

MAINE ELECTIONS 2026

Vote on Tuesday, November 3

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Questions about voting or the election?

We can help! Text, call,
or email us:

 (207) 558-3333

 Vote@lwvme.org

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Why vote?

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Polling places open in the morning between 6:00 and 8:00 AM; opening time varies by town. All polling locations close at 8:00 PM.

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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:



Maine Governor



One U.S. Senator



U.S. Representatives in
Congressional Districts 1 and 2



Maine State Senators
and Maine House of
Representatives



County, district, and
municipal candidates and
initiatives

Registering to Vote

How do I register to vote?

You can register to vote in Maine if you are:

- An 18-year old United States citizen residing in the town where you will vote.
- 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 (see absentee voting on PAGE 12).
- People experiencing homelessness can still vote. If you are experiencing homelessness, you register to vote using the location where you sleep. This location could be a shelter, a friend's place, or outside and is considered your residence.

Whether you register in-person or by mail, you will need to provide proof of identity and proof of residence:

- Many kinds of ID will work, including student and tribal ID, state IDs, and U.S. passports.
- A piece of mail can show your address.
- If you have no address, you can still register in person in the town where you stay.
- If you are in a jail or prison, your voting address is in the town you lived in before you went to jail.

Any day is a good day to register to vote in Maine! You can register to vote for the November 3 election one of these ways:



Online: You will need to submit your registration by 5:00 PM on October 13 so that your Town Clerk has time to process the application. Register to vote online:
<https://registertovote.sos.maine.gov/>



By mail: Your town clerk must receive your registration by October 13 in order to process the application. Mail your registration sooner rather than later and give it plenty of time to arrive.



Third-Party: Sometimes third-parties help to register voters, such as through a voter registration drive. These third-parties will usually mail your registration on your behalf. Your Town Clerk must receive your registration by October 13.



BMV: You can register to vote and/or update your voter registration at your local Bureau of Motor Vehicles office. You will need to submit your registration by 5:00 PM on October 27 so that your Town Clerk has time to process the application.



Register to vote in-person at your city or town hall anytime, up to and including Election Day, November 3, 2026.



Register to vote at your voting place on Election Day, November 3, 2026.

Before Voting

Where do I go to vote?

Some towns have multiple polling places. To find out where you vote, call your Town Clerk's office or visit the election page on your Town or City's website. You can also look up this information at this link:

www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/voter_lookup.php

QUICK LINK: <https://bit.ly/MaineLookup>



Use your phone to scan the QR code to find your polling place.



What time do I vote?

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

Can I see the ballot before the election?

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

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, and you can register at the polling place on Election Day. You must bring identification and something that shows a current address. A driver's license or state ID with the current address meets both criteria. Otherwise, bring 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, and in the meantime, your Town Clerk will help to resolve the issue.

Do I need an ID (identification card)?

No. Registered Maine voters do not need to show ID to vote. However, 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 Polling Place

What will I do at the voting place?

- Look for signs or markings to tell you where you should go. Most polling locations will have a separate entrance and exit.
- Some polling places will sort people by last name. Go to the election clerk, and give your name and address. If you are registered to vote, your name will be on the list.
- The election clerk will hand you paper ballots you will use to mark your votes.
- You will go into a private voting booth and mark your ballots.
- 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.

How do I fill out the ballot?

1. Each ballot will explain how to fill in your choices for each section.
2. You will use Ranked Choice Voting for some candidate elections. You can rank as many candidates as you wish or rank only one.
3. You do not have to vote on every ballot. Only the parts you vote on will count.
4. Check your ballot before turning it in.
5. If you have made a mistake, you can ask for a new 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.

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. The election clerk can set it up for you.

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:

1. Touching the screen.
2. Using a keypad with different-shaped, colored buttons with braille labels.
3. Using a switch with a green Yes or a red No.
4. When you are done, the device prints a ballot marked with your choices.
5. You put your ballot into the ballot box or counting machine.



