

Are you Registered to Vote?

Call and Verify with your Town Clerk!

Addison	759-2020	Elmore	888-2637	Moretown	882-8218	Starksboro	453-2639
Albany	755-6100	Enosburgh	933-4421	Morgan	895-2927	Stockbridge	746-8400
Alburgh	796-3468	Essex	879-0413	Morristown	888-6370	Stowe	253-6133
Andover	875-2765	Fair Haven	265-3610	Mt. Holly	259-2391	Strafford	765-4411
Arlington	375-2332	Fairfax	849-6111	Mt. Tabor	293-5282	Stratton	896-6184
Athens	869-3370	Fairfield	827-3261	New Haven	453-3516	Sudbury	623-7296
Bakersfield	827-4495	Fairlee	333-4363	Newark	467-3336	Sunderland	375-6106
Baltimore	263-5274	Fayston	496-2454	Newbury	866-5521	Sutton	467-3377
Barnard	234-9211	Ferrisburgh	877-3429	Newfane	365-7772	Swanton	868-4421
Barnet	633-2256	Fletcher	849-6616	Newport City	334-2112	Thetford	785-2922
Barre City	476-0242	Franklin	285-2101	Newport Town	334-6442	Tinmouth	446-2498
Barre Town	479-9391	Georgia	524-3524	North Hero	372-6926	Topsham	439-5505
Barton	525-6222	Glover	525-6227	Northfield	485-5421	Townshend	365-7300
Belvidere	644-6621	Goshen	247-6455	Norton	822-9935	Troy	988-2663
Bennington	442-1043	Grafton	843-2419	Norwich	649-1419	Tunbridge	889-5521
Benson	537-2611	Granby	328-3611	Orange	479-2673	Underhill	899-4434
Berkshire	933-2335	Grand Isle	372-8830	Orwell	948-2032	Vergennes	877-2841
Berlin	229-9298	Granville	767-3542	Panton	475-2333	Vernon	257-0292
Bethel	234-9722	Greensboro	533-2911	Pawlet	325-3309	Vershire	685-2227
Bloomfield	962-5191	Groton	584-3276	Peacham	592-3218	Victory	328-2400
Bolton	434-3064	Guildhall	676-3797	Peru	824-3065	Waitsfield	496-2218
Bradford	222-4727	Guilford	254-6857	Pittsfield	746-8170	Walden	563-2220
Braintree	728-9787	Halifax	368-7390	Pittsford	483-6500	Wallingford	446-2336
Brandon	247-5721	Hancock	767-3660	Plainfield	454-8461	Waltham	877-3641
Brattleboro	251-8157	Hardwick	472-5971	Plymouth	672-3655	Wardsboro	896-6055
Bridgewater	672-3334	Hartford	295-2785	Pomfret	457-3861	Warren	496-2709
Bridport	758-2483	Hartland	436-2444	Poultney	287-5761	Washington	883-2218
Brighton	723-4405	Highgate	868-4697	Pownal	823-7757	Waterbury	244-8447
Bristol	453-2486	Hinesburg	482-2281	Proctor	459-3333	Waterford	748-2122
Brookfield	276-3352	Holland	895-4440	Putney	387-5862	Waterville	644-8865
Brookline	365-4648	Hubbardton	273-2951	Randolph	728-5433	Weathersfield	674-9500
Brownington	754-8401	Huntington	434-2032	Reading	484-7250	Wells	645-0486
Brunswick	962-5514	Hyde Park	888-2300	Readsboro	423-5405	West Fairlee	333-9696
Burke	467-3717	Ira	235-2745	Richford	848-7751	West Haven	265-4880
Burlington	865-7140	Irasburg	754-2242	Richmond	434-2221	West Rutland	438-2204
Cabot	563-2279	Isle La Motte	928-3434	Ripton	388-2266	West Windsor	484-7212
Calais	456-8720	Jamaica	874-4681	Rochester	767-3631	Westfield	744-2484
Cambridge	644-2251	Jay	988-2996	Rockingham	463-4336	Westford	878-4587
Canaan	266-3370	Jericho	899-4936	Roxbury	485-7840	Westminster	722-4091
Castleton	468-2212	Johnson	635-2611	Royalton	763-7207	Westmore	525-3007
Cavendish	226-7292	Killington	422-3243	Rupert	394-7728	Weston	824-6645
Charleston	895-2814	Kirby	626-9386	Rutland City	773-1800	Weybridge	545-2450
Charlotte	425-3071	Landgrove	824-3716	Rutland Town	773-2528	Wheelock	626-9094
Chelsea	685-4460	Leicester	247-5961	Ryegate	584-3880	Whiting	623-7813
Chester	875-2173	Lemington	277-4814	St. Albans Cty	524-1500	Whitingham	368-7887
Chittenden	483-6647	Lincoln	453-2980	St. Albans Tn.	524-2415	Williamstown	433-5455
Clarendon	775-4274	Londonderry	824-3356	St. George	482-5272	Williston	878-5121
Colchester	264-5520	Lowell	744-6559	St. Johnsbury	748-4331	Wilmington	464-5836
Concord	695-2220	Ludlow	228-3232	Salisbury	352-4228	Windham	874-4211
Corinth	439-5850	Lunenburg	892-5959	Sandgate	375-9075	Windsor	674-5610
Cornwall	462-2775	Lyndon	626-5785	Searsburg	464-8081	Winhall	297-2122
Coventry	754-2288	Maidstone	676-3210	Shaftsbury	442-4038	Winooski	655-6419
Craftsbury	586-2823	Manchester	362-1313	Sharon	763-8268	Wolcott	888-2746
Danby	293-5136	Marlboro	254-2181	Sheffield	626-8862	Woodbury	456-7051
Danville	684-3352	Marshfield	426-3305	Shelburne	985-5116	Woodford	442-4895
Derby	766-4906	Mendon	775-1662	Sheldon	933-2524	Woodstock	457-3611
Dorset	362-1178	Middlebury	388-8100	Shoreham	897-5841	Worcester	223-6942
Dover	464-5100	Middlesex	223-5915	Shrewsbury	492-3511		
Dummerston	257-1496	Middletown S.	235-2220	S. Burlington	846-4105		
Duxbury	244-6660	Milton	893-4111	South Hero	372-5552		
East Haven	467-3772	Monkton	453-3800	Springfield	885-2104		
E. Montpelier	223-3313	Montgomery	326-4719	Stamford	694-1361		
Eden	635-2528	Montpelier	262-6263	Stannard	533-2577		

