



ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED.

VOTE ON:
Tuesday,
November 7

WHAT'S ON YOUR BALLOT?

On November 7, Mainers will vote on 8 different ballot questions. The League of Women Voters of Maine is committed to providing information to voters so that they feel confident when they vote.

Questions 1-4 are citizen initiatives. These reach the ballot through a process of signature collection. When enough Maine voters sign the petition, the question goes on the ballot for a statewide vote.

Questions 5-8 are proposed amendments to the Maine Constitution. These questions began as bills that were passed by the Maine Legislature with a two-thirds majority. Unlike other kinds of laws, constitutional amendments must go to the state ballot for final approval by a majority of voters.

① QUESTION ONE: Citizen Initiative

An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing. Do you want to bar some quasi-governmental entities and all consumer-owned electric utilities from taking on more than \$1 billion in debt unless they get statewide voter approval?

What it's asking: Do you want some state and city offices, as well as some electricity providers, to have to get voter approval before they take on more than a billion dollars in debt?

A YES vote means that you want voters to have to approve these new debts through a statewide vote. A NO vote means that you don't want to change the existing process. While this would have wider effects, it's important to note that it would apply to the Pine Tree Power Company, which is being voted on in Question Three.

② QUESTION TWO: Citizen Initiative

An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution. Do you want to ban foreign governments and entities that they own, control, or influence from making campaign contributions or financing communications for or against candidates or ballot questions?

What it's asking: Do you want to ban foreign governments from spending money to influence Maine candidate elections or ballot question campaigns, and support amending the U.S. Constitution to prevent corruption?

A YES vote means you want to ban foreign governments from spending money on Maine election campaigns and you support adding an anticorruption amendment to the U.S. Constitution. A NO vote means you don't support banning foreign contributions or amending the U.S. Constitution.

3 QUESTION THREE:
Citizen Initiative

An Act to Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility. Do you want to create a new power company governed by an elected board to acquire and operate existing for-profit electricity transmission and distribution facilities in Maine?

What it's asking: Do you want to create a new nonprofit power company, run by an elected group of Maine people/citizens, to buy and operate equipment already supplying power to homes and businesses in Maine?

A YES vote means that you support creating a new nonprofit power company in Maine that would use equipment already supplying power to Maine homes and businesses and that would be run by an elected group of Mainers. A NO vote means that you don't want to create the nonprofit power company Pine Tree Power Company and nothing will change.

5 QUESTION FIVE:
Constitutional Amendment

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions. Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to change the time period for judicial review of the validity of written petitions from within 100 days from the date of filing to within 100 business days from the date of filing of a written petition in the office of the Secretary of State, with an exception for petitions filed within 30 calendar days before or after a general election?

What it's asking: This amendment would change the amount of time the Secretary of State's office has to review petition signatures from 100 days to 100 business days. It would also make an exception for petitions filed within 30 days of a general election, starting the review period after that. The purpose of this amendment is to give the Secretary of State's office more time to review petition signatures.

A YES vote means you support amending the constitution to change the amount of time to review petitions. A NO vote means you don't want to change the amount of time.

4 QUESTION FOUR:
Citizen Initiative

An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair. Do you want to require vehicle manufacturers to standardize on-board diagnostic systems and provide remote access to those systems and mechanical data to owners and independent repair facilities?

What it's asking: Do you want to require car makers to provide information about a car's mechanical operations and repairs to car owners and mechanics?

A YES vote means that you support the right of owners of motor vehicles and independent auto repair shops, not just the manufacturer's dealer, to be able to access computer diagnostic information from a vehicle in order to repair it. A NO vote means that you don't want vehicle owners and auto repair shops to be able to access this information.

6 QUESTION SIX:
Constitutional Amendment

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require All Provisions in the Constitution to Be Included in the Official Printing. Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to require that all of the provisions of the Constitution be included in the official printed copies of the Constitution prepared by the Secretary of State?

What it's asking: Since 1875, three sections of Maine's constitution have not been included when copies are printed. One of these sections refers to Maine's tribal obligations. Do you want to amend the constitution so that these sections are included in print? This does not change the constitution, only which parts of it are printed.

A YES vote means you agree that we should print all the sections of the Maine State Constitution. A NO vote means that you support keeping these sections of the constitution out of print copies. The history of this issue isn't clear, but most importantly, this would not change treaty obligations in any way; it only applies to whether they're included in print.

**7 QUESTION SEVEN:
Constitutional Amendment**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law.
Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to remove a provision requiring a circulator of a citizen's initiative or people's veto petition to be a resident of Maine and a registered voter in Maine, requirements that have been ruled unconstitutional in federal court?

What it's asking: Maine's constitution currently says that people who are circulating petitions have to be Maine voters. This amendment would remove that requirement, so petition circulators would not have to be Maine voters. Federal courts have ruled that this requirement is unconstitutional in several states.

A YES vote means you want to amend the constitution so that people collecting petition signatures don't have to be Maine residents. A NO vote means you don't want to amend the constitution and prefer that only Maine residents can collect signatures.

**8 QUESTION EIGHT:
Constitutional Amendment**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors.
Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to remove a provision prohibiting a person under guardianship for reasons of mental illness from voting for Governor, Senators and Representatives, which the United States District Court for the District of Maine found violates the United States Constitution and federal law?

What it's asking: This would amend the Maine Constitution so that individuals under a guardianship for reasons of mental illness will be able to vote in elections for governor, senators, and representatives. A federal court has already ruled that this restriction violates the U.S. Constitution and federal law.

A YES vote means you want to amend the Maine constitution to get rid of the restriction on voting for people under guardianship for mental illness, which will bring Maine's constitution into agreement with federal law. A NO vote means you don't want to amend the Maine constitution to allow people under guardianship for mental illness to vote for governor, senators, and representatives.



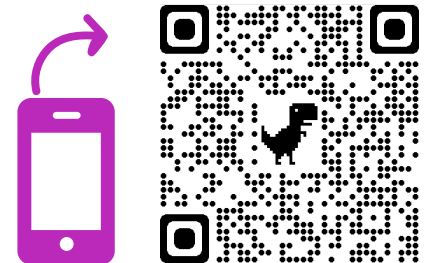
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