

# EASY-TO-READ VOTER GUIDE

*Maine June 2018 Primary Election*

**JUNE 12, 2018**



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# ★ Why Vote?

## ★ 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 must first register to vote.** *(Read about how to register on the next page.)*

You can vote in Maine if you are:

- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of Maine
- Age 18 or older

You can vote in the June 12 Primary Election if you are 17, as long as you will be 18 by November 6, 2018.

You cannot vote on the ballot question on June 12 unless you have already turned 18.

## ★ WHAT WILL I BE VOTING FOR?

In this election, you will be voting on one ballot question:

- People's Veto Referendum

You may also get a separate ballot for the primary election.

- In the primary election, Maine voters choose who will represent their party in the November general election.
- There are four official parties in Maine: Democratic, Green Independent, Libertarian, and Republican.
- If you want to vote in the Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican primary election, you must join one of those political parties.
- You may vote in the Green Independent primary if you are a member of that party. You may also vote in the Green Independent primary if you are not a member of any party.

This year, only the Republicans and the Democrats are holding primary elections with more than one candidate.

This is called a **contested primary**. Members of the political parties will choose their candidates for:

- Maine Governor
- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- State legislature
- County offices

## ★ WHEN IS ELECTION DAY?

Election Day is **June 12, 2018**.

# ★ Registering to Vote

## ★ YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE IN MAINE IF YOU ARE:

- An 18-year-old citizen of the United States residing in Maine.
- A 17-year-old citizen who will turn 18 by Election Day, November 6, 2018. *You may then also vote for candidates in the June primary. You will not be permitted to vote on the ballot question unless you have turned 18 by June 12.*
- Convicted of a crime or in jail. *If you are in jail, you register to vote in the town where you lived before going to jail and vote by absentee ballot.*
- Homeless.

## ★ YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE IN MAINE FOR THE JUNE 12 ELECTION

- By mail. *Your registration needs to be received by your city or town clerk by Tuesday, May 22, 2018.*
- At a voter registration drive by Tuesday, May 15, 2018.
- At a Bureau of Motor Vehicles office by May 9, 2018.
- In person at your city or town hall anytime, up to and including Election Day.
- At your voting place on Election Day.

## ★ YOU MUST FILL OUT A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD

- You must complete the front and back of the card.
- You must sign and date the card.
- You **do not** have to join a political party to vote on the ballot question. *If you do not want to join a political party, check **Unenrolled** on the registration card.*
- You must be a member of a party to vote in the primary election for that party.

For detailed instructions, go to: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/voterguide.html>

# ★ Voter Registration Card

## ★ THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD

MAINE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION			PARTY AFFILIATION
<b>Federally required questions:</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic <input type="checkbox"/> Green Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Other qualifying party: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unenrolled (no party choice)
♦ Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ♦ Will you be 18 years of age on or before Election Day? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
If you checked "no" in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form. You must be a U.S. citizen in order to vote.			
<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>MIDDLE NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>  ____/____/____ M M    D D    Y Y Y Y
<b>CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Physical address where you live)</b>			
STREET NAME AND NUMBER, <u>NOT</u> A P.O. BOX		CITY, TOWN, PLANTATION OR TOWNSHIP	
<b>CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS (Complete if different from above address)</b>			
STREET NAME AND NUMBER, OR P.O. BOX, etc.		CITY/TOWN	ZIP CODE
<b>Have you previously been registered to vote?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <b>If the answer is "yes" provide address of previous registration below.</b>			TELEPHONE (Optional)
CITY/TOWN	COUNTY	STATE	
<b>COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS CARD – PLEASE PRINT</b>			