Voter's Guide for People with Disabilities

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 says that people with disabilities have a right to vote and to have certain accommodations to make voting easier.

Disability Rights Vermont, Inc. (DRVT) is an agency that receives money from the U. S. Congress under HAVA to help make sure people with disabilities get the information they need to vote and are not discriminated against when casting their ballots. This guide is one project DRVT is doing to provide that help. In it you will find information about your rights as a voter. You also will find information for each of the offices to which we elect people, for example, the Governor. There is information about the people running for national and statewide offices this year. The candidates were each asked to provide a statement for this guide. Some pages provide general information about voting and participating in our democracy. Finally, a voting worksheet is provided for you to fill in and take with you to the polls to help you remember for whom you want to vote.

We at DRVT hope you find this voter guide helpful. We want to know what you like and don't like about it. Please let us know! You may send an email to us or write to us or call us with your comments. Our goals are to make nonpartisan, impartial information available to all Vermonters with disabilities and to encourage you to vote. We would like to know why you do or don't vote. Please let us know that information, too!

Thank you for your interest in learning about voting in Vermont. Please remember to vote.

Important Election Dates:

- **July 12, 2014: Early voting begins for Primary Elections**
- **August 20, 2014: Last day to register to vote for Primary Elections**
- **August 25, 2014: Early or Absentee ballot request deadline due by 5 p.m. or close of town clerk's office.**
- **August 26, 2014: Primary Elections and Absentee ballots are due by close of polls at 7 p.m.**
- **September 20, 2014: Early voting begins for General Election**
- **October 29, 2014: Last Day to register to vote until 5 p.m. for General Election**
- **November 3, 2014: Early or Absentee ballot request deadline due by 5 p.m. or close of your town clerk's office.**
- **November 4, 2014: General Election and Absentee ballots are due by close of polls at 7 p.m.**

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Your Voting Rights as a Person with a Disability

What does disability mean? There are many different meanings of the word disability under different laws. When we're talking about voting rights, a person has a disability if the person has a medical, cognitive or mental health condition that makes it very hard or impossible for the person to do important life activities, such as walking, talking, seeing, hearing, lifting, concentrating or communicating.

If you have a disability, you have:

- **The right to vote (if you are otherwise qualified)**
- **The right to access your polling place**
- **The right to receive reasonable accommodations for your disability**



Reasonable accommodations to vote mean actions the government can take to help a person with a disability fully participate in the voting process, such as installing ramps into a polling place so that someone using a wheelchair can get into the polling place, or hiring an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter to help a person who is deaf or hard of hearing who communicates using ASL to register to vote. A reasonable accommodation cannot cost so much that it makes it impossible for the government to do its other necessary work and must be directly related to overcoming the barrier to full participation due to a disability.

