

Frequently Asked Questions

Ballot Information, polling places, Provisional Ballots, Campaign Finance, Political Parties, Ballot Measures, and Casting a Ballot

Ballot Information

1) Question: Does the state website offer a user the ability to display the ballot for his or her own precinct?

Answer: See “Sample Ballots” on the Secretary of State’s website.

2) Question: If so, does the use of this tool rely on street address information?

Answer: No. The voter must identify his or her town or city ward.

3) Question: How far down the voter’s ballot does the ballot information display feature go? Does it cover every contest on the voter’s ballot, or just some?

Answer: The Sample Ballots on the Secretary of State’s website, when posted, display the entire ballot for each town and city ward in state elections.

Polling Places

4) Question: Does this website offer a user the ability to look up a specific polling place?

Answer: The Secretary of State’s Registered Voter web link at <http://cfs.sos.nh.gov/app/Public/AbsenteeBallot.aspx> provides the polling place location based on the voter’s first name, last name, town or city, and date of birth provided by the voter on their voter registration application.

People who are not yet registered as a voter or who do not have a date of birth on file can also access information on the location of their polling place at:

<http://www.sos.nh.gov/clerks2010.pdf>

5) Question: Does the use of the above web links rely on street address information?

Answer: Yes. They do not require street address information to be keyed in during the query. However, the Voter Registration web link relies on the street address information provided already by the voter in their voter registration application. Many New Hampshire voters can determine where to vote by simply looking up the name of the town in which they vote at: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/clerks2010.pdf>

Provisional Ballots

6) Question: Does the state website provide a voter with the ability to look up the status of his or her provisional ballot?

Answer: All potential provisional ballot voters have an opportunity to register and vote at the polls on election day. Proof of qualification as a voter can be provided through affidavits. There is no circumstance where an applicant must retrieve proofs and return to complete the registration process. If a person appears at the polls to register and/or vote and is denied the opportunity to vote, election officials are instructed to review the situation with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office before the denied applicant leaves the polls. Under New Hampshire law no person leaves the polls with their voter registration status undetermined.

Hence, there is no need for a website that would display the status of a provisional ballot.

Campaign Finance

7) Question: Does the state website feature links to campaign finance data for congressional candidates?

Answer: Yes. The state has a link to the FED campaign finance website.

Political Parties

8) Question: What are the official political parties in the state?

Answer: The official political parties in the State of New Hampshire are the Democratic and Republican parties. See election results webpage.

“Party shall mean any political organization which at the preceding state general election received at least 4 percent of the total number of votes cast for any one of the following: the office of governor or the offices of United States Senators.” RSA 652:11.

9) Question: Does the state website feature contact information and/or links to official political party web sites?

Answer: No.

Ballot Measures

10) Question: Does the state website provide information on ballot measures or questions?

Answer: Yes, the state website provides information on ballot measures or questions when they exist.

Casting a Ballot

11) Question: What ID, if any, is required for a registered voter in the state to vote?

Answer: State law does not require an ID in order for a registered voter to check in and obtain a ballot. RSA 659:13