MAINE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION	
- COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS CARD -	
<b>CHANGE OF NAME</b> (Prior legal name, if applicable) LAST _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ <b>SIGN AND DATE THIS CARD.</b> I certify that all the information I have provided on this form is true. Signature of Applicant on line above    Date on line above	<b>VOTER ID:</b> By federal law, <b>NEW Maine voters</b> must provide an applicable ID number as follows: 1. Your <b>Maine</b> driver's license/ <b>Maine</b> State ID; or 2. The last 4 digits of your Social Security number (ONLY if you don't have a <b>Maine</b> driver's license/ <b>Maine</b> State ID); or 3. Write "none" ONLY if you don't have either 1 or 2.
<b>REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY:</b> Date Received: _____ Ward-Precinct: _____ - _____ Source of Registration: <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> By Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Agency <input type="checkbox"/> BMV <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration Drive/3 <sup>rd</sup> Person Type of Registration: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW</b> Maine Voter Registration    Form of Proof for ID: _____ for Residency: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Existing Voter Registration (check boxes below)    Form of Proof for Residency: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change to new municipality <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change within municipality <input type="checkbox"/> Party Enrollment Change <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change <input type="checkbox"/> Other Change _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate Application (no changes made)	
<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:</b> Failure to complete this entire application may prevent registration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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. <u>If less than 21 days before an election, you must register in person.</u></li> <li>• <b>If you are a NEW Maine voter and mail this card,</b> 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.</li> <li>• For election information, call 207-624-7650 or visit <a href="http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/">www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/</a> (rev. 01/17)</li> </ul>	

# ★ Political Parties

## ★ WHAT IS A POLITICAL PARTY?

A political party is a group of people who share the same ideas about how the government should work.

When you register to vote, you can join a political party if you want. It does not cost any money. You can also change your party registration.

Examples of political parties include the **Democratic** Party, the **Green Independent** Party, the **Libertarian** Party, and the **Republican** Party.

## ★ WHY CHOOSE A POLITICAL PARTY?

This year, only the Republicans and the Democrats are holding primary elections with more than one candidate.

This is called a **contested primary**. If you want to vote in the Republican or Democratic primary election, you must choose one of those political parties.

*A “contested” election is an election with more than one candidate.*

## ★ JOINING A POLITICAL PARTY

You must join a political party to vote in that party’s primary election.

- Join a political party using the voter registration card.
- If you do not belong to a party, you may join a party anytime including on Election Day.
- You must remain a member of the party for at least 3 months.
- If you are already a member of another party, you may change which party you belong to. You must do so **at least 15 days before the election**.
- The last day to change parties for the June 12 election will be Friday, May 25, 2018.
- You do not have to join a political party to vote on the ballot questions.

# ★ Political Parties

## ★ WHAT DO MAINE'S POLITICAL PARTIES STAND FOR?

The following statements are provided by the political parties:

### Maine Democratic Party

"Government should work for all Mainers. Everyone should have a fair shot at success. Our values lead us in our work. We fight for health care for everyone, strong schools everywhere, and an economy that works for all Mainers."

#### TOP PRIORITIES

1. An economy that works for everyone.
2. Health care for all.
3. Fairness and equality.

#### LEARN MORE

Website: [MaineDems.org](http://MaineDems.org)

Phone: 207-622-6233

### Maine Green Independent Party

"All the work of the Maine Green Party is based on Ten Key Values: Grassroots Democracy; Social Justice and Equal Opportunity; Ecological Wisdom; Non-Violence; Decentralization; Community-Based Economics and Economic Justice; Gender Equality; Respect for Diversity; Personal and Global Responsibility; and Future Focus and Sustainability."

#### TOP PRIORITIES

1. Sustainable Jobs for the People of Maine.
2. Climate Change.
3. Social Justice.

#### LEARN MORE

Website: [MaineGreens.org](http://MaineGreens.org)

Phone: 207-200-6447

### Libertarian Party of Maine

"We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole domination over their own lives and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal rights of others."

#### TOP PRIORITIES

1. The right to life – We are against the initiation of physical force against others.
2. The right to liberty of speech and action.
3. The right to property – We oppose all government interference with private property.

#### LEARN MORE

Website: [LPME.org](http://LPME.org)

Phone: 207-518-7493

### Maine Republican Party

"The Maine Republican Party is committed to individual liberty; religious freedom; low and fair taxes; equality of opportunity for all; affordable government; strengthening families and communities; protecting the Constitution; and the safety of the American people."

#### TOP PRIORITIES

1. Job creation, economic growth, and increased prosperity.
2. Security and safety.
3. Individual & religious liberty.

#### LEARN MORE

Website: [MaineGOP.org](http://MaineGOP.org)

Phone: 207-622-6247



# ★ Before Voting

## ★ WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE?

To find out where to vote:

- Go to your city hall or town office.
- Go to [http://www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/voter\\_lookup.php](http://www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/voter_lookup.php)
- Vote by mail with an absentee ballot.

