

# Elections

## General Information for Residents



*The Town of Falmouth has compiled these questions and answers to help you understand your options when it comes to exercising your right to vote.*

### General Information

#### When are elections held?

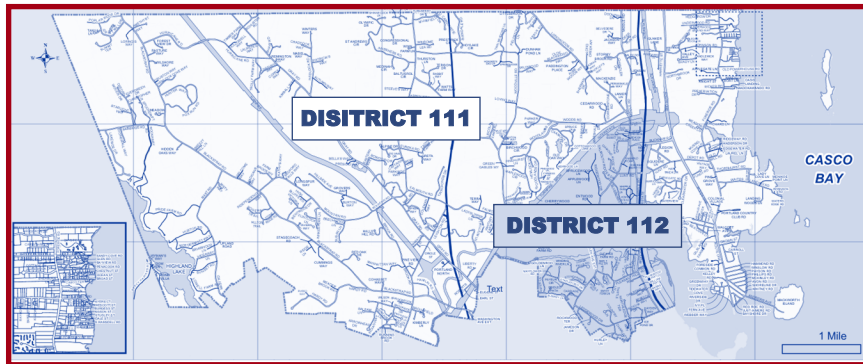
The Town of Falmouth generally holds two elections each year:

- Elections for the Town Council, School Board and Town Budget are held on the second Tuesday in June.
- State and Federal elections are held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November.

In addition, every four years there is a Presidential Primary Election held on the first Tuesday of the month of March.

#### What district do I live in?

Falmouth is divided into two separate districts. Your district only determines your state representative. If you move—even within Falmouth—you must fill out a new registration card to ensure you receive the correct ballot on Election Day. Please be advised that the State Representative District numbers on have changed. District 43 is now District 112 and District 44 is now District 111. This change does not impact polling locations.



#### Who is eligible to vote?

To be eligible to vote in Maine, you must be:

- 18 years old
- A United States citizen
- A resident of the municipality in which you want to vote

#### Who oversees the election in Falmouth?

All Local, State, and Federal Elections are administered and supervised by the Town Clerk, Ellen Planer.

### Voter Registration

#### How do I register to vote?

You may obtain a Maine Voter Registration Application at Town Hall or by calling the Clerk's Office at 781-5253 and requesting one be mailed to you. A valid identification and proof of residency are required. Completed voter registration cards may be delivered by hand or by mail to Town Hall. Voter registrations completed by mail must be received 21 days prior to the election.

#### Can I register to vote on Election Day?

Yes. On Election Day you can register to vote at the polls. When registering, you must provide a valid identification and proof of residency.

#### Can I change my registration?

Yes. All changes, including name and address changes, require completing a new registration application. If you are unenrolled in a political party you may enroll at any time. If you are enrolled and want to change parties you may, **but there is a 15 day waiting period between changing parties and voting.** Once enrolled, you must remain in the party for 90 days.

## Absentee Voting

### What is absentee voting?

Absentee voting allows you to cast a ballot without going to a voting place on Election Day. Maine law makes it easy to cast an absentee ballot. You don't have to be out-of-town or have any other reason to take advantage of this easy way to vote at a time that is most convenient for you.

### Who can vote absentee?

Any registered voter may cast an absentee ballot instead of voting in person at a voting place on Election Day.

### How do I get an absentee ballot?

Absentee ballots will be available **30 days prior to the election**. There are four ways to request an absentee ballot:

- **By Phone:** Call and request your own ballot, which will be mailed to the address you provide. Call the Voter Registrar in Falmouth at: 699-5320 or 699-5308.
- **Electronically:** Request your own ballot electronically using the Secretary of State's online absentee ballot request service at: <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>
- **By Mail:** Print the Absentee Ballot Request Form at: <https://www.falmouthme.org/town-clerk/pages/election-information>. Mail the form to Falmouth Town Hall, 271 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, Maine 04105.
- **In Person:** Request a ballot at Falmouth Town Hall.

### When can I request a ballot?

Absentee ballots may be *requested* beginning 90 days before Election Day. Ballots will be *available* 30 days prior to the election.

### Is there a deadline to request a ballot?

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is generally the Thursday prior to the Tuesday Election Day.

### Can I request a ballot for someone else?

You can request a ballot for an immediate family member by filling out a request form at Town Hall. You cannot request a ballot for someone else online or by phone.

### How do I submit a completed absentee ballot?

Fill out and return the ballot to Town Hall by mail, in person, or via the drop box located in front of Town Hall, next to the staircase. **To be counted, voted absentee ballots must be received by the municipal clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.** On Election Day, ballots may be submitted at the polling place or via the drop box at Town Hall.

### Can I vote by absentee ballot in person somewhere?

Yes. You may vote absentee at the Clerk's Office at Town Hall as soon as absentee ballots are available which is 30 days before the election.

## Election Day Information

### Where do I go to vote in person on Election Day?

All Falmouth voters vote at the high school. Voting will take place on November 2 at the Falmouth High School Gym, 74 Woodville Road. The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

## More information and resources

### I have more questions. Who should I call?

If you have questions about voting, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 781-5253. Or contact the State of Maine Elections Division, phone: 624-7650, email: [cec.elections@maine.gov](mailto:cec.elections@maine.gov).

### Where else can I find election information?

Town of Falmouth Election Information  
<https://www.falmouthme.org/town-clerk/pages/election-information>

State of Maine Upcoming Elections Page  
<https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html>

Maine Secretary of State's YouTube channel includes several helpful videos about elections in Maine.