If you need accommodations to assist you with voting, you may:

- **Contact your Town Clerk to request accommodations**
- **Bring a person of your choice into the voting booth with you for assistance (not your employer or union representative)**
- **Ask an election official for assistance with marking your ballot**
- **Ask an election official to bring a ballot to your car**
- **Bring a magnifying glass or other devices to help you use the ballot**
- **Bring a list of candidates into the voting booth to help you**
- **Ask for another ballot (maximum of three) if you make a mistake**

Your Voting Rights as a Person with a Disability

If You Experience Problems with Voting You can Contact:

Disability Rights Vermont

1-800-834-7890

Vermont Secretary of State's Office

1-800-439-8683

Vermont Center for Independent Living

1-800-639-1522

Green Mountain Self Advocates

1-800-564-9990

Registering to Vote

If you want to vote, you must be registered. The registration deadline for the Primary Election on August 26, 2014 is Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 5 p.m. The registration deadline for the General Election on November 4, 2014 is Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 5 p.m. To register to vote, you must:

1. Be a US Citizen;
2. Be a resident of the Vermont town where you plan to vote;
3. Take, or have previously taken, the Voter's Oath (formerly called the "Freeman's Oath");
4. Be 18 years of age or older (or will be eighteen on or before the day of election).

To register, you need to complete the "Application for Addition to the Checklist" (voter registration form) and make sure it is returned to the town/city clerk's office in the town or city you live. There are several places you can do this.

- At your town/city clerk's office
- At the DMV (when you register your car or when you get or renew your driver's license)
- At voter registration drives

Call Disability Rights Vermont, your town/city clerk or the Vermont Secretary of State's office if you have any questions.

Registering to Vote

VOTER'S OATH

You solemnly swear or affirm that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the State of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without fear or favor of any person.

What the Voter's Oath means, in plain English:

When you vote, you will make the best choice within the bounds of the Constitution without influence from another. You promise that whenever you vote on anything to do with Vermont, you will choose what you honestly believe is best for the state, guided by our Constitution. You won't let anyone tell you how to vote and you won't vote for something just to benefit one person.

DID YOU KNOW?

Vermont is one of only two states where people retain the right to vote, even if they have been convicted of a crime and/or are incarcerated.

28 VSA § 807 Voting Rights

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is convicted of a crime shall retain the right to vote by early voter absentee ballot in a primary or general election at the person's last voluntary residence during the term of the person's commitment under a sentence of confinement provided the person otherwise fulfills all voting requirements.

To vote while you are incarcerated, you will need to request an early voter absentee ballot from the town clerk of the town in which you are registered. An absentee ballot will allow you to vote by mail. If you are not registered, you can put in a request to the Volunteer Coordinator at your facility and he or she should be able to assist you with the registration/voting process. If you are a person with a disability, you can also request assistance from Disability Rights Vermont. There are specific deadlines with regard to registering to vote and requesting absentee ballots, so make sure you follow those and submit your requests well in advance of the November 4th Election Day.

When, Where and How to Vote



When...

Primary: You must vote by August 26th. You may vote from July 12, 2014 through August 26, 2014

General: You must vote by November 4, 2014. You may vote from September 20, 2014 through November 4, 2014. You may vote early at your town/city clerk's office before the general election day (November 4); you may pick up

an early voting ballot at your town/city clerk's office, vote and return your ballot to the clerk's office; you may ask for an early/absentee ballot to be sent to you so you may vote in your home and mail back your voted ballots in time to be received by Nov. 4, or you may vote on election day at the polling place, either from your car or inside the polling place. To vote from your car, someone will need to go into the polling place and tell the person in charge that you wish to vote from your car. On election day, the polls may open between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m.-each town/city makes its own decision. All polls must close at the same time-7p.m.

Where...

To find out where your town's/city's polling place is, call your town/city clerk or visit the Secretary of State's website <http://www.sec.state.vt.us> or call **1-800-439-VOTE**. All the clerks' numbers are listed in this guide and on the Secretary of State's website. That website also has a list of the polling places in all of Vermont's towns and cities.

How...

To vote in person at the polls (voting area), using a standard ballot:

1. Go into the polling place.
2. At the check-in table, give your name, and if asked, your residence.
3. You will be given a ballot.
4. Take your ballot to a voting booth.
5. Mark your ballot according to the instructions (for example, make an "X" in the box next to the name of the candidate you have chosen, or fill in the specified area). If you have questions, a poll worker can explain more. If you make a mistake, ask for another ballot (limit of three).
6. After you have finished marking your ballot, you will leave the voting booth with your ballot and proceed to the place you "cast" (put) it. Look for signs or ask a worker if it is not obvious where to go.
7. At the place you cast it, place the ballot as instructed by the worker. You may be told to put it in a ballot box or in an optical scanner, for example.
8. Go to the check-out table if your voting place has one.
9. Give your name at the check-out table and you are finished.
10. Leave the voting area.

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Provisional ballots: There should NOT be any need to use a provisional ballot in Vermont. Vermont law provides that if a voter will sign a sworn affidavit that he or she submitted a voter registration form (Application to be added to the checklist) in Vermont prior to the deadline for registration, then that person will be added to the checklist on Election Day and will vote by a regular ballot.

