

League of Women Voters New Hampshire – NH Voter September 2026

A short newsletter and call to voting action.

Hello League of Women Voters New Hampshire members and friends:

Thank you for being a voter. Now is the time to also become a voting ambassador. Be prepared to answer questions from friends and neighbors about the November 3 election. We gave you some tips in August, and most still apply. But this time we add information about the **two ballot questions** everyone will see. In your city/town it is possible there will be a few additional local questions. See the end of this email for the statewide ballot questions and our attempt at a simple non-partisan explanation of what a Yes vote and a No vote will do. Share that info with people you know.

As a voting ambassador, you can help people feel their vote matters and that our elections will be well run.

Remind people to bring a photo ID to the polls to get a ballot (license, passport/passcard, or military ID or non-driver ID.) Remind the elderly that if their ID is expired, it's still okay to use for voting purposes.

Tell people who need to vote absentee to start the process early. Get an application online or from their town clerk, fill out the application, attach a copy of their ID or have their signature notarized, and get it back to their own town/city clerk early. Mail can be slow, and absentee voters should allow lots of time for a ballot to get to them and to mail it back. Completed ballots must reach their town clerk by 5 pm on election day, Nov. 3. We have no *postmarked by date* or grace period after the election in New Hampshire.

The news can be scary as we get close to the election. But League continues to have faith in well-run elections. For this election at least the US Post Office will NOT be deciding whose ballots get delivered and whose don't. That's a SCOTUS ruling. It also looks like the use of a flawed master list of citizens/non-citizens to screen ballots will not be allowed for the November election. A more recent SCOTUS ruling. The underlying constitutionality of those executive orders will be settled sometime after the election.

Here are some other questions you might be asked:

Can I write in a candidate? Yes. It's a waste of everyone's time (when ballots are tallied at the end of the day) if you write in a silly choice. But if someone is running an active campaign as a write-in candidate, you may print the name and fill in the oval beside it.

How do I find out more about the candidates? First, get a sample ballot, cup of coffee, and start googling. You can type in a candidate's name and NH and probably find their campaign website and maybe articles about them. You can also go to CitizensCount.org which is a NH-specific non-partisan source. Some candidates do answer their surveys, and incumbents' votes on key bills are listed.

Sample ballots for each town will, very soon, be available to download at the Sec of State's webpage: <https://www.sos.nh.gov/elections/sample-ballots>

Candidate forums are being scheduled. Visit the [League's Candidates Forums webpage](#).

NHPR has top-of-the ballot forums scheduled, and WMUR will also air forums, but dates are not yet announced. If you hear of forums that are not listed, send us an email with details and we'll post them. (We don't post single-party events.)

What if someone isn't yet registered to vote? NH allows people to register on election day at their own polling place. A person needs to prove **Age, Citizenship, Identity, and Domicile** (domicile means where you live.) Think of it as *ACID test documents* needed. Details of how to prove these are on the [LWVNH.org website](https://LWVNH.org). Reminder that we won the court case about proof of citizenship. If someone does not have access to a birth certificate, for example, or the marriage license that links the birth name and current legal name, a voter may sign a legally binding affidavit asserting citizenship. Usually we recommend registering before election day at your town clerk's office, because it's less confusing and you'll be able to bring the right paperwork.

For any questions that you, our voting ambassadors, can't answer, direct people to **call their own town/city clerk**. Or direct them to the League's website for detailed information and FAQs about voting and registration. LWVNH.org

[A NonPartisan Call to Action:](#)

If you are a poll worker or election official, Thank you! Those are really important jobs. For everyone else, **if you have time on election day to be a [poll observer](#) for the NH Campaign for Voting Rights, of which LWVNH is a member, please sign up.** This is an active

observation, reporting issues in real time via your phone to headquarters, which will take action if necessary to make sure that no eligible voter is denied the right to vote.

For the Nov. 3 election, we are particularly looking for volunteers who can stay awake for the closing of the polls (7 or 8 pm) and the counting of ballots to follow. No one is expected to observe all day, but if you are an evening person, your skills are particularly valuable for the late shift.

To sign up click on the link below, make sure the email in it is yours not the League's, (you may need to use the "switch accounts" button) and send in your preferences for shifts and parts of the state where you can observe. *If the link to google docs doesn't work for you*, directly email the NHCVR coordinator Sarah at schouinard@americavotes.org and she will send you a fresh link. After you've signed up, you will get the dates/times info and sign up links for the required zoom training.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfswqgBIpyYQysdHfNjB-flqxrzLgNINYmeX74l5I9jXz-nBQ/viewform>

2026 General Election

The following questions will be placed on the 2026 General Election ballot.

Question Relating to **Constitutional Amendments** proposed by the 2026 General Court

1. "Are you in favor of eliminating the office of register of probate by amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The county treasurers, county attorneys, sheriffs and registers of deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the state, provided nevertheless the legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing those officers; but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them. [Art.] 81. [Judges Not to Act as Counsel.] No judge shall be of counsel, act as advocate, or receive any fees as advocate or counsel, in any probate business which is pending, or may be brought into any court of probate in the county of which he or she is judge." (*Passed by the NH House 325 Yes, 15 No; Passed by the Senate 23 Yes, 1 No*) CACR 13

Yes	No
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A Yes vote is for getting rid of the county office of Register of Probate.

A No vote keeps the county office of Register of Probate.

To pass, two-thirds of those voting on this question must vote Yes.

(Background: A reorganization of the court system in 2011 gave the duties of the Register of Probate to the Circuit Court Probate Division. It left the Register of Probate with only ceremonial duties to preserve significant historical files.)

Statutory Question required by HB 1300, Chapter 324, 2026

2. “Shall the [name of municipality] limit property tax growth for [name(s) of school district(s)] under RSA 32:5-i?

If adopted for a two-year period: (1) the local property tax levy may not grow beyond the prior year’s amount, adjusted for inflation and new construction; (2) SAU central office spending may not exceed 6 percent of total school district appropriations; and (3) bonded capital costs are excluded from both limits. These caps apply only to administrative operations of the SAU central office and do not affect classroom instruction, school-based services, or other municipal expenditures. These limits may be overridden as provided in RSA 32:5-i. Adoption requires a three-fifths (3/5) majority vote.”

Yes	No
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A Yes vote caps your town’s share of public school expenses coming from property taxes for the next two years. It also limits your schools’ administrative spending to 6% of total school district spending.

A No vote leaves the public school budget in the hands of the local school board(s), to be presented at your town’s annual meeting for voters to approve or reject, with no pre-set tax cap.

To pass, three-fifths of those voting on this question must vote Yes.

NOTE: If you choose not to vote on a question, that will not affect the outcome. Only the ballots with either Yes or No marked will be considered when determining the number of Yes votes needed to take effect.