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NH ELECTION KNOW-HOW:

REGISTERING TO VOTE

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To Register and Vote in New Hampshire, You Must Provide Documents Proving Your:

- ☑ identity
- ☑ age (18-years of age or older on election day)
- ☑ United States citizenship
  * REAL ID is **NOT** proof of citizenship
- ☑ domicile (domicile, primary residence, is in the town or ward where you seek to vote)

Scan for more details on registering to vote in New Hampshire

How Do I Register to Vote?

With proof of Identity and documents that verify the above you may register: ☑

With your local town or city clerk up until the Supervisors of the Checklist final meeting before an election.

or

At a scheduled and public session of your local Supervisors of the Checklist meeting (they must meet every 90 days); OR on a date the SOC choose that is 6-13 days before an election.

or

At your polling location on election day.

or

By absentee, if you qualify.

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Are you registering to vote?

To register to vote in New Hampshire, you need to be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on election day, and an NH resident. You will need proof of:


Identity


Age


U.S. Citizenship


NH Domicile

If your name has legally changed from what is listed on your proof documentation, bring additional documents that show how your name is tied to the name on your proof documentation. For identity, age, and United States citizenship, if you have a passport in your current name, no further proof is needed for those qualifications.

Some Examples of Proof Documents

Examples of proof documentation include <u>but are not limited to</u>:

Scan here for more info

Identity - Driver's license, government-issued ID, U.S. passport

Age - Driver's license, government-issued ID, U.S. passport

U.S. Citizenship - Birth certificate, naturalization certificate, U.S. passport/passcard

NH Domicile - Driver's license, government-issued ID, vehicle registration, tax document, government-issued check (all with current domicile address listed)

Additional proof of domicile can be used if it is paired with an <u>Attestation Form</u> (provided by your clerk). Visit www.sos.nh.gov/elections/register-vote for more info.

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You can register to vote by absentee if you aren't able to register in person because of a physical disability, temporary absence, or other qualified reason.

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If you qualify to register to vote by absentee:

1. Contact your town/city clerk and request the necessary forms.
2. Send the completed the forms along with proof of the following (copies are acceptable) back to the clerk's office.

- Proof of Identity
- Proof of Citizenship
- 18+ Proof of Age
- Proof of Domicile

Scan here for a list of some examples of documents you can use to prove the above, or visit www.sos.nh.gov/elections/register-vote

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NH PRIMARIES

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In a PRIMARY ELECTION:

- **Voters registered with a political party select candidates to appear as that Party's nominee on the General Election ballot; and**
- **Both parties consider their Primary Election results when determining delegates to the state and national party conventions.**

THE PRIMARY ELECTION PROCESS:

Voter receives a ballot determined by their registered party affiliation. *NOTE: Undeclared Voters must declare party affiliation as either Democrat or Republican.

Voter marks ballot according to posted instructions.

Voter casts ballot. *NOTE: If the voter was previously registered as "Undeclared", that voter has the right to return their Party affiliation to "Undeclared".

In NH, a Voter has the option to register as "Democrat", "Republican", or "Undeclared".

The Ballot Clerk is legally required to announce your name twice, and at Primaries only, your Party affiliation. This process helps confirm voter identity and allows Party-appointed Challengers and members of the public to monitor the check-in process accurately.

Scan here for more Voter Information on the SOS website.

For Primary elections, you cannot change your Party affiliation after the designated date to do so!



All registered Voters may vote, but for a Primary election, only Undeclared Voters have the choice of requesting a Democrat or Republican ballot. Such a Voter becomes a member of that Party until they change affiliation after voting.

Check the NH Secretary of State's website to find out the final date to change Party affiliation.

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Definition: "Visibly displaying or audibly disseminating information that a reasonable person would believe explicitly advocates for or against any candidate, political party, or measure being voted." RSA 652:16-h.

As long as you are outside the polling place and not in the no-electioneering zone:

you may:

- Talk with Voters
- Distribute political advertising
- Hold signs

Every polling location must designate an area outside the polling place with at least one electioneering permitted zone that is within sight and conversational level speech of the entrance to the polling place (RSA 659:43 IV)

Wear clothing that explicitly advocates for or against a candidate or question on the ballot while inside the polling station. A person who is eligible to vote or register to vote who is unable reasonably remove or cover such clothing may wear such clothing in the polling place while actively and expeditiously engaged in the process of registering or voting (RSA 652:16-h)

Please do not:

Affix any signs to the polling place building or ground (RSA 659:34 VI) or leave signs unattended (RSA 659:34 V)

Electioneer in the no-electioneering zone, which may extend to sidewalks and parking lots (RSA 659:43 II)

Distribute or post electioneering communication in any form inside polling places (RSA 659:32 I)

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