ABOVE: This is an ExpressVote system. These are available at any polling place. For more information on the ExpressVote system visit:

<https://bit.ly/AccessibleVotingMaine>

Ranked Choice Voting

What is Ranked Choice Voting?

Ranked Choice Voting lets voters rank the candidates in order of preference. You do not have to rank all the candidates. You may choose to only rank one candidate.

When will I use Ranked Choice Voting?

For the November 3 election, all Maine voters will use Ranked Choice Voting in the U.S. Senate race and U.S. House race. The names of write-in candidates will not appear on your ballot, but if you know you want to vote for one of them, there will be space where you can write the candidate's name. Then, you can rank the candidates in the order of your preference.

Additionally, Portland voters will use Ranked Choice Voting for local office races, such as mayoral, city council, and school board races.

How does Ranked Choice Voting work?

- Voters rank candidates in the order of their preference: first choice, second choice, third choice, and so on.
- If a candidate is ranked first on more than 50% of the ballots submitted, they win without a ranked choice count.
- If no candidate has enough first choice votes to win, election officials prepare for a ranked choice count. In the first round of counting, each ballot is counted for the voter's first choice. The candidate in last place with the fewest votes is defeated.
- Ballots that ranked the defeated candidate first are counted for the voter's second choice in the second round of counting.
- The candidate in last place is defeated, and the process repeats until only two candidates remain. The candidate with the most votes wins.

Ranked candidates in order of preference

You don't have to rank all the candidates if you don't want to.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
 Candidate One	☐	☒	☐
 Candidate Two	☒	☐	☐
 Candidate Three	☐	☐	☒

Rank only one candidate per row and one candidate per column.

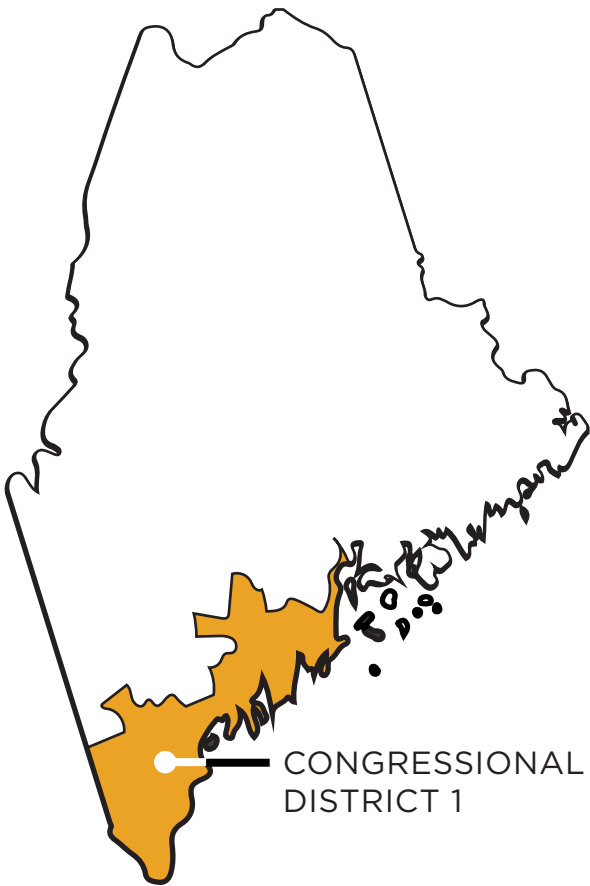
Why should I rank my vote?

- If your first choice is defeated, your ballot will still count for your next highest choice.
- You can't hurt your favorite candidate by ranking other candidates. If your candidate makes it through to the final round of counting, your ballot counts for your first choice in every round.
- You can't help your favorite candidate by ranking them in every column. In the first round of counting, only your first choice is counted.

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 will not be the only one with questions.

Sample Ballot | WITH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1



This Maine Ballot has:

- **Three** Candidates for Maine Governor
- **Two** Candidates for U.S. Senate
- **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 for more information about local races, such as candidates for Maine State House, Maine State Senate, City Council, School Board, and more.

