WARNING – VERMONT PRIMARY ELECTION – AUGUST 11, 2026

A statewide Primary Election will be held on TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026, to vote for candidates for the following offices:

U.S. Representative	Auditor of Accounts	Assistant Judge(s)
Governor	Attorney General	State's Attorney(s)
Lieutenant Governor	State Senator(s)	Sheriff
State Treasurer	State Representative(s)	High Bailiff
Secretary of State	Probate Judge(s)	

The polls will open at 8:00 **a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. The polling place(s) is/are located at:**

Riverside Middle School

13 Fairground Road

Springfield **Town (or City) Clerk**

VERMONT NOTICE TO VOTERS AND VERMONT VOTER RIGHTS

REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You can register to vote on Election Day. **Register early** at your town clerk's office or online at Vote.Vermont.gov.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR FIRST-TIME REGISTRANTS BY MAIL: If you are registering to vote for the first time in Vermont by mail or online, you must provide a copy of identification along with your registration: current valid photo I.D., or a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing your name and current address. If you do not provide I.D. or other documentation with your registration and do not have it when you come to the polls, you will have the opportunity to register in person. If you decline, you will be offered a provisional ballot.

PARTY CHOICE: You don't have to tell anyone which party you are voting in. However, you can only vote for candidates on one party ballot in the primary election. (There is no voter registration by party in Vermont.)

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You can request absentee ballots at any time during the election year. The latest you can request a ballot in the town/city of Springfield is August 10, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. (when the office closes before the election).

You or a family member can request early/absentee ballots in person, in writing, by telephone, or on the Vermont Voter Portal: Vote.Vermont.gov. An authorized person can request ballots for you in person or in writing.

EARLY or ABSENTEE VOTING: How to vote early or by absentee ballot once ballots are available at the end of June (at least 45 days before the election):

1. Vote in the town clerk's office before the election.
2. You may take your own ballots from the clerk's office and return them in the same manner as if you received the ballots by mail.
3. Have the ballot mailed to you and return it to clerk's office before Election Day or to your polling place by 7 p.m. on Election Day.
4. If you are in the military, live overseas, are ill or disabled, or in the Safe at Home address confidentiality program, you may receive your ballot electronically and utilize our accessible online ballot marking tool, but you must print your ballot and return it by mail.
5. If you are ill or disabled, ask the town clerk, on/before the deadline to request an absentee ballot, to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home on any day before the day of the election (once ballots are ready) or the day of election.

CHECKLIST: Posted at the town clerk's office by Sunday, July 12, 2026. If your name is not on it, then you must register to vote.

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or has not been added, even though you submitted an application: Explain the situation to your town clerk or presiding officer and ask that your name be added to the checklist. The town clerk or presiding officer will investigate the situation. They will then either have you complete a registration form and add your name to the checklist, or explain why you cannot be added.

If the town clerk or presiding officer and BCA members present cannot determine that you are entitled to be added to the checklist on Election Day, you may appeal to a superior court judge, who will give you a decision on Election Day. Or, you may vote a provisional ballot.

CASTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT: If you accept the offer to vote a provisional ballot, you must complete a sworn affidavit on the provisional ballot envelope swearing that you are qualified to vote in Vermont and in the polling place where you are, and that you submitted an application to register to vote before the deadline. You will be given a card explaining how you can find out if your ballot was counted one week after the election by calling the Vermont Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-8683.

ASSISTANCE FOR VOTERS: Any voter who wants assistance for any reason may bring the person of their choice into the voting booth to help. Or, they may ask for assistance from two election officials.

Voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place may have a ballot brought to a car outside the polls by two election officials.

Any U.S. citizen and resident of a Vermont town or city who applied to register to vote on or before election day is entitled to vote regardless of race or physical ability.

THE LAW PROHIBITS THE FOLLOWING—DO NOT:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote.
- Socialize in a manner that will disturb other voters.
- Offer a bribe, threaten, or intimidate a person to vote for a candidate.
- Hinder or interfere with the progress of a voter going into or out of a polling place. No campaigning inside a polling place. There is no specific distance from the polls that campaigners must be. The presiding officer sets reasonable rules for campaigners.

The Election Officials at the polling place are here to serve you. If you have any questions, or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

If you do not understand something, or you believe a mistake has been made that has not been corrected, or you have a question that cannot be answered to your satisfaction at the polling place:

Call the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of State
1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated: Call the Elections Division at 800-439-8683. Or, file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State St, Montpelier, VT 05633-1101.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, report this to your local U.S. Attorney's Office, the County State's Attorney, or VT Attorney General.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted intimidation, threat or coercion in order to cause a person to vote for or against a candidate or question, or obstruct a person from voting or a public official or employee from administering an election, you may report this to the VT Attorney General by e-mail at AGO.Info@Vermont.gov or by phone at (802) 828-3171.

VOTING PROCESS—INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

- Go to the entrance checklist table, give your name to the election official in a loud voice. They might ask for your address, too.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- If you want to use the **accessible voting system**, tell the entrance checklist official at this time. An election official will take you to the accessible ballot marking device, enter a security code, and then leave you to mark and print your ballot privately. Read more about the accessible voting system online at: Sos.Vermont.gov/Elections/Voters/Accessible-Voting.
- Take the 3 ballots from the election official and enter a voting booth. **In a Primary Election, ONLY vote for candidates of 1 Party on only 1 ballot, or your vote will not count.** Once inside the voting booth, decide which PARTY ballot you want to vote.
- Fill in the oval to the right of a candidate's name to vote for them. **Do not vote for more candidates than the "Vote for not more than" number for each office. If you vote for more than that, your vote will not count for that race.**
- WRITE-IN candidate(s): To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name, or place a sticker, on the blank "write-in" line on the ballot. Then, fill in the oval.
- **If you make a mistake or change your mind, DO NOT try to erase. Return your spoiled ballot to an election official and ASK for a replacement**. Each voter may have up to 3 ballots.
- **After completing your ballot, fold the 2 unvoted ballots in half and give the unvoted ballots to an election official to be deposited in the "Unvoted Ballots" ballot box.**
- To cast your voted ballot, insert your voted ballot into the tabulator machine, or, in a hand count town, put it into the ballot box.
- Go to the exit checklist table, if any, and state your name. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- Exit the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.
- All voters in line at the polling place at 7 p.m. will be permitted to vote. No voter can enter the polling place to vote after 7 p.m.