid sick leave, and assisted states as they respond to the public health crisis. And, the CARES Act provided a $2 trillion bipartisan agreement that has helped to protect the health of our people and strengthen our economy.

If elected, what are your top three priorities?

A top priority is restoring the spirit of cooperation and compromise that is the foundation of our system of government. The partisan bickering that is rampant today prevents progress on issues that matter to our citizens. We must continue to respond to the coronavirus pandemic that threatens both public health and our economy. I am confident that we will defeat this pandemic and am determined to continue the sense of unity and purpose we have demonstrated during the pandemic to address other issues before us. In addition, I will continue to work for good-paying jobs and a healthy economy, to promote transparency and improve the affordability and quality of health care, and I will continue to advocate for robust investment in biomedical research. This has the promise to improve people’s health and quality of life, including better therapies and an eventual cure for people living with devastating diseases such as diabetes and Alzheimer’s disease.
U.S. Senate | SARA GIDEON

What are the greatest challenges facing Maine right now?

Sara is proud of the way Mainers have stepped up to the plate to address the challenges posed by the coronavirus, but there is no question that this crisis has presented Maine with a number of serious challenges. Maine children have been learning remotely for months at the end of this school year, hospitals are stretched thin to the breaking point from responding to the coronavirus, local businesses are suffering from months-long closures, and workers and families are struggling to stay safe, pay their bills, and make ends meet. And throughout this crisis, two things have been clear: that Maine people are resilient and caring, and that it’s time for new leadership in Washington. Mainers look out for one another, and it’s past time someone was looking out for them in Washington.

Candidate responses continued on next page.
If elected, what are your top three priorities?

Special interests have too much say in Washington; that’s why Sara Gideon released a reform agenda to crack down on influence over elected officials. In the Senate, Sara will fight for meaningful campaign finance reform. Sara will prioritize healthcare in the Senate just as she has in the State House, fighting to ensure people with pre-existing conditions, seniors, women and children have access to affordable healthcare and addressing the rising cost of prescription drugs. Sara will be a powerful pro-choice voice, especially in this time of threats to Roe v. Wade. Sara led on climate change issues in the State House, passing some of the most aggressive goals in the nation to reduce carbon emissions and increase renewable energy production. In the Senate, she will lead the fight on climate change, knowing that this is an economic opportunity for Maine. In the U.S. Senate, Sara will always prioritize Mainers over the special interests that have too much power in Washington.
What are the greatest challenges facing Maine right now?

The greatest challenges that the families in our State are facing right now are the economic crisis from the COVID pandemic and environmental crisis from those who wish to force the CMP Corridor on our rural families. In both cases the blue collar and rural families of Maine have been ignored by those in the political class.

If elected, what are your top three priorities?

1) Solve the Immigration Crisis with a Five Year Moratorium on All Immigration.

2) Saving the Environment from Corporate Greed.

3) Making sure Maine families and small businesses receive proper pandemic direct cash relief.
What are the greatest challenges facing Maine right now?

Nearly 1 in 4 workers in Maine lost their job when the pandemic hit, and many lost their health insurance at that time, too. We need to make sure these people have the resources they need to get through this crisis including an emergency universal basic income and a suspension of rent, mortgage payments, evictions, foreclosures, and utility shutoffs. We need to make sure that Mainers have access to quality healthcare by implementing Medicare-for-All. In addition to the pandemic, Maine is experiencing the worst year on record for overdose deaths. People need access to affordable treatment and mental health services. We need to address the climate crisis. Global heating threatens the survival of life on Earth. The Gulf of Maine is warming faster than any other body of water in the world’s oceans, and this has adversely affected our fisheries. We need a Green New Deal to tackle the climate crisis and move our money from the war machine into creating millions of good, green, union jobs.

Candidate responses continued on next page.
If elected, what are your top three priorities?

Medicare-for-All: The U.S. is the only major country that doesn’t guarantee healthcare as a right. We have prioritized profits over people. I am making this a priority because it will make a huge impact in people’s lives, boost our economy, and because healthcare is a human right. Demilitarized Green New Deal: The climate crisis is a threat to life on Earth. Responding to this crisis is a moral imperative. The human costs of failing to meet this challenge will be massive. The Demilitarized Green New Deal addresses these challenges while creating millions of good union jobs. Ending Endless Wars: The military budget drains 60% of our hard-earned tax dollars into the wasteful Pentagon budget. I will work to redirect this spending to meet the needs of everyday people for a Green New Deal, Medicare for All, education, care for our military veterans, and more. A budget is a moral document and we need to address the needs in our country instead of sending our people to die in endless wars.
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

Term (years to serve): 2 years
Salary: $174,000

Members of the House of Representatives write and pass the nation’s laws. They share this job with Senators. They research issues of national importance and hold public hearings. Bills that raise money for any government program start in the House and must also be passed by the Senate.

The United States is divided into 435 Congressional districts. The districts are based on the number of people in the state. Every state has at least one Member of the House of Representatives. Maine has two. All Members of the House are elected in even-numbered years. Voters can elect a Representative for as many terms as they choose. U.S. Representatives must be at least 25 years of age, a citizen of the United States for at least 7 years, and inhabitants of the state in which they serve.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

Term (years to serve): 2 years
Salary: $174,000

Ranked Choice Voting
Maine voters will use Ranked Choice Voting to rank their preferred U.S. House candidates in the general election on Tuesday, November 3.

