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GOV. MILLS POSTPONES JUNE PRIMARY

LWVME Remains Committed to Protecting Every Mainer's Vote

[PORTLAND, ME] – Governor Mills signed an Executive Order to postpone Maine's primary election until July 14, 2020. The League of Women Voters of Maine supports this decision, provided that measures are put into place to protect voters.

The LWVME currently encourages eligible voters to request an Absentee Ballot online during the current COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Order will allow Absentee Ballots to be accepted up to and on Election Day, as well as extending the deadline for qualifying contributions under the Maine Clean Election Act to May 19, 2020.

Recently, the League of Women Voters of Maine joined 12 other Maine advocacy organizations in a coalition to make sure that every eligible Mainer is able to vote and that every proper vote is counted. Collectively, they call on the Governor and Secretary of State to take action to ensure that the primary elections are carried out smoothly.

A successful primary and general election, in which as many of our fellow citizens are able to participate as possible, will require some significant changes to the ways in which registration, absentee voting, and in-person voting are conducted. [Click to read the coalition's list of recommendations.](#)

"We are glad the governor is taking action to ensure our elections will be held safely and with maximum participation," said Anna Kellar, the Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Maine. "Our democracy can adapt to face this crisis."

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