

July 14, 2020 Election

Fact Sheet



The July 14, 2020 election is just around the corner. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many residents have questions regarding the upcoming election. We've compiled these questions and answers to help you understand your options when it comes to exercising your right to vote.

General Information

What election is this?

This election includes the State of Maine Primary as well as a State Special Referendum and Municipal Election. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Mills' Executive Order 39, dated April 10, 2020, rescheduled this election, originally slated for June 9, 2020, to July 14, 2020. This election includes:

- State of Maine Primary ballot (for offices other than the President)
- State Special Referendum on two bond issues
- Falmouth's annual Municipal Election for the purpose of electing Town Council and School Board members and a School Budget Validation Referendum

Who can vote in this election?

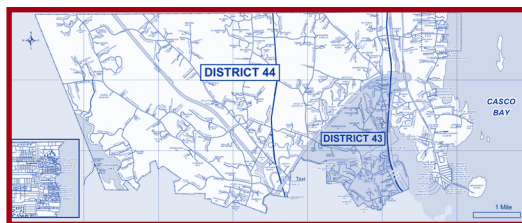
To be eligible to vote in Maine, you must be:

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

Note: 17 year-olds who will turn 18 prior to the November General Election may vote in the July 14 State Primary Election only. They may not vote on the State Special Referendum or the Municipal Election.

What district do I live in?

Falmouth is divided into two separate districts: District 43 and District 44. Your district only determines your state representative. Members of the Town Council and School Board do not represent specific districts in Falmouth. If you move—even within Falmouth—notify the Town Clerk's office of your new address to ensure you receive the correct ballot on Election Day.



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 by July 7 per Governor Mills' Executive Order 56, dated June 3, 2020.

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.

How old must I be to register to vote?

You must be at least 17 years old to register to vote.

Can I change my registration?

Yes. All 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. The deadline to change parties for the July 14 election is June 29. 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/sites/falmouthme/files/pages/absenteeballot_request7.14.20.pdf. 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. Make your request early to allow enough time for the ballot to be mailed to you.

Is there a deadline to request a ballot?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the deadline to request an absentee ballot for the July 14 election has been extended through Election Day (July 14).

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. Your municipal clerk can tell you who is considered an immediate family member under the law.

How do I submit a completed absentee ballot?

Fill out and return the ballot to Town Hall. **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 July 14 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.

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.