You do not have to rank both candidates if you are certain of your top choice. See PAGES 12-13 for how to use Ranked Choice Voting. See PAGE 14 for a sample ballot.

THE CANDIDATES: There are two U.S. House candidates on the Maine ballot.

HOUSE DISTRICT 1
JAY ALLEN
Republican

HOUSE DISTRICT 1
CHELLIE PINGREE
Democrat

HOUSE DISTRICT 2
DALE CRAFTS
Republican

HOUSE DISTRICT 2
JARED GOLDEN
Democrat

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What are the greatest challenges facing Maine right now?

The biggest challenges facing Maine right now are:

1) A government that is unresponsive to the needs of the people.

2) A tax environment that is harmful to young families and to the economy.

3) Excessive regulations that make it more difficult for individuals and small businesses.

If elected, what are your top three priorities?

1) Restoring sound fiscal policy. We can’t continue piling debt onto our children and our grandchildren. We need to start living within a budget.

2) Drain the swamp. Washington has created a culture that is not responsive to the people they have been elected to represent. One of the first steps is to remove the incentives for people to become career politicians by halting the pension programs. Another step is instituting term limits for members of Congress.

3) Preserve liberties. Our liberties have been under assault, specifically freedoms of speech and religion, through the cancel culture and suppression of conservative voices on social media platforms. I will fight to preserve those liberties.
What are the greatest challenges facing Maine right now?

The most immediate challenge facing Maine right now is the coronavirus pandemic, which is a massive public health threat that is wreaking havoc on our economy. I’m disappointed in the complete lack of the leadership out of the Trump administration to take any meaningful action to help Americans who are suffering. The US House has taken bold action multiple times to rush relief to the American people, work to defeat the pandemic and get our economy back on track, but leaders in the Senate and the White House continue to stall, spread misinformation and ignore the threat. The other major challenge facing us is the threat of man-made climate change. We’re already seeing the catastrophic effects of the crisis here in Maine. We rely on our state’s natural resources for food, fishing, recreation, tourism, and so much more, and our economy and way of life is under threat if we don’t take action to become carbon neutral, transition to a green economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Candidate responses continued on next page.
If elected, what are your top three priorities?

Healthcare: I believe affordable high-quality health care is a human right, not a privilege for the wealthy. The pandemic has made clear the need for affordable health care for all Americans. As millions have become sick or lost their jobs, many have lost insurance when they need care the most. This system we use to deliver health care in America is broken, and it’s long past time for that to change.

Economy: We need an economy that works for all, especially during an economic downturn disproportionately affecting low income people and people of color the most. We must have policies that support working families and an economy that ensures workers a living wage.

Food & farming: As an organic farmer, I know how important food, farming and agriculture are to Maine’s economy and way of life. I serve on the subcommittee that oversees funding for agriculture and food programs, and I’ve supported bills that address food insecurity, food waste, local food production, and much more.
What are the greatest challenges facing Maine right now?

1) As your Congressman, I will fight for lower costs, increased access and higher quality of care. As a businessman of over 40 years, I believe in a free market, competitive healthcare system. 2) Our nation is strong when our economy is strong. We must rebuild our economy through lowering taxes, creating fair trade, removing our dependency on China and investing in our infrastructure. 3) When I woke up paralyzed 37 years ago, I would never have imagined I would be here today running for Congress. Through hard work, I started multiple businesses, employing hundreds, served in the State legislature and raised 6 children. I credit this to living in the greatest country, and we must renew the American Dream.

Candidate responses continued on next page.
U.S. House District 2 | DALE CRAFTS

If elected, what are your top three priorities?

1) Increase Access to Affordable, Quality Healthcare through free-market healthcare reforms and not government run, one size fits all health care plans. This includes protecting those with pre-existing conditions, lowering prescription drug costs by increasing competition and allowing negotiation in drug pricing, and ensuring that our seniors have access to the most modern medical treatment and benefits.

2) Rebuild the greatest economy in history and get Americans back to work, remove dependency on China and invest in our infrastructure.

3) Restore the Maine way of life by defeating the coronavirus, opposing efforts to defund the police, and preserving our freedoms under the Constitution to include free speech, religious liberty, and the 2nd Amendment.
What are the greatest challenges facing Maine right now?

Maine’s economy has taken a serious hit due to the pandemic. Because of this, many Mainers are out of work and small businesses are struggling. We need to continue to make sure our workers, small businesses and rural healthcare providers have the resources they need in this uncertain time.

If elected, what are your top three priorities?

If re-elected, I will continue to work to expand access to healthcare and lower prescription drug costs, create and keep good paying jobs here in Maine, and fight to get big money out of politics and clean up government corruption.
ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE EDUCATION FUND

The League of Women Voters of Maine Education Fund conducts voter service and citizen education activities. It is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, public policy educational organization that:

- Builds citizen participation in the democratic process.
- Studies key community issues at all government levels in an unbiased manner.
- Enables people to seek positive solutions to public policy issues through education and conflict management.

Donations to the LWVME Education Fund, a 501 (c)(3) organization, are tax-deductible where allowed by law.

The League of Women Voters of Maine is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We never support or oppose any political party or candidate.

Donations to the League of Women Voters of Maine are not tax-deductible.

The League is not just for women! Anyone who supports the League’s mission is welcome as a member.

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