

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. 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 "delivery agent."

A delivery agent may be:

- a) The voter's spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, stepchild; or
- (b) If the voter is a resident of a nursing home as defined in RSA 151-A:1, IV, the nursing home administrator, licensed pursuant to RSA 151-A:2, or a nursing home staff member designated in writing by the administrator to deliver ballots; or
- (c) If the voter is a resident of a residential care facility licensed pursuant to RSA 151:2, I(e) and described in RSA 151:9, VII(a)(1) and (2), the residential care facility administrator, or a residential care facility staff member designated in writing by the administrator to deliver ballots; or
- (d) * A person assisting a blind voter or a voter with a disability who has signed a statement on the affidavit envelope acknowledging the assistance. **A person assisting blind/disabled voters may not deliver more than 4 absentee ballots in any election.*

If delivered to the polls on election day by a "delivery agent" he or she will be required to complete a form provided there by the clerk and to present government issued photo identification or have his or her identity verified by the clerk. RSA 657:17.

Absentee ballots delivered through the mail or by the voter's delivery agent 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.

NOTE: Your ballot must be received by the town or city clerk, ***no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day in order to be submitted for counting.***