State of Maine Sample Ballot
General Election, November 3, 2026

Instructions to Voters

Fill in the oval ☐ to the left of the name of the candidate you wish to vote for. 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.

Governor

☐ Bennett, Rick A.
Oxford
Independent Unenrolled

☐ Charles, Robert B.
Leeds
Republican

☐ Pingree, Hannah M.
North Haven
Democratic

☐ _____ Write-in

**Rep. To Congress
District 1**

☐ Pingree, Chellie M.
North Haven
Democratic

☐ Russell, Ronald C.
Kennebunkport
Republican

☐ _____ Write-in

These are sample ballots only. Formatting may appear differently on official ballots.

State of Maine Sample Ballot
General Election, November 3, 2026

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 only one oval each column (ranking)

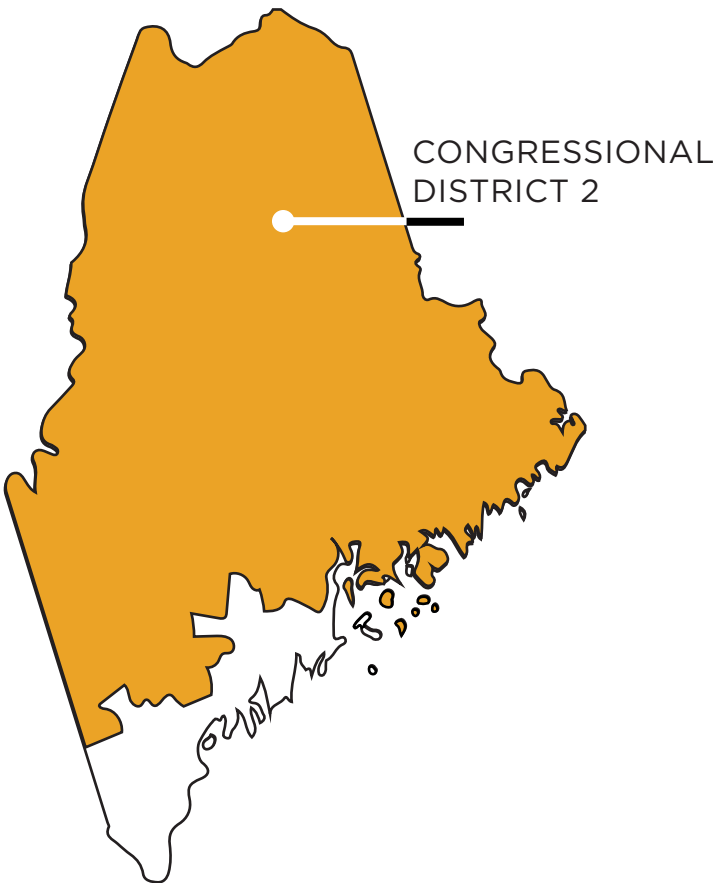
To rank a Write-in candidate, write in the person's name in the Write-in space and fill in the oval for the ranking of your choice.

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

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

U.S. Senator	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Collins, Susan M. Bangor Republican	☐	☐	☐
Jackson, Troy D. Albany Democratic	☐	☐	☐
Write-in	☐	☐	☐

Sample Ballot | WITH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2



This Maine Ballot has:

- **Three** Candidates for Maine Governor
- **Two** Candidates for U.S. Senate
- **Two** Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives District 2

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



Visit 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.

State of Maine Sample Ballot
General Election, November 3, 2026

Instructions to Voters

Fill in the oval ☐ to the left of the name of the candidate you wish to vote for. 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.

Governor	
☐	Bennett, Rick A. Oxford Independent Unaffiliated
☐	Charles, Robert B. Leeds Republican
☐	Pingree, Hannah M. North Haven Democratic
☐	_____ Write-in

State of Maine Sample Ballot
General Election, November 3, 2026

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 only one oval each column (ranking).