Identification: Identification is not required in Vermont.

To vote in person at the polls using the vote by phone method:

This option has been developed to allow those with disabilities who want privacy to cast their ballot without the assistance of another person. It is best to practice voting from your home phone to become familiar with the process. Local ballot questions cannot be voted on by phone.

To vote by phone on election day, you must use the phone at the polls. You cannot vote by phone from home.

1. Go to your polling place.
2. Go to the check-in table, give your name and say that you wish to use the vote-by-phone system.
3. A poll worker uses a designated telephone to call the system, enters the identification codes to bring up the appropriate ballot, then gives the phone to the voter and leaves the voting booth.
4. The system reads the ballot to the voter and, after the voter makes ballot selections using the telephone key pad, the system prints out a paper ballot at the office of the Secretary of State. The paper ballot is automatically scanned and can be played back to the voter for verification upon request by the voter. The voter may decide to cast it or discard it and revote.

Your vote will be tallied into the totals submitted by your town to the secretary of state's office. The ballot stays at the secretary of state's office.

To try out the vote by phone system and practice voting your ballot:

1. Call no more than 15 days before the election.
2. Call your town clerk to get the ballot access three digit number for your voting district.
3. Call (866) 486-3838 to listen to and practice voting on the same ballot that you will hear and vote on Election Day. Enter the three digit number when prompted.
4. You may call in and practice as many times as you want. Most people find that after using the system two or three times they can move quickly through all of the candidates and races.
5. Remember, you must vote by phone AT THE POLLS on election day, not from your home phone.

To vote by Early Voter Absentee Ballot:

Any registered voter may vote by Early Voter Absentee Ballot. It must be requested. A voter, family member or health care provider may apply for an Early Voter Absentee Ballot by asking for it by telephone, in person at their town clerk's office, or in writing. A non-family member authorized by the voter may only request a ballot in person or in writing.

When, Where and How to Vote

There are four ways to cast an Early Voter Absentee Ballot:

NOTE: You must fill out and sign the certificate on the ballot envelope for your vote to be counted. Do not forget to do this.

Early Voter Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's office before the close of the office on the day before the election OR to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election in order to be counted in the election.

1. Vote in person at the town clerk's office. You may go to your town clerk's office, ask for an Early Voter Absentee Ballot, fill it out right there and then hand it in. You may bring a person of your choice to help you vote (as long as the person is not your employer or union representative). If you need assistance and haven't brought someone to help, two election officials of the town have to provide the assistance.
2. Pick up a ballot at the town clerk's office. You may pick up a ballot and vote in your car or take it home to vote. Your voted ballot must be returned by November 4, 2014.
3. Get a ballot mailed to you and vote at home. Your ballot must be returned by November 3, 2014.
4. Have a ballot hand delivered to you. If you are sick or a person with a disability a ballot can be delivered to your home on Election Day. You may request an absentee ballot up until 5 p.m. on the day before the election. Two justices of the peace (of different parties) will deliver a ballot to you, and then will bring the ballot back to the polling place so that it can be placed in the ballot box and counted (on Election Day or the 8 days preceding the election).

Things to remember:

- You may bring a reminder sheet of who you want to vote for;
- You may bring a magnifying glass to help you read the ballot;
- If you have a disability or need help with the ballot, you may bring someone to assist you as long as it is not your employer or a union representative;
- Don't leave anything in the voting booth when you are done voting;
- You may not discuss or promote candidates inside the polling place.

If you experience problems:

- Ask an election official to help you;
- Call the Secretary of State's office toll free at 1-800-439-VOTE (8683);
- Call Disability Rights Vermont toll free at 1-800-834-7890.

It is illegal to:

- Knowingly vote more than once either in the same town or in different towns;
- Try to tell another person how to vote once you're inside the building where voting is taking place;
- Mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote;
- Show your marked ballot to others in order to let them know how you voted;
- Make a mark on your ballot that would identify it as yours.



Structure of our Government



Our government is made up of three branches -- the executive, the legislative, and the judicial.

The Executive Branch

Elected offices of the executive branch include, nationally, the President and Vice President. Each state, including Vermont, has a state version of all three branches of government, though instead of having a President and Vice President in the executive branch, states have Governors and Lieutenant Governors. The executive branch carries out the laws and recommends new ones with legislative oversight, it also directs national defense and foreign policy.

The Legislative Branch

The legislative branch makes laws, with the executive branch's approval. The national, or federal, legislative branch is made up of U.S. Senators and Representatives from each state. The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives are two different groups discussing the same problems and coming up with possible solutions. The form that the solution takes is called a bill. Each group comes up with its own bill. The two sides then get together to decide on one solution (the final bill). This process allows for many opinions to be considered, even though it is time consuming and difficult. Once the two groups (Senate and House of Representatives) come up with the final bill, the President may either sign it, veto it, or take no action on it. If the President signs it, the bill becomes law. If the President vetoes it (says, in writing, that he or she does not agree with the bill) the Representatives and Senators can try to override the veto in order to make the bill into law without the President's approval. To do that they must each come up with 2/3 of their members to say they want the bill to become a law. In some cases, bills can become laws if the President takes no action at all.

