

# November 7, 2017 Election Day, Voter Registration & Absentee Ballot Information

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## Election Day

There will be a State Referendum and General & Referendum Election on Tuesday November 7, 2017. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. All voting is being conducted at the Saco Community Center, 75 Franklin Street. Sample ballots will be posted on the [City Clerk's Election and Voting web page](#) around the beginning of October.



## Voter Registration

If you have had a recent name or address change please stop by the office to update your voter registration record. The City Clerk's Office is open during regular business hours to conduct voter registration and there will be extended hours on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> until 7:00 p.m. The Registrar will also be at the polls all day on Election Day.

## Absentee Ballots

Absentee Ballot applications are now available in the City Clerk's Office. The actual absentee ballots will not be available until around October 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Ways to request an absentee ballot:

- In-person during normal business hours: - Mon-Th. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & Fri 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & extended hours on November 2<sup>nd</sup> until 7:00 p.m.
- Telephone at 284-4831
- Written absentee ballot application by:
  - Voter
  - Voter's Immediate Family/Domestic Partner
  - Voter with a 3rd Person Designated - Ballot must be witnessed by 1 notary, 1 municipal clerk, 1 clerk of courts or 2 other individuals. Only the 3rd person named in the request or the voter are allowed to return the ballot. If the voter returns the ballot, the witness requirements still apply.
- [Download the application](#) from the City Clerk's Dept. Elections page and mail the completed application to: City Clerk, 300 Main St., Saco, ME. 04072
- Electronic request - If you wish to request an absentee ballot electronically you must do so on the State of Maine [website](#). Only electronic applications submitted through this site will be honored.

Uniformed Service or Overseas Voter (also known as a UOCAVA voter)

A uniformed service member on active duty or spouse or dependent absent from their place of residence due to active duty may request an absentee ballot through the State of Maine.

Services include the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, the commissioned corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the merchant marine

Also US citizens residing outside of the United States and who was qualified or would be qualified to vote in the last place of residence in Maine prior to leaving the United States are eligible to request an absentee ballot through the State of Maine [website](#)

Aiding Voters in Marking Ballots - If a person aides the voter in marking the ballot, the aide must sign the "Aide Certificate" on the envelope & there also needs to be a witness, who must sign the "Witness Certificate" on the envelope.

Special Circumstances Application -The State has established the 3rd business day (June 8<sup>th</sup>) before the election as the cut-off date for issuing absentee ballots by any means. When a voter requests an absentee ballot after this deadline, they will be required to fill out a sworn affidavit on a "Special Circumstances Application" stating one of the following reasons for requesting an absentee ballot:

- An unexpected absence from the municipality during the entire time the polls are open on election day;
- A physical disability;
- An incapacity or illness that makes the voter unable to leave home or a treatment facility.

Note: Immediate family members, domestic partners and 3rd persons are not allowed to fill out the "Special Circumstances Application" for the voter. The voter must fill it out.

**The last day to request an Absentee Ballot is Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> unless you have a "Special Circumstance".**

**There will be no Absentee Ballot Voting on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> or Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.**