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

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

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

U.S. Senator	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Collins, Susan M. Bangor Republican	☐	☐	☐
Jackson, Troy D. Albany Democratic	☐	☐	☐
Write-in	☐	☐	☐

Rep. to Congress District 2	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Dunlap, Matthew G. Old Town Democratic	☐	☐	☐
LePage, Paul R. Augusta Republican	☐	☐	☐
Write-in	☐	☐	☐

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Absentee Ballots

What is absentee voting?

- If you want to vote early before Election Day, you can use an absentee ballot.
- Request your absentee ballot early if you plan to vote by mail. Ballots are mailed to voters 30 days before the election.
- You can also request and pick it up in person at your Town Clerk's office.
- Absentee ballots can be requested by any registered voter until Thursday, October 29. After October 29, you can still request an absentee ballot by providing a valid excuse.

How do I get an absentee ballot?

Any registered voter can request an absentee ballot by Thursday, October 29. Request your absentee ballot using one of these methods:



By calling your Town Clerk's office



In person at your Town Office



By mail. You will need to print, fill out, and mail this application:

<https://bit.ly/RequestAbsenteePDF>



Online using the form:

<https://bit.ly/MaineAbsenteeRequest>

**Be aware that waiting until the October 29 deadline 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 may request a ballot for you. Call your town clerk for more information.

Uniformed and Overseas Voters

Uniformed service members and overseas voters have different instructions. Learn more here: maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/uocava.html



Accessible Ballots

Voters can request an absentee paper ballot to vote by mail, or for voters with print disabilities (such as vision impairment or blindness, physical dexterity limitations, learning disabilities or cognitive impairment), you can request an electronic accessible ballot that will be sent to your email address.

Accessible ballots are available to voters 30 days before Election Day. Request an accessible absentee ballot at:

<https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>

Ongoing Absentee Voting

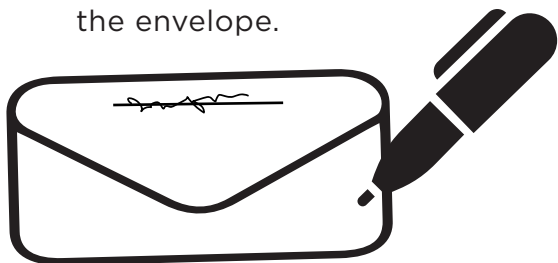
Any registered voter may apply for ongoing absentee voter status. This means you can apply to have an absentee ballot sent to you automatically for each election cycle. You only have to apply once! Contact your Town Clerk to sign up for this service. You can also look up this information at this link:

<https://bit.ly/MaineLookup>

Absentee Ballots

What do I do with my absentee ballot?

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



Don't forget to sign the outer envelope.

3. Return your ballot to your town clerk's office by 8:00 PM on Election Day. It's important to return it as soon as possible.
 - You can return your ballot by mail; be sure to mail it at least two weeks ahead of Election Day in case of delays.
 - You or an immediate family member can drop off your ballot 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 is not in your family may return your ballot for you, but you will need two witnesses to sign the envelope.

4. Track your ballot to make sure it's received by your town clerk: https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/ballot_status.pl

How do I request an absentee ballot after Thursday, October 29?

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

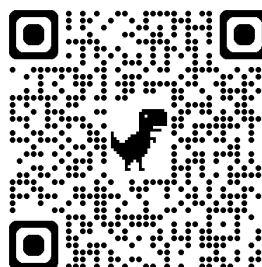
Your application must include one of the following reasons:

- 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 Town Clerk must receive your absentee ballot by 8:00 PM on Election Day, November 3 in order for it to be counted.



Use your phone to scan the QR code to request your absentee ballot online.



Governor Candidates | JOB DESCRIPTION

MAINE GOVERNOR

Term (years to serve): 4 years
Salary: \$125,000



Ranked Choice Voting

Currently, Maine voters do **NOT** use Ranked Choice Voting in a governor race during a general election.