## ★ WHAT TIME DO I VOTE?

Voting places open between 6:00am and 10:00am on Election Day. The opening time is not the same for all cities and towns. Contact your town clerk if you have any questions.

**All voting places close at 8:00pm.**

## ★ HOW CAN I AVOID THE CROWDS AT MY VOTING PLACE?

Voting places tend to be less crowded from 10:00am – 11:30am and 1:30pm – 3:30pm.

## ★ WHAT IF MY NAME ISN'T ON THE LIST AT MY VOTING PLACE?

- The election clerk will help you.
- You may need to register to vote.
- If you want to vote in the primary election, you may need to join a party.
- You may be sent to a different voting place.
- If your problem is not solved, ask to vote with a **"challenged ballot."** *Your vote will count on Election Day. Your problem can be solved later.*

## ★ DO I NEED AN ID (IDENTIFICATION CARD)?

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.
- You want to join a party 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?

- Check in with the election clerk. Give them your name and address.
- You will be on a list if you are registered to vote.
- Tell the election clerk if you want a party ballot.
- The election clerk will give you a ballot or ballots.
- A ballot is the paper on which 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 in 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.
- In the June primary election, you will be using **ranked choice voting** for some candidate elections. You can choose to rank as many candidates as you wish, or as few as one.
- If you have a question, ask an election clerk.
- You do not have to vote on everything. Only the parts you vote on will count.
- Check your ballot.
- If you make a mistake, you can ask for a new ballot.

## ★ WHAT IF I CAN'T READ THE BALLOT?

- You can get help.
- A friend or a relative can help you. *Your helper does not have to be a voter. Your helper does not have to be old enough to vote.*
- An election worker can help you with your ballot.
- Your employer or union official cannot help you vote.
- A special machine will be available if you want to see a large print ballot or hear a ballot read to you. *More information about this on Page 14.*

# ★ 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: 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice, and so on.
- When all the ballots are counted, if one candidate gets more than 50% of the 1<sup>st</sup> choice votes, he or she wins!
- If no candidate receives more than 50% of 1<sup>st</sup> choice votes, the lowest ranking candidate is defeated.
- For voters who ranked the defeated candidate as their 1<sup>st</sup> choice, their votes count for their 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.
- Repeat until there are only two candidates left. The person with the most votes in the final round is the winner.

## ★ WHY SHOULD I RANK MY VOTE?

- If your 1<sup>st</sup> choice is defeated, your ballot will count for your next highest choice.
- You can't hurt your favorite candidate by ranking the other candidates 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and so on.
- You can't help your favorite candidate by ranking only one candidate. Your 1<sup>st</sup> choice will always count if your favorite candidate has not been defeated.

## ★ HOW DO I AVOID MISTAKES ON MY BALLOT?

- Mark one oval per row.
- Mark 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.

# ★ Sample Ballot, Democrats

## ★ THIS IS A SAMPLE DEMOCRATIC PARTY RANKED CHOICE BALLOT

**State of Maine Sample Ballot**  
**Democratic Primary Election, June 12, 2018**  
 for

	<b>1st Choice</b>	<b>2nd Choice</b>	<b>3rd Choice</b>	<b>4th Choice</b>	<b>5th Choice</b>	<b>6th Choice</b>	<b>7th Choice</b>	<b>8th Choice</b>
<b>Governor</b>								
<b>Cote, Adam Roland</b> <small>Sanford</small>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Dion, Donna J.</b> <small>Biddeford</small>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Dion, Mark N.</b> <small>Portland</small>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Eves, Mark W.</b> <small>North Berwick</small>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Mills, Janet T.</b> <small>Farmington</small>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Russell, Diane Marie</b> <small>Portland</small>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Sweet, Elizabeth A.</b> <small>Hallowell</small>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Write-in</b>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

**Turn Over for Additional Contests**

**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.

# ★ Sample Ballot, Republicans

## ★ THIS IS A SAMPLE REPUBLICAN PARTY RANKED CHOICE BALLOT

**State of Maine Sample Ballot**  
**Republican Primary Election, June 12, 2018**  
 for

Governor	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
<b>Fredette, Kenneth Wade</b> <small>Newport</small>	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Mason, Garrett Paul</b> <small>Lisbon</small>	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Mayhew, Mary C.</b> <small>China</small>	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Moody, Shawn H.</b> <small>Gorham</small>	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Write-in</b>	○	○	○	○	○

**Instructions to Voters**

To vote, fill in the oval like this ●

To rank your candidate choices, fill in the oval:

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- 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.