The Judicial Branch

The national, or federal, judicial branch is made up of the Supreme Court and all the other federal courts across the country. The judicial branch says whether or not a law is constitutional (is allowed) under our highest law, the U.S. Constitution, and interprets laws when there is a disagreement as to how the law should be understood. When the Supreme Court makes a decision that a law is not constitutional, the law is no longer valid, and should not be followed. When the Supreme Court makes a decision that a law is supposed to be interpreted in a particular way, all similar cases should be interpreted based on that decision. When a lower federal court interprets a law a certain way, it will only effect the law in that particular area of the country.

Elected Offices and the Candidates

This guide includes all candidates in the primary election. The primary election is the opportunity for individuals to be nominated to represent a particular political party in the upcoming general election. The general election determines who will be appointed to the elected position. Therefore, not all of these candidates will be in the general election on November 4, 2014.

Following are descriptions of the positions to which we elect people. Under each national and state level description are listed the people running for the office this year.



U.S. President and Vice President



The President serves as the head of the country and works with his or her Cabinet, which is made up of the Vice President and the people who are in charge of the 15 departments that make up our executive branch of government. The President may include other top leaders in the Cabinet. He or she appoints people to lead the departments that make decisions that affect our lives. For example, the Department of Defense has a lot of say about wars; the Department of Veteran's Affairs has a lot to do with how veterans are treated; the Department of Education makes policies about how schools should be run; the Department of Health and Human Services directs many of the programs important to people with disabilities, such as Medicaid and Medicare; and the Department of Justice oversees all the laws of the country, including the Americans with Disability Act.

The Vice President is elected with the President. We vote for both together. The Vice President stands ready to take over for the President, should the President become unable to continue in office. Often, the Vice President serves as an advisor to the President. He or she also stands in for the President at the President's request. The Vice President also serves as the President of the U.S. Senate and casts the deciding vote if there is an equal number of Senators voting for and against an issue. Elections for President and Vice President are held every four years. **This is not a Presidential Election Year.**



U.S. Senate



Every state has two U. S. Senators. Both Senators represent citizens in their entire state. Each one serves for six years, and they are elected in different years so there is only one Senator up for election at a time. One third of all U.S. Senators will be elected this year, one third in two years, and one third in four years. This means that some years a particular state will not have any Senators to elect.

Senators serve on committees that discuss problems in smaller groups than the whole Senate. Many of the committees look at topics similar to those covered by the departments in the President's cabinet. The committee members gather information about a problem by studying it and asking people to testify (give information and answer questions) before their committees. Solutions from the committee then may be considered by the full Senate. Because there are many opinions about how to solve problems, one of the main jobs of Senators is to figure out how to work with many people with different opinions to come up with a solution upon which a majority can agree. Another job of Senators is to help the people in their state when they ask for assistance with or information about the government. This work is called constituent services. *You can find more information about the U.S. Senate on the web at <http://www.senate.gov>.* **This is not a Senate election year in Vermont.**

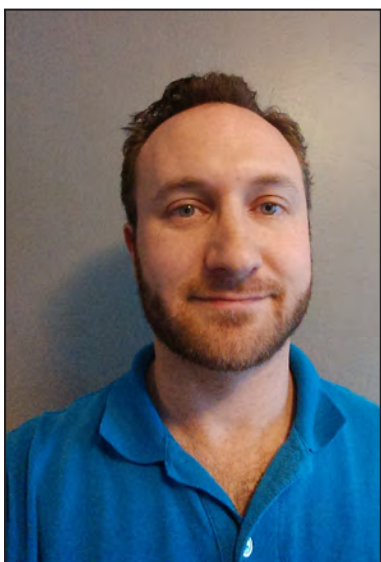


U.S. Representatives



Each state is given a certain number of U.S. Representatives, based on the number of people living in the state. On average, for every 700,000 people, there is a specific congressional district created and the people within that district elect their own representative. In states with more than one district, a U.S. Representative represents only his or her district, not the entire state. States that do not have that many people get fewer Representatives in Congress. Some states with very few people get only one U.S. Representative. Vermont is such a small state that we have only one U.S. Representative. Representatives serve on committees and provide constituent services, just as senators do. There is an election for U.S. Representative every two years. *You can find more information about the U.S. House of Representatives on the web at <http://www.house.gov>*

2014 Candidates for U.S. Representative



Matthew Andrews for Representative to Congress, Liberty Union Party

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My campaign stands for the basic principle that everyone has equal rights and dignity. I deplore media stereotypes that paint people with psychological differences

as being criminal or dangerous. There are some who want the market to determine the value of everything and everyone. People with disabilities understand how dangerous that approach is. Only our democratic institutions stand between us and a system that would extract our best working years, then dispose of us. We must measure progress – not by stock prices or the GDP – but by how we treat the least privileged among us.