When you vote for a governor candidate on Tuesday, November 3, you will **NOT** use Ranked Choice Voting.

The Governor carries out the laws, chooses people to run government agencies, and nominates judges.

Governors can suggest new laws. They can veto bills that the Legislature passes. Veto means that the Governor wants to stop the bill from becoming a law. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Legislature can force the bill to become a law even if the governor vetoes the bill.

Governors are elected every four years. Voters can elect a Governor for two terms for a total of eight years. A person must be 30 years old to be Governor. Governors of Maine must be citizens of the United States for at least 15 years and living in Maine for at least five years.



RICK BENNETT
Independent



BOBBY CHARLES
Republican



HANNAH PINGREE
Democrat

THE CANDIDATES: There are three governor candidates on the Maine ballot. Your ballot will also have space for a write-in candidate.

Note: Candidates appear in this guide in the order in which they appear on the ballot, which is alphabetical order by last name.

Maine Governor | RICK BENNETT



I Independent



Ranked Choice Voting

When you vote for a governor candidate on Tuesday, November 3, you will **NOT** use Ranked Choice Voting.

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Campaign Email

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Raymond, ME 04071

What are the most important challenges facing our state, and how do you propose to address them?

Maine's biggest challenges are making life affordable, growing our economy, and restoring trust in government. These are connected because the cost of living is hurting economic growth and both are driven by a broken, partisan political system. Too many families are paying more for housing, energy, health care, and child care while losing faith that government is working for them. We need to make Maine affordable again and make government accountable to the people it serves. As Governor, I will increase housing supply and help first-time buyers, lower energy bills by cutting waste and reining in utility costs, demand better value and transparency from state government, and strengthen health care and child care so working families can stay and succeed here. My focus is simple: honest government, lower costs, and a stronger future so young people can build their lives in Maine.

What will you do to support a vibrant economy across Maine and to address rising costs of living?

Rising costs are squeezing Maine families from every direction, and government has to be focused on the monthly math people are facing. I will start with the biggest cost drivers: housing, energy, taxes, health care, and child care. That means helping first-time home buyers, speeding up housing construction, and expanding factory-built housing; lowering electric bills by reducing excessive utility profits and investing in efficiency; delivering meaningful property tax relief; tackling medical debt and improving access to affordable care; and making child care more affordable so parents can work. I will also bring more accountability to state spending, because Mainers deserve a government that delivers value. The goal is straightforward: lower everyday costs and make it possible to live, work, and raise a family in Maine.

Maine Governor | BOBBY CHARLES



Candidate did not respond in time for publication.



(R) Republican Party



Ranked Choice Voting

When you vote for a governor candidate on Tuesday, November 3, you will **NOT** use Ranked Choice Voting.

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Canaan, ME 04924

More information is available. Visit Vote411.org or use your phone to scan the QR code.



Maine Governor | HANNAH PINGREE



D Democratic Party



Ranked Choice Voting

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Mailing Address

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What are the most important challenges facing our state, and how do you propose to address them?

The most pressing challenge facing Maine is the growing gap between what families earn and what it costs to live here. Housing and energy costs are rising faster than wages, healthcare and childcare remain out of reach for many, and federal cuts to programs like food assistance and Medicare are adding new strain, especially as wealth concentrates among the richest few. Hannah's approach starts with lowering the costs that hit families hardest: investing in affordable housing, holding utilities and drug companies accountable, and expanding health care and childcare options. She'll also address economic opportunity by growing good jobs that pay a fair wage and come with real benefits, so families can get ahead rather than just get by. And she'll fix Maine's tax system so the wealthiest finally pay their fair share, easing the property tax burden on working families. These aren't separate problems; they're all part of the same affordability crisis, and Hannah believes solving it requires practical, coordinated action across housing, energy, health care, jobs, and taxes.

What will you do to support a vibrant economy across Maine and to address rising costs of living?

