

2024 GENERAL AND REFERENDUM ELECTION UPDATE

Physical Mailing #2B - Official Election Materials

Prepared by the Office of the Secretary of State - August 2024

This mailing contains official documentation for the **November 5, 2024 General and Referendum Election** which requires your **immediate attention**. Listed below are the items enclosed in this mailing. Please review the checklist and be sure you have received all the items listed. If you find that something is missing or you have any questions regarding what you have received, please contact the Elections Division immediately at 207-624-7650.

_____ **1. Blank Absentee Ballot Memo**

Blank absentee ballots are included in this mailing. These are not your regular absentee ballots, but are still official ballots. This memo outlines when blank absentee ballots should be issued. **NOTE:** There are generally very few blank absentee ballots issued statewide. A blank absentee ballot is provided for a voter leaving town before the clerk receives the regular absentee ballots and the voter will not have a mailing address available to mail the regular absentee ballot.

_____ **2. Blank Absentee Ballots**

Each municipality is being provided with three blank absentee ballots.

_____ **3. Blank Absentee Ballot Receipt – **Submit by Thursday, August 15, 2024****

Please return the *Blank Absentee Ballot Receipt* by August 16, 2024. Please submit your receipt via email to cec.officials@maine.gov. As always, if you submit documents by email, we will provide a response receipt.

_____ **4. Voting Place Report – **Submit by Friday, September 6, 2024****

Title 21-A, section 626-A provides that the Municipal Clerk must file a voting place report NOT LATER THAN 60 days before each election.

_____ **5. Absentee Drop Box Certification and Survey - **Submit by Friday, September 6, 2024****

Municipalities that already have a secured absentee drop box will certify that their current drop box meets Title 21-A's secured drop box standards and **submit a picture of their drop box**. Municipalities that do not already have a secured absentee drop box may indicate if they would like more information about receiving a free box.

_____ **6. Statement of Completion (SOC) from June 11, 2024 STATE PRIMARY – **Submit by August 15, 2024****

Following each election, the Division of Elections mails an individualized hard copy of the Statement of Completion (SOC) for Voter Participation History (VPH) and Municipal Certification. This mailing contains the individualized SOC from the **June 11, 2024 State Primary Election**. For SOC/VPH instructions, please refer to Scott King's 7/11/2024 email titled *6/11/24 Primary Election VPH/SOC Mailing*.

Absentee Ballot Request (ABR): Maine allows for absentee ballot requests to be submitted starting three (3) months before the upcoming election. ABR will "go-live" for voters to request absentee ballots online on August 5, 2024. An updated Instruction Guide will be posted on the Teamp site.

Special Clerks Website – Mailings and Forms Posted Online: As in the past, mailings and forms will be posted to our temporary website page, the **Elections Temp Site** at <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/temp/>

Please Note: Issues or questions related to CVR should be directed to the CVR Helpdesk (1-877-HAVAHELP or 1-877-428-2457), not through the cec.elections or cec.officials email drop boxes. The cec.elections drop box is available to the public; the cec.officials drop box is primarily for election officials to submit filings. Submitting questions related to CVR through either drop box results in delayed response time. Often, these messages go through more than one person before getting forwarded to CVR staff.

**If you have questions about any election matter, please contact the
Division of Elections at 207-624-7650 or toll-free at 1-888-VOTESME (1-888-868-3763)**