**Turn Over for Additional Contests**

# ★ ExpressVote System

## ★ WHAT IS EXPRESSVOTE?

The ExpressVote ballot-marking device can be used to help you read your ballot and fill it out.

## ★ CAN I USE EXPRESSVOTE AT MY VOTING PLACE?

Yes, you can use ExpressVote at every 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.

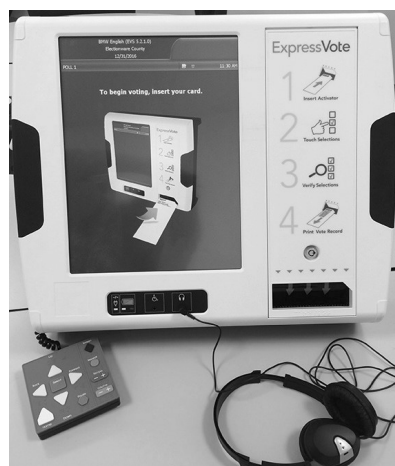
## ★ HOW DOES EXPRESSVOTE WORK?

- 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 will be provided.

## ★ HOW DO I MAKE MY SELECTIONS WITH EXPRESSVOTE?

- You can touch the screen.
- You can use a keypad with different-shaped, colored buttons with Braille labels.
- You can select a green YES or a red NO by using a switch.
- When you are done the system prints a ballot marked with your choices.
- You put your ballot in the ballot box or machine.

For more information on the ExpressVote system visit  
<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/accessiblevoting.html>



*This is a tabletop ExpressVote unit, with a keypad and headphones.*

# ★ Absentee Ballots

## ★ WHAT IS ABSENTEE VOTING?

You can use an absentee ballot to vote at home or at your city or town clerk's office prior to Election Day.

If you are registered to vote, you can ask for an absentee ballot. You must do so by **Thursday, June 7, 2018**, before the election on June 12, 2018.

## ★ HOW DO I GET AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

- **You do not need a reason to request an absentee ballot.**
- You can ask for an absentee ballot from your city or town hall.
- You can request an absentee ballot online from the Division of Elections:  
<http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>
- Absentee ballots are available starting 30 days before the election.
- You may request an absentee ballot any time until **June 7, 2018**.
- You can also ask for an absentee ballot for an immediate family member. *Your city or town clerk's office will tell you who is considered an immediate family member.*
- After you fill out the request and return it, you will receive an absentee ballot.

## ★ WHAT DO I DO WITH MY ABSENTEE BALLOT?

- Fill out the ballot. *Remember, you don't have to vote for every question. It is okay to leave questions blank.*
- Mail or deliver your ballot to your city or town clerk. **Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.**

## ★ HOW DO I REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AFTER THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION?

It is harder to get an absentee ballot after the Thursday before the election. You can still get an absentee ballot if:

- 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 go out.

**Your city or town clerk must receive your absentee ballot by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.**

## ★ More Information

### ★ HOW DO I FIND MY CITY OR TOWN CLERK?

For the most up-to-date contact information visit the website of your city or town.

You can find the address and phone number for your city or town clerk at:

<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/munic.html>

You can also contact:

**Office of the Secretary of State**

Division of Elections

101 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0101

**Phone:** 207-624-7650

**Email:** [cec.elections@maine.gov](mailto:cec.elections@maine.gov)

**Website:** [maine.gov/sos/](http://maine.gov/sos/)

### ★ HOW CAN I SEE THE BALLOT BEFORE THE ELECTION?

You can see what the ballot looks like at this link:

<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/rcv.html>

### ★ FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BALLOT QUESTION

Go to the Citizen's Guide for the Referendum Election at:

<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/>



# ★ Primary Elections

In the June 12 primary elections, members of political parties vote to decide on their candidates in the November general election. Unenrolled candidates do not participate in the primary election. Unenrolled candidates may appear on the general election ballot in November.

## ★ GOVERNOR OF MAINE

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## ★ UNITED STATES SENATOR

Democratic and Republican Party Candidates – *Page 22*

## ★ UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT

Democratic and Republican Party Candidates – *Pages 23-24*

# ★ Governor of Maine

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

A Governor can suggest new laws. He or she can veto a bill that the Legislature passes. Veto means that a 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 or for a total of eight years. A person must be 30 years old to be Governor. He or she must be a citizen for at least 15 years. He or she must live in Maine for at least five years.