Too many Mainers are working hard and still falling behind. Not because they're doing anything wrong, but because housing, health care, energy, childcare, and grocery costs have outpaced wages. Trump's tariffs, foreign wars, and federal cuts to health care and food programs, made to pay for tax cuts for billionaires, are making things worse, even as wealth grows for the richest and wages fall behind for working families. As Governor, Hannah will take immediate, practical steps to lower costs. She will invest \$100 million per year in affordable housing and hold utilities and private equity landlords accountable to lower bills. She will deliver urgent property tax relief by doubling the homestead exemption, deepening the Property Tax Fairness Credit, and requiring second homes owned by non-residents to pay their fair share. She will make health care accessible through a public option and lower prescription drug costs, and she'll expand child care access while ensuring every eligible family can get the food assistance they need. Her Housing Affordability Plan, Energy and Climate Plan, Economic and Innovation Plan, and her Health Care Plan for Maine are the backbone of this agenda and her campaign for governor.

U.S. Senate Candidates | JOB DESCRIPTION

UNITED STATES SENATOR

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

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 PAGE 6 for how to use Ranked Choice Voting. See PAGES 7-8 for a sample ballot.

U.S. Senators write and pass laws. They share this job with the U.S. 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.



SUSAN COLLINS
Republican



TROY JACKSON
Democrat

THE CANDIDATES: There are two Senator candidates on the Maine ballot. Your ballot will also have space for a write-in candidate.

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U.S. Senator | SUSAN COLLINS**SUSAN COLLINS**

(R) Republican 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

susancollins.com

Campaign Email

collins.senate.gov/contact



facebook.com/collins4senator



@SenSusanCollins

Mailing Address

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Bangor, ME 04402

What are the most important challenges facing our state, and how do you propose to address them?

In the U.S. Senate, my experience, knowledge, and seniority give Maine a powerful voice when decisions are made. I am focused on finding bipartisan solutions to the issues that matter most to Maine families, like lowering the cost of health care and prescription drugs, strengthening Maine’s workforce, expanding housing options, making childcare more affordable, and funding lifesaving research into diseases like Alzheimer’s. As the Appropriations Committee Chair, I have brought historic levels of funding to communities across all 16 counties for projects that create opportunity and improve the quality of life for Mainers. Whether it’s opposing cuts to Medicaid or protecting Social Security, blocking regulations harmful to our lobster industry or helping small businesses, I will always reach across the aisle to deliver results for Maine. No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I will continue to bring that work ethic to the Senate every day.

What will you do to support a vibrant economy across Maine and to address rising costs of living?

My top priorities are working across party lines to lower costs, expand economic opportunity, and help make it easier for Mainers to earn a good living while keeping more of their hard-earned paychecks. As Chair of the Appropriations Committee, I’ve secured \$1.5 billion for projects in all 16 Maine counties: for hospitals, fire stations, drinking water and wastewater projects, roads, bridges, workforce training programs, housing, and more. That funding helps reduce costs that otherwise fall on local taxpayers and ratepayers. I authored the Social Security Fairness Act, restoring earned benefits for thousands of Mainers. I’ve increased funding for programs that help pay for college and job training; home heating assistance and child care for working families; and medical research to spur disease prevention, treatment, and cures. I’ve led efforts to lower prescription drug costs and expand coverage, and I’ll keep working to lower taxes for hard working Mainers.

U.S. Senator | TROY JACKSON



TROY JACKSON

(D) 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.

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Campaign Email

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Mailing Address

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What are the most important challenges facing our state, and how do you propose to address them?

I come from Allagash, a small town at the very top of Maine. I know what it feels like when decisions are made by people far away who don't understand your community or how their choices will affect the people who live there.

That has shaped how I've approached public service. I listen, I show up, and I fight like hell when Maine people are getting a raw deal.

I'll bring that same approach to the Senate. I'll fight for the jobs and industries our communities depend on, protect the programs Mainers have worked their whole lives to earn, and make sure Maine isn't an afterthought when Washington makes decisions.