The Liberty Union Party stands for a universal health care system to provide quality care locally, including preventative care and prescription medicines. We would put patients in control of their care.

If elected, I would vigorously defend all sections of the Americans with Disabilities Act. I would call to amend the act to permit punitive damages for the complainants in ADA cases. I would call for the continuation of full Social Security benefits for people with disabilities who are able to work part-time, and oppose any efforts to limit access to SSDI (Supplemental Security Disability Insurance) by restricting the definition of who is considered disabled.

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Cris Ericson for Representative to Congress, Independent Party

All Candidates were invited to submit a candidate statement and picture for this publication. Those without statements associated with their candidacy chose not to respond.

2014 Candidates for U.S. Representative



Mark Donka for Representative to Congress, Republican Party

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I do understand the many difficulties that people with disabilities face every day. I believe we must do everything possible to accommodate persons with disabilities. The ADA is a good starting point but we must be sure that the ADA is adhered to. I have made a career in law enforcement because I have a calling to help and protect people and, if elected, I will take that calling to Washington to help protect and serve the citizens of this country the same way I have in law enforcement.

If elected I promise that my door will always be open to listen to the citizens' needs and do everything possible to make the future better for all Americans.

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Randall Meyer for Representative to Congress, Independent Party

"Man there standin' in front of the steeple, tellin' me he loves all kinds of people, He's eatin' bagels, He's eatin' pizza, He's eatin' chitlins"~Bob Dylan 1962. Unfortunately not much has changed in politics since Mr. Dylan's youth. If you'd like it to change we can start here. I won't bore you with promises that may or may not be acted upon. I won't try to impress you with my past service and experience with persons with disabilities. I just ask you to keep an open mind and consider me in November. Thank You. Randall Meyer.

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Donald W. Nolte for Representative to Congress, Republican Party

Our legislators in Washington are on the wrong track.

Ordinary tax-payers (you, me) have no voice.

FISCAL

- Our Federal government is bankrupt, but just keeps printing money.
- We must insist on Balanced Budgets and Spending Limits.
- Taxes are too high. Tax reform is essential.

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RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR

- Most of us know Right from Wrong. A person with Integrity and Courage does the RIGHT thing.
- The USA was founded on Judeo-Christian principles, our laws based upon the 10 Commandments.
- All human life is precious; babies in the womb have the unalienable right to life.

INTRUSIVE GOVERNMENT

- Our Federal government controls our lives and limits our freedoms (4th, 9th, 10th Amendments).
- Violating the 1st and 2nd Amendments, they attack our freedoms of speech, religion, and right to bear arms.

SOCIALISM vs. DEMOCRACY

- Redistribution of wealth is contrary to our country's founding principles.
- Socialism creates a permanent economic lower class of citizens, and hurts the middle class.
- "Entitlement" to something for which an able-bodied person has not worked, or to which he has not contributed, is WRONG!!!

SELF-CENTEREDNESS

- Remember JFK's words "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country".

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Donald Russell for Representative to Congress, Republican Party

My wife Judy and I support the rights of people with disabilities and mental health issues 100%. Our youngest daughter was born with congenital glaucoma which over her lifetime has resulted in complete blindness. The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, VABVI, stepped forward and provided the support that both our daughter and we needed, items such as Braille writers and paper, and books printed in Braille. Like most people who had little contact with the blind before the birth of our daughter, we donated to various charities that support people with disabilities, but other than that we were ill informed as to their specific problems. Today, of course, that is untrue, and we are very informed.

If elected to the Congress in November I am prepared to do everything within my power to see that people with physical and mental issues get the resources necessary to fill their unique and special needs. The amount of money wasted in the United States on various unneeded and unnecessary projects is absolutely mind boggling, and to allow any needy person to go without assistance, while supporting those projects is not to be found within my mental makeup.

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2014 Candidates for U.S. Representative

Jerry Trudell for Representative to Congress, Energy Independent Party

As someone who has worked with physically disabled people, I have a personal appreciation for the needs and challenges of these members of our community. Perhaps the most crucial need that they face is the need for transportation to be able to get around and to go to the places that they need to go to. Whether it is the grocery store, the doctor, Church, or family, disabled people have transportation needs in order to run their lives.

That is one of the reasons that I am proposing a statewide public transportation system to serve the community's needs. We have 10 public transportation systems statewide, and my plan is to link these systems as well as to increase service. In this way, we will be able to meet the most basic as well as costly need for our people: transportation. Transportation costs are high because so many people are transportation challenged by the high cost of auto travel. Providing this transportation alternative is a "win win" for everyone, especially the disabled people of Vermont.

