

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Instructions for
STATE PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION



HOW TO MARK YOUR BALLOT:

To Vote: Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. For each office, vote for not more than the number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than ____." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.

To Vote by Write-In: To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice.

To Vote on a question on the ballot: Completely fill in the oval opposite either YES or NO indicating your choice on that question.

PROCEDURE AFTER MARKING YOUR BALLOT:

After marking the ballot, the voter or the person assisting a blind voter shall enclose and seal the same in the small inner affidavit envelope. The voter shall execute the affidavit. Make sure you read the affidavit before signing and dating. A person assisting a blind voter or a voter with a disability in executing the affidavit shall sign a statement on the affidavit envelope acknowledging the assistance and shall enclose and seal the small inner envelope with the affidavit in the larger outer envelope. On the larger outer envelope, fill in the name of the town or city where you are entitled to vote, write your full name, address and voting place in the upper left hand corner. **Affix postage** and mail the larger outer envelope to the clerk in the city or town in which you are entitled to vote OR the voter may personally deliver it or have it delivered by the voter's spouse, parent, sibling, or child to the city or town clerk from whom it was sent. The city or town clerk, or ward clerk on election day at the polls, shall not accept an absentee ballot from a family member unless the family member completes a form provided by the secretary of state, which shall be maintained by the city or town clerk, and the family member presents a government-issued photo identification or has his or her identity verified by the city or town clerk. Absentee ballots delivered through the mail or by the voter's spouse, parent, sibling, or child shall be received by the town, city or ward clerk no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the election.

In accordance with RSA 659:34, the penalty for knowingly or purposely providing false information when registering to vote or voting is a class A misdemeanor with a maximum sentence of imprisonment not to exceed one year and a fine not to exceed \$2,000. Fraudulently registering to vote or voting is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.

Visit the web site: <https://app.sos.nh.gov> to track your ballot. You may verify receipt of your application, the date when your absentee ballot was mailed to you, the date the clerk receives your completed absentee ballot, and after the election learn if your absentee ballot was rejected/not counted and why. Contact your clerk if you have questions regarding the information on the track your ballot site.

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