And I'll always defend Mainers' right to have a say in those decisions. Our democracy works best when regular people—not wealthy donors or corporate interests—hold the power.

What will you do to support a vibrant economy across Maine and to address rising costs of living?

I hear the same thing everywhere I go: people are working hard, sometimes working more than one job, and they still can't get ahead. A trip to the grocery store costs too much. Housing costs too much. Going to the doctor costs too much.

There's no single bill that fixes all of that. But we know where to start. We can build more housing. We can negotiate lower prescription drug prices and make health care more affordable. We can stop giving corporations and billionaires tax breaks while working people are asked to pay more.

And we need to talk about wages. For decades, productivity and corporate profits have grown while workers have been told to make do with less. I'll fight for stronger unions, higher wages, and an economy where working people actually share in the wealth they create.

U.S. House Candidates | JOB DESCRIPTION

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

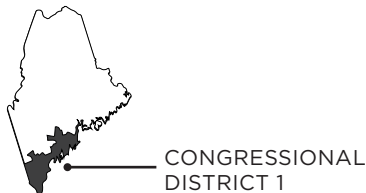
Term (years to serve): 2 years
Salary: \$174,000



Ranked Choice Voting

Maine voters will use Ranked Choice Voting to rank their preferred U.S. House candidates for CD 2 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 PAGE 6 for how to use Ranked Choice Voting. See PAGES 7-8 for a sample ballot.



Members of the U.S. House of Representatives write and pass the nation's laws. They share this job with U.S. 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 seven years, and inhabitants of the state in which they serve.



CHELLIE PINGREE
Congressional District 1
Democrat



RONALD RUSSELL
Congressional District 1
Republican



MATTHEW DUNLAP
Congressional District 2
Democrat



PAUL LEPAGE
Congressional District 2
Republican

THE CANDIDATES: TWO U.S. House candidates appear on the ballot for CD 1. Two U.S. House candidates appear on the ballot for CD 2. Your ballot will also have space for a write-in candidate.

U.S. House District 1 | CHELLIE PINGREE



CHELLIE PINGREE

(D) Democratic Party



Ranked Choice Voting

There is not a third candidate or declared write-in running for U.S. House of Representatives for Congressional District 1. This race will not use ranked choice voting. Your ballot will not appear as a ranked choice ballot.

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CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT 1

What are the most important challenges facing our state, and how do you propose to address them?

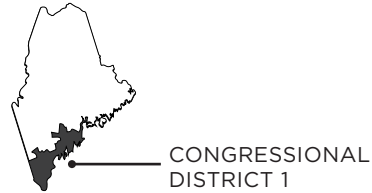
Everyday life is too expensive.
Too many Mainers are worried

about paying rent, putting food on the table, heating their homes, affording childcare, or getting the health care they need. Maine should be a place where people can work, raise a family, and build a good life. That means building more affordable housing, lowering health care and prescription drug costs, expanding childcare and senior care, reducing energy bills, and protecting rural hospitals. We also need good-paying jobs that give Mainers a reason to stay and ensure seniors, veterans, and working families get the support they've earned. We must protect the people and places that make Maine special. Our farms, working waterfronts, forests, and mills support communities already feeling the effects of climate change. I'll keep fighting to bring federal resources home, strengthen these industries, and make government work for all Maine people—not just those at the top.

What will you do to support a vibrant economy across Maine and to address rising costs of living?

The first rule of lowering costs is to stop making them worse. Maine families are paying more at the pump, while tariffs on Canadian goods threaten jobs and raise prices on products families and businesses rely on. To lower costs at home, we must build more affordable housing, expand childcare, protect health insurance, keep prescription drug prices down, and invest in clean energy and weatherization. Strengthening Social Security and Medicare, raising wages, and expanding the Child Tax Credit will also help working families keep more of what they earn. I'll take on corporations and special interests that use crises to raise prices and pad profits. Congress should investigate price-gouging and hold companies accountable when they break the law. Maine people work hard. They deserve an economy where that work is enough to build a good life—not one rigged to benefit billionaires and corporate donors at everyone else's expense.

