

HELLO, I'M MAINE SECRETARY OF STATE MATTHEW  
DUNLAP.

IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES, AS WE ALL DO OUR BEST TO  
PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU  
THAT WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO OVERSEEING ELECTIONS  
THAT ARE FAIR, ACCURATE, ACCESSIBLE AND SAFE.

TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN MEET THOSE GOALS DURING THE  
CURRENT PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY, GOVERNOR  
JANET MILLS HAS RESCHEDULED THE PRIMARY ELECTION  
TO TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020.

HERE'S WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU AS A MAINE VOTER:

THE ELECTION WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, JULY  
14. AS OF TODAY, WE PLAN TO HAVE IN-PERSON VOTING AS  
USUAL. DEPENDING ON THE VIRUS PREVENTION MEASURES  
IN PLACE AT THAT TIME, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO SOCIAL  
DISTANCING AND OTHER HYGIENE MEASURES IF YOU

CHOOSE TO VOTE IN PERSON AT YOUR POLLING PLACE, TO HELP PROTECT ELECTION WORKERS AND OTHER VOTERS.

YOU CAN ALSO OBTAIN, COMPLETE AND SUBMIT YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON AT YOUR MUNICIPAL CLERKS' OFFICE, AS EARLY AS 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THAT THE PANDEMIC SITUATION IS SO FLUID AND WE KNOW THAT SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MITIGATING THE OUTBREAK, I AM RECOMMENDING THAT MAINE VOTERS USE THE ABSENTEE VOTING PROCESS. IT'S A SIMPLE WAY TO CAST YOUR VOTE FROM THE SAFETY OF YOUR OWN HOME, AND WE'RE MAKING IT EVEN EASIER FOR THIS ELECTION.

YOU CAN REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT AT ANY TIME USING OUR ONLINE REQUEST FORM, OR YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR MUNICIPAL CLERK DIRECTLY TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST. FOR THIS ELECTION, THERE IS NO DEADLINE TO

REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO YOU CAN ASK FOR IT UP TO AND INCLUDING ELECTION DAY, HOWEVER, PLEASE REQUEST IT EARLY ENOUGH TO ALLOW TIME TO RECEIVE IT AND RETURN IT BY MAIL, IF YOU CHOOSE THAT OPTION.

BALLOTS ARE SENT TO YOUR TOWN OR CITY CLERK 30 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION, SO THEY WILL BEGIN TO MAIL THOSE OUT TO YOU IN MID-JUNE.

YOUR BALLOT WILL COME WITH ALL THE PERTINENT INSTRUCTIONS TO MARK YOUR CHOICES ACCURATELY, AND YOU NEED TO BE SURE TO SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE. YOU CAN DROP IT OFF TO YOUR TOWN CLERK, BUT THE SAFEST OPTION IS TO AFFIX POSTAGE AND MAIL IT BACK TO YOUR TOWN CLERK.

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR TOWN CLERK NO LATER THAN 8 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY, SO KEEP THAT

MIND BEFORE YOU DROP IT IN THE MAIL, AND ALLOW AT LEAST FIVE DAYS FOR MAILING.

OFFICES INCLUDED IN THE JULY 14, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION ARE: UNITED STATES SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS (BOTH DISTRICTS), ALL 35 STATE SENATE DISTRICTS, ALL 151 STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS, AND THE FOLLOWING COUNTY OFFICES, WHICH VARY DEPENDING ON THE COUNTY: JUDGE OF PROBATE, REGISTER OF PROBATE, COUNTY TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, SHERIFF, DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

VOTERS WILL DECIDE ON TWO BOND ISSUES ON JULY 14 AS WELL.

IF YOU ARE NOT YET REGISTERED TO VOTE, YOU CAN FILL OUT A REGISTRATION CARD AT YOUR MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE OR PRINT OFF THE MAINE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM ON OUR WEBSITE, FILL IT OUT, AND MAIL IT TO YOUR

CLERK. THE CURRENT DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION BY MAIL IS 21 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION – OR BY TUESDAY, JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>.

YOU CAN FIND MUCH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING ON OUR WEBSITE, [WWW.MAINE.GOV/SOS](http://WWW.MAINE.GOV/SOS) , AND WE’LL KEEP YOU UPDATED REGARDING ANY OTHER CHANGES AS WE NAVIGATE THE CURRENT SITUATION.

MAINERS HAVE HISTORICALLY HIGH VOTER TURNOUT AND I’M SURE THIS ELECTION WILL BE NO EXCEPTION, AS WE CONTINUE TO EXERCISE OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO VOTE, WHATEVER MAY COME.

STAY SAFE!