July 14, 2020

State Primary Election

Held at 37 Fourth Street Elks Lodge

Primary Elections determine each qualified party’s nomination of candidates for federal offices (other than President) and qualified State and County offices. Party candidates who are elected at the Primary qualify to appear on the November General Election ballot.

Offices included in the 2020 Primary Election are United States Senator, Representative to Congress (both districts), all 35 State Senate districts, all 151 State Representative districts, and the following county offices, which vary depending on the county: Judge of Probate, Register of Probate, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, District Attorney and County Commissioner.

In order to qualify for the Primary Election ballot, party candidates must gather a specified number of signatures on primary nomination petitions between January 1, 2020 and March 16, 2020 and must submit these petitions to the Secretary of State’s Division of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020.

Nonparty candidates gain access directly to the General Election ballot by gathering a specified number of signatures on nonparty nomination petitions between January 1, 2020 and June 1, 2020 and must submit these petitions to the Division of Elections by 5:00 pm on June 1, 2020.

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The State Primary and Special Referendum Election is Tuesday, July 14.

At this time, both in-person and absentee voting are available for the July 14 election.

For the City of Old Town, in-person voting will take place at the Elks Lodge, 37 Fourth Street, 7AM until 8PM.

Voters may cast an absentee ballot instead of voting in person. To minimize interaction with others during this public health pandemic (COVID-19), some voters may prefer voting by absentee ballot. Casting an absentee ballot is convenient and secure.

Absentee ballots may be requested in writing, by phone, online, or in person up to and including the day of the election, without specifying a reason. However, if you are asking to receive your ballot by mail, please request it early enough to allow for postal mail delivery time – both to receive it and return it (2-5 days each way).

- You can request an absentee ballot by calling the City of Old Town at 207-827-3965
• You can request an absentee ballot online or by mail from the Secretary of State’s website: https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/online-form.pl

• Absentee ballot requests are being accepted right now. Printed ballots will be available by mid-June, and we will issue your ballot as soon as possible after that date.

• Ballots must be returned to the municipal clerk no later than 8:00 pm on Election Day.

For additional absentee voting information go to: https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/absenteeguide.html

Maine Political Parties

Maine currently has three qualified parties: Democratic, Green Independent and Republican that may participate in primary elections. (Note: although some unenrolled candidates choose to designate themselves as "Independent," there is no "Independent" party in Maine.)