Additionally I would run a "hotline" telephone number to my office, for seniors and disabled people to be able to reach out when they have an emergency need.

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Peter Welch for Representative to Congress, Democratic Party

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Since he was first elected to Congress in 2006, Peter Welch has earned a strong reputation as an effective and bipartisan legislator. He is a leading advocate in the House of Representatives for working Vermonters, seniors, veterans, and farmers.

And he is fighting to make college more affordable and cut energy bills through investments in energy efficiency.

Congressman Welch supports the Affordable Care Act which stopped insurance companies from denying coverage due to pre-existing conditions, expanded health coverage to millions of uninsured Americans, and expanded care for seniors as well as young people just out of college.

His strong advocacy for people with disabilities dates back to his service in Montpelier as Vermont Senate President. He is a proud supporter of the Americans With Disabilities Act and supports policies that ensure all Americans have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Peter is honored to represent Vermont in Congress and would appreciate your support so he can continue to fight for the success of every Vermonter.



Vermont Governor



The Governor serves as the head of the state, provides overall direction for the state government and is responsible for the administration of all the state agencies. He or she appoints the heads of the agencies, who serve in the Governor’s cabinet. The Governor sets a general tone about what is important in the government and proposes major legislation, including the overall budget. Legislation (bills) which passes both the Vermont House of Representatives and the Senate must be signed by the Governor to take effect, unless the Governor vetoes, or says “no” to the proposed law and the House and Senate override the veto. In some cases if the Governor takes no action a bill can become law also. Elections for Governor are held every two years. *You can find more information about Vermont State Government on the web at <http://www.vermont.gov>*

2014 Vermont Gubernatorial Candidates



Steve Berry for Governor, Republican Party

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I am speaking to you as a senior citizen going on 73 in December of this year. I am also blessed with 19 grandchildren and still more coming.

That being said, I have my share of disabled children. I have a son, age 47 that has been physically disabled for 10 years. A daughter age 49 that has been a borderline diabetic since she was a child and because of a lifetime of prescribed drugs she now has non alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver. My grand daughter of 16 was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at the young age of 6 months. Just a month ago my grand daughter age 9 was rushed to the hospital and diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

Almost every family has an issue with physical or mental disabilities.

When it comes to help from the State or Federal assistance, I believe it should go further, what I mean by that is a program that would offer advanced education funded by the Government, everyone of us has something special and with the right training, no matter what your handicap is, I believe that a majority of the disabled could become productive citizens.

I also believe we should think out of the box rather than continue to deny all of these beautiful people a shot at life!



Pete Diamondstone for Governor, Liberty Union Party

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Cris Ericson for Governor, Independent Party

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Dan Feliciano for Governor, Libertarian Party

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Scott Milne for Governor, Republican Party

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H. Brooke Paige for Governor, Democratic Party

Freedom and Unity for Vermonters!

I am deeply committed to providing both the opportunities and the tools for Vermonters with disabilities to achieve their goals and aspirations. Creating barrier free environments, facilitating transportation and communication accommodations as well as developing and promoting platforms that allow Vermonters with special abilities would be one of my top priorities should I be elected Vermont's Governor and

Attorney General.

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During the 35 years that I operated my businesses in Philadelphia, I constantly sought out those interested in achieving their potential and overcoming their various impediments. I made this a priority in my businesses, not as some sort of act of charity – rather because experience had taught me that employees with disabilities were most frequently my best employees. I found that they were appreciative of the opportunity and expressed this through their loyalty, honesty, attendance and hard work. Working with my employees, I found that it was easy to adjust the work routine to accommodate virtually every special need. In a industry where the average worker remains for less than a year, the policy of hiring special ability and senior citizen employees resulted in a majority of my employees remaining with me for an average of ten years, with many staying over 20 years. Hiring individuals with disabilities is not some charitable act – it is just good business!

I would appreciate your support and promise to support Vermonters with special needs and abilities.

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Bernard Peters for Governor, Independent Party

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Emily Peyton for Governor, Republican Party

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As soon as I am elected I'll be working shoulder to shoulder with all people of this State, to help us come together more harmoniously. I'm an independent in November, and in the Republican primary. It is my plan to guide the State to lessen the cost of living and support a deeper happiness for every person. I believe the journey of learning makes life meaningful, and plan to encourage everyone to expand their horizons to stretch their minds and bodies. I'll be helping us plant gardens, create perma-farming communities for our clean food, and get off of fossil fuels with determination. I'm a hands-on Governor, when elected; I'll be making Vermont stronger, more self sufficient, and helping our money to grow, our stressors to diminish, and our health to improve by helping the fabric of communities to weave together in a more divine fashion. Where we were fighting, I'll help us find a way; where we were stuck, I'll encourage us; where we had lost hope, I'll shed light on our path. Our trust in public servants has been strained, but it's the people's wisdom that my administration trusts, and the people I will empower more.