U.S. House District 1 | RONALD RUSSELL



Candidate did not respond in time for publication.



RONALD RUSSELL

(R) Republican Party

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U.S. House District 2 | MATTHEW DUNLAP



MATTHEW DUNLAP

(D) Democratic Party



Ranked Choice Voting

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CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT 2

What are the most important challenges facing our state, and how do you propose to address them?

I think the most important challenges currently facing our state are healthcare access and affordability as well as costs across the board. We are seeing healthcare facilities close making it harder for people to get the care they need while at the same time the costs of healthcare coverage are going through the roof. I know someone personally who is seeing his premium go up by \$2,000 this year. This is at the same time that tariff taxes fueled by personal vindictiveness from Washington and the war in Iran are making everything else more expensive as well. Heating oil prices are above their normal December levels in September! The way to address these problems is simple. We need to roll back the tariff taxes, end this pointless war, and undo the gutting of our healthcare system done by the ‘big beautiful bill.’

What will you do to support a vibrant economy across Maine and to address rising costs of living?

I think there are two parts to this question. The first is addressing immediate problems such as tariff taxes and the Iran war. Rolling back tariff taxes and ending the war in Iran will bring prices back under control for now. And we can do that quickly, it could happen today if Congress was willing to check the President’s power, but they’re not at the moment. The second part is longer term. This includes addressing the housing shortage and corporate greed that is running rampant through our economy. The housing shortage is a supply problem and the answer is to find ways to build more units, which we can do with various financial vehicles and simple policy changes. Corporate greed is a thornier problem but the basic principle is to make sure our government is fighting for the people and not the billionaire class.

U.S. House District 2 | PAUL LEPAGE



CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT 2

Candidate did not respond in time for publication.



PAUL LEPAGE

(R) Republican Party



Ranked Choice Voting

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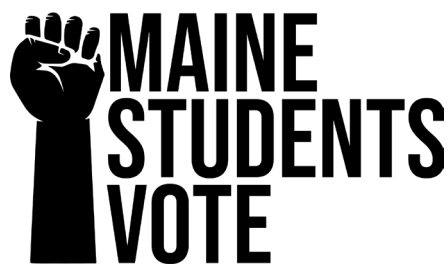
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Rural Youth Voter Guide



Maine Students Vote and Just Maine for Just Us launched a nonpartisan rural youth voter guide focused on the issues GenZ cares about. We asked every candidate running for Maine governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, and Maine legislative races the following questions:

- Food Access: What will you do to ensure rural youth and families have consistent access to healthy, local, and affordable food?
- Housing: What steps do you plan to take to address housing instability for rural youth and families?
- Community: How will you collaborate with young people in rural areas to ensure they have access to community resources and shared places?
- Transportation: What transportation solutions will you implement to connect rural youth to education, employment, and community services?
- Wabanaki Rights: Will you support the right to Wabanaki self-determination?

Learn more and look up responses to these questions at:
www.MaineStudentsVote.org/YouthVoterGuide.

Maine Students Vote is a network of students and adults that are focused on increasing election engagement and civic participation on college campuses and high schools in Maine. We support campuses and schools in developing voter education materials, organizational action planning, training and mentoring civic leaders, and coordinating get-out-the-vote efforts. We have been on the ground since 2015 and work collaboratively with other national and local youth voting organizations.

This is a nonpartisan initiative that is focused on being a trusted resource for all Maine communities.

The mission at Just Maine for Just Us (JMJU) is to invest in Maine's young leaders to create lasting power for their rural communities and the natural environment. Our vision is a future where young people in rural Maine feel rooted, heard, and connected. For many rural communities, there is a desire to be more connected with our neighbors - across distances, cultures, and political divides.

JMJU is a network of young people across Maine's rural communities who are coming together, across those differences and distances, to build lasting power.



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