**TERM (YEARS TO SERVE):** 4 years

**SALARY:** \$70,000 a year

## ★ DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES



### Adam Cote

*"My leadership experience is broad and includes 17 years as a clean energy entrepreneur, 20 years and three combat tours in the military, and service on many local and statewide boards. I believe deeply in service and will focus on building an economy with jobs and opportunity for all Mainers."*

**CURRENT JOB:** Clean energy entrepreneur and attorney

**HOMETOWN:** Sanford, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [CoteForMaine.com](http://CoteForMaine.com)

**GOALS:**

- Attracting and growing good jobs for all parts of Maine.
- Reducing energy costs by making Maine a national leader in clean energy.
- Rebuilding our decimated health system until every Mainer has health care.



### Donna Dion

*"If elected I will serve the people by listening, looking, evaluating and understanding their concerns but most of all not being a push over and by holding firm to your convictions, values and beliefs and most of all extending respect and maintaining respect throughout the process of resolving those concerns."*

**CURRENT JOB:** Retired

**HOMETOWN:** Biddeford, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [DJDion4Gov2018.com](http://DJDion4Gov2018.com)

**GOALS:**

- Instill respect in the negotiation process.
- Education/workforce training enhancements through federal and state grants.
- Economic develop by building upon current businesses and connecting them through internships to colleges and vocational training programs.

**MORE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES ON THE NEXT PAGE...**

# ★ Governor of Maine

## ★ DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES (CONTINUED)



### Mark Dion

*"My leadership is grounded on the principles of trust and honor. A leader has to recognize that his word is his bond and that his behavior needs to be consistent with his statements. Trust requires predictability and consistency. These are the ethical foundations to building partnership among diverse stakeholders."*

**CURRENT JOB:** State Senator, Lawyer

**HOMETOWN:** Portland, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [DionForGovernor.com](http://DionForGovernor.com)

**GOALS:**

- Restoring the partnership between Governor and Legislature to advance the interests of Maine's people.
- Establishing a community-based health care system, while regulating costs and services offered by hospitals.
- Building a top-notch education system, pre-K through higher education, with adequate funding at all levels.



### Mark Eves

*"I started my career as a family therapist. Then I served as a legislator and as Speaker of the House. Powerful interests control our government. Maine needs a governor who will stand up to them. I have done that for my entire career. I will do that as governor."*

**CURRENT JOB:** Social services agency administrator

**HOMETOWN:** North Berwick, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [MarkEvesForME.com](http://MarkEvesForME.com)

**GOALS:**

- I will bring affordable health care to every Mainer.
- I will fully fund our schools.
- I will stand up to the NRA in order to pass common sense gun safety laws.



### Janet Mills

*"As Maine's first female Attorney General and first female District Attorney, I've fought to protect Maine people from violence and abuse, defend working families, and preserve our stunning natural resources. As Governor, I will bring people together to make Maine the beautiful, prosperous state we all want to live in."*

**CURRENT JOB:** Maine Attorney General

**HOMETOWN:** Farmington, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [JanetMills.com](http://JanetMills.com)

**GOALS:**

- Growing the economy in every part of Maine.
- Ensuring every Mainer has access to affordable healthcare, including tackling the opioid crisis.
- Restoring efficiency, transparency, and ethics to the governorship.

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# ★ Governor of Maine

## ★ DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES (CONTINUED)



### Diane Russell

*"I am running for Governor to put political and economic power back into the hands of Maine people. As State Representative, I helped lead transformational movements to end the undemocratic Superdelegate system; to institute RCV; and legalize marijuana."*

**CURRENT JOB:** PR Consultant

**HOMETOWN:** Bryant Pond, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [DianeMRussell.org](http://DianeMRussell.org)

**GOALS:**

- Medicare for All - healthcare is a human right.
- Create an Economic Security Bill of Rights to lift up working Mainers.
- State Public Bank to get our State Treasury investments out of Wall Street and onto Maine Street.



