

2024 Vermont General Election

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

- Registered voters will automatically be mailed a ballot for every General Election in the state of Vermont. This is your official ballot. Please note that this decision for GE mailing of ballots was made at the state level.
- Ballots are scheduled to be mailed between 9/23 & 10/1
- Follow all directions carefully before returning your voted ballot
- Voters who registered after the mailing from the state, will be mailed a ballot automatically from the town office
- Voted ballots sealed in the certificate envelope can be returned via: mail, in person or by depositing into the secure drop box on the town hall porch (122 School St., Pawlet)
- You may bring your ballot to the polling place on election day and place it directly into the tabulator
- You may also bring your unvoted ballot to the polling place, vote, and then place it directly into the tabulator
- Your ballot may be returned to the town office by someone other than yourself (trusted friend or family member)
- The tabulator is just that, a tabulator. It is not connected to the internet. At the close of the polls, the results are immediately available with the printing of the tabulator tape.
- The tabulator is tested to 100% accuracy by local election officials prior to EVERY election.
- At the close of the polls ballots are removed from the collection box underneath the tabulator at which time the election team accounts for the write-ins and prepares a summary which is given to the presiding officer. The number of write-ins must match what was tabulated by the tabulator. Ballots will then remain in a sealed ballot bag and retained in the vault for 22 months.
- If a voter comes to the polls without their mailed official ballot, an affidavit will need to be completed and signed before a new ballot can be issued.
- Be sure to vote on both sides of the ballot and be mindful of the "Vote for not more than" ...in each race. The Justice of the Peace voting is on the back of the ballot.
- You can check the status of your ballot by going to mvp.vermont.gov
- If you are not comfortable coming into the building to hand deliver your ballot, you may ring the bell or knock on the door and 2 election officials will come to you
- Ballots received after 7:00 PM on November 5, 2024 cannot be counted. Ballots with post marks on or before election day and received AFTER the close of polls cannot be counted
- Please educate yourself on the articles and candidates prior to coming to the polling place. Election officials cannot/will not be able to discuss these things with you

STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE FOLLOWING (taken from the Vermont Notice to Voters and Vermont Voter Rights)—DO NOT:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote.
- Socialize in a manner that will disturb other voters.
- Offer a bribe, threaten, or intimidate a person to vote for a candidate.

- Hinder or interfere with the progress of a voter going into or out of a polling place. Vermont law provides that a person cannot campaign within a polling place but does NOT specify any number of feet that campaigners need to be away from the polls outside. The presiding officer will set reasonable rules for where campaigners can stand.

STATE LAW S.209 13 V.S.A. §4027 STATES: "A person shall not knowingly possess a firearm at a polling place or on the walks leading to a building in which a polling place is located on an election." This shall apply to the town clerk's office during any period when a board of civil authority has voted to permit early voting. 17 V.S.A. §2546b(a)(1) 9/21-11/5 for General Election 2024

This law applies everywhere in Vermont. It requires signs to be posted at the entrances to polling places, so you will see signs when you come to our office and/or if you vote in person. The law also addresses specific exceptions, including for law enforcement. It also doesn't apply to motor vehicles, so people may safely store their firearms in their vehicle as long as they aren't parked in a location where firearms are otherwise prohibited (such as at a school).

STATE LAW 17 V.S.A §2508: (in part)..."(a)(A) within the building containing a polling place, no campaign literature stickers, buttons, name stamps, information on write-in candidates, or other political materials that display the name of a candidate on the ballot or an organized political party or that demonstrate support or opposition to a question on the ballot are displayed, placed, handed out, or allowed to remain;"

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