2014 Vermont Gubernatorial Candidates



Peter Shumlin for Governor, Democratic Party

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“Since entering into public service, I have worked to grow jobs, create economic opportunity and preserve Vermont’s unrivaled quality of life for all Vermonters, especially those who are too often marginalized.

I stand up and fight for those who struggle because I myself struggled with a learning disability when I was young. In the third grade, my teacher told my parents that I didn’t have a promising future because I struggled to read. That experience instilled in me a deep commitment to working for the rights of those who society too often neglects.

This year I was proud to sign into law legislation to replace in state statutes offensive terms used for individuals with disabilities. This long-overdue step might appear small on paper but we all know words have an enormous power to be hurtful and hold people back from their full potential. No Vermonter should ever be defined by their challenges or disabilities and this law makes progress towards fulfilling that goal.

As Governor, I am committed to ensuring that every Vermonter has a bright future and that our state’s quality of life continues to be the envy of the country. I am humbled by the encouragement and help that I have received and ask for your support so I can continue to work for all Vermonters.”



Vermont Lieutenant Governor



The Lieutenant Governor remains ready to take over for the Governor if the Governor becomes unable to continue in office (for example, if the governor dies or resigns). He or she stands in for the Governor at the Governor’s request. Just as the Vice President is the President of the U. S. Senate, the Lieutenant Governor is President of the Vermont Senate. In Vermont, the Lieutenant Governor is elected independent of the Governor. Elections for Lieutenant Governor are held every two years.

You can find more information about Vermont Lieutenant Governor on the web at <http://www.ltgov.vermont.gov>

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2014 Candidates for Vermont Lt. Governor

Marina Brown for Lt. Governor, Liberty Union Party

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The Liberty Union Party stands for socialism and democracy in all processes of society. We support free universal socialized medicine. Medicine should be free of cost and be provided in a manner that respects the individuality of patients and the wishes of the community. I advocate community controlled clinics that directly hold practitioners accountable to community wishes and standards. Disabled people often have problems paying for healthcare and are often treated poorly by medical practitioners.

Community control including control by the disabled community will help ameliorate these problems.

We support peoples right to privacy and choice as long as it is non-violent. I find the recent decisions allowing for involuntary mental treatment to be troubling as people rights may be trampled in the name of providing needed treatment.

I am opposed to the increasing participation of police in healthcare.

This often leads to violations of people rights and unneeded trauma at the hands of police who are not medical personnel. I applaud the baby steps being taken to treat drug addiction as a health issue rather than as crime, however this is only a small start. It is time to end the drug war entirely.

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Dean Corren for Lt. Governor, Progressive Party

Dean Corren for Lt. Governor

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My public service includes 8 years in the VT House, and later, as Congressman Bernie Sanders' Outreach Director. I've always worked across party lines on legislation; many of my bills had tripartisan sponsors, including the first equal marriage bill.

I'm running now because the timing for healthcare reform is crucial. I will be a very different Lt. Governor – one who understands the compelling reasons Vermont families need reform, has the legislative experience, and works to create and promote a sound and responsive plan. We can implement the nation's first universal,

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comprehensive, integrated and people-based healthcare system. As an author of VT's first single-payer bill in the 90s, I have participated in a long process, and we're too close to retreat. Everybody In, Nobody Out, and NO GOING BACK!

Other critical issues:

Acting to reduce fossil fuel use and climate change with renewable sources and conservation, and the investments, jobs, security, and environmental benefits it brings.

Wealth disparity has grown, even in Vermont. Work ought to pay enough to live on, and taxes ought to be based on ability to pay.

Our approach to economic development needs to suit the modern age, including a Vermont state bank that grows Vermont businesses.



Phil Scott for Lieutenant Governor, Republican Party

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My father fought in World War II and lost both of his legs in combat. I lost him when I was 11 years old, but when I think of him, I don't remember him as a man with a disability. I remember him for all the things he did for me, my mother and my brothers, how involved he was in our lives, and how he never let anything stand in his way.

It was because of him, and those with disabilities, that I formed my adverse position to the so-called "Death with Dignity" legislation. In my 14 years of public service, I've supported the rights of individuals to live as my father did. I ensured the continued appropriation for ADA improvements, the Austine School for the Deaf and the Vermont State Hospital, as well as transitional, supportive, affordable housing for persons with disabilities. This year I participated in Disability Awareness Day at the Statehouse, and the Statewide Independent Living Council is planning to use my words in their new K-12 curriculum that teaches the history of Americans with disabilities. This was also the fourth year that I volunteered at the Autism Puzzle Foundation Casino Night, which raises funds and awareness in support of Central Vermont families living with Autism.

As a Vermonter, I continue to support the rights