### Betsy Sweet

*"If you are looking for the same old same old from the Democratic Party, I am not your candidate. But, if you want someone who has pushed for progressive change like the "Family and Medical Leave Act," and "Clean Elections," then I am your candidate."*

**CURRENT JOB:** Progressive Advocate

**HOMETOWN:** Hallowell, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [SweetForGovernor.com](http://SweetForGovernor.com)

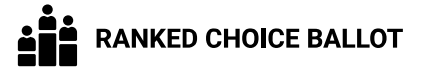
**GOALS:**

- Single Payer Health Care.
- \$15 Minimum Wage.
- Two years of free college for every High School graduate in Maine in exchange for a year of community service.

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# ★ Governor of Maine

## ★ REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATES



### Ken Fredette

**CURRENT JOB:** State Representative, Attorney

**HOMETOWN:** Newport, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [KenFredette.com](http://KenFredette.com)

*Candidate did not provide information*



### Garrett Mason

**CURRENT JOB:** State Senator/Realtor

**HOMETOWN:** Lisbon, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [MasonForMaine.com](http://MasonForMaine.com)

*Candidate did not provide information*



### Mary Mayhew

*"I'm a common-sense conservative with significant executive experience. Government should be limited and focused on serving its core mission with transparency regarding efficient and effective use of tax payer dollars. When government attempts to be all things to all people, it fails to deliver on critical services."*

**CURRENT JOB:** Self-employed consultant

**HOMETOWN:** China, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [MayhewForMaine.com](http://MayhewForMaine.com)

**GOALS:**

"I would eliminate the state income tax to support Maine people and businesses, prioritize work across all welfare programs to support independence and self-sufficiency, and align education to workforce needs."



### Shawn Moody

**CURRENT JOB:** Business Owner, Moody's Collision Centers

**HOMETOWN:** Gorham, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [ShawnMoody.com](http://ShawnMoody.com)

*Candidate did not provide information*

# ★ United States Senator

U.S. Senators write and pass laws for the United States. They share this job with the Members of the House of Representatives, who are also called Congressmen or Congresswomen. Senators also approve cabinet members, federal judges, and foreign ambassadors that 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 (1/3) one-third of the Senate is elected. Candidates must be at least 30 years of age and a citizen of the United States for at least nine years.

**TERM (YEARS TO SERVE):** 6 years

**SALARY:** \$174,000 a year

## ★ UNITED STATES SENATE CANDIDATES

### DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATE (UNCONTESTED)

#### Zak Ringelstein

**CURRENT JOB:** Public School Teacher, Entrepreneur

**HOMETOWN:** Yarmouth, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [RingelsteinForMaine.com](http://RingelsteinForMaine.com)

### REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATES



#### UNCONTESTED RACE

*Two candidates are listed below, but one candidate was disqualified after ballots were printed.*

## ★ REPUBLICAN PARTY SENATE CANDIDATES



TRADITIONAL BALLOT



#### Eric Brakey

**CURRENT JOB:** State Senator, Financial Records Manager, Brakey Energy

**HOMETOWN:** Auburn, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [EricBrakey.com](http://EricBrakey.com)

*Candidate did not provide information*



#### Max Linn

**CURRENT JOB:** Financial Professional

**HOMETOWN:** Bar Harbor, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [MaxLinnForSenate.com](http://MaxLinnForSenate.com)

*Candidate was disqualified after ballots were printed*

# ★ US Representative

Members of the House of Representatives write and pass laws for the United States. They share this job with Senators. 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 Member of the House of Representatives for as many terms as they choose. He or she must be at least 25 years of age. He or she must be a citizen of the United States for at least 7 years.

**TERM (YEARS TO SERVE):** 2 years

**SALARY:** \$174,000 a year

## ★ 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT CANDIDATES

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATE (UNCONTESTED)**

**Chellie Pingree**

**CURRENT JOB:** U.S. Congresswoman

**HOMETOWN:** North Haven, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [ChelliePingree.com](http://ChelliePingree.com)

**REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATE (UNCONTESTED)**

**Mark Holbrook**

**CURRENT JOB:** Law Enforcement Consultant

**HOMETOWN:** Brunswick, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [Holbrook4ME.org](http://Holbrook4ME.org)

## ★ 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT CANDIDATES

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES**



**CONTESTED RACE**

*Candidates are listed on the next page.*

**REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATE (UNCONTESTED)**

**Bruce Poliquin**

**CURRENT JOB:** U.S. Congressman

**HOMETOWN:** Oakland, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [PoliquinForCongress.com](http://PoliquinForCongress.com)

# ★ US Representative

## ★ DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES, 2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT



### Jonathan Fulford

**CURRENT JOB:** General Contractor and Builder

**HOMETOWN:** Monroe, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [FulfordForCongress.com](http://FulfordForCongress.com)

*Candidate dropped out after ballots were printed*



### Jared Golden

*"I'm from Lewiston and I joined the military after the 9/11 attacks. I was elected to the state legislature in 2014, where I've stood up to Governor LePage and fought for issues like more access to healthcare, and fair and equal pay. In Congress, I will always put Maine's people, not corporations or wealthy donors, first."*

**CURRENT JOB:** House Democratic Assistant Majority Leader

**HOMETOWN:** Lewiston, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [JaredGoldenForCongress.com](http://JaredGoldenForCongress.com)

**GOALS:**

- To build a fair economy with better wages and affordable health care for all of Maine's people.
- To fix Maine's crumbling infrastructure.
- To protect and expand Social Security and Medicare.



### Craig Olson

*"Craig is a small businessman who took a second job running the Islesboro Transfer Station to provide affordable healthcare for his family. As a community leader and former town selectman he will take a common sense, bipartisan approach to Washington that will improve life for all Mainers."*

**CURRENT JOB:** Transfer Station Manager

**HOMETOWN:** Islesboro, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [CraigForME2.com](http://CraigForME2.com)

**GOALS:**

- Well Paying Jobs.
- Universal Health Care.
- Broadband in Every Corner of Maine.



### Lucas St. Clair

*"Mainers are hardworking, self-reliant and resourceful. When Congressman Poliquin voted to take health care away from 100,000 Mainers, I knew that I couldn't sit on the sidelines while politicians like him make life harder for middle-class families. I'm running for Congress because I know we can do better."*

**CURRENT JOB:** President, Environmental Nonprofit

**HOMETOWN:** Hampden, Maine

**WEBSITE:** [StClairForCongress.com](http://StClairForCongress.com)

**GOALS:**

- Increase access to affordable health care and reduce prescription drug costs.
- Protect Social Security and Medicare.
- Fight climate change by encouraging energy efficiency and investing in clean, renewable energy and protecting Maine's natural resources.



# ★ People's Veto

## ★ WHAT IS A PEOPLE'S VETO?

- A people's veto allows Maine voters to repeal a law passed by the legislature.
- Any Maine registered voter may apply for a people's veto.
- If the application is approved, a petition form is created by the Secretary of State. The petition needs to be signed by a large number of Maine voters.
- In 2018, the petition must have 61,123 valid signatures to be put on the ballot (10% of the votes for governor in the 2014 election).
- The signatures must be gathered within 90 days from the end of the legislative session when the new law first passed.
- The people's veto appears as a ballot question at the next election.
- There is one people's veto for the June 12, 2018 Referendum Election.

*Learn more about the June 12 People's Veto on the next page.*

# ★ Ballot Question 1: People's Veto

## QUESTION:

*"Do you want to reject the parts of a new law that would delay the use of ranked-choice voting in the election of candidates for any state or federal office until 2022, and then retain the method only if the constitution is amended by December 1, 2021, to allow ranked-choice voting for candidates in state elections?"*

## ★ WHAT DOES THIS QUESTION MEAN?

This requires ranked choice voting for primary elections of state and federal officials. It also requires ranked choice voting for general elections of U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator. Ranked choice voting will not apply to general elections for governor or the state legislature.

Otherwise, the ranked choice voting would be delayed until 2022 and would not go into effect in 2022 unless there is a constitutional amendment before then.



### ARGUMENTS FOR **YES**

- Respects the will of voters who won the ranked choice voting citizen initiative in 2016.
- Ranked choice voting restores majority rule.
- It eliminates vote splitting and the need for strategic voting.
- It gives voters more meaningful choices.
- It reduces incentives for negative campaigning.
- It encourages politicians to reach out to more voters.
- It encourages politicians to work with other candidates.



### ARGUMENTS FOR **NO**

- It is a different system that will be new to some voters.
- It will not apply to general elections for governor or the legislature.
- It will require central tabulation by state officials.
- It will be slightly more costly for the state to implement.
- It could delay election results.
- Some legal questions have been raised about ranked choice voting.

# ★ About The League of Women Voters



**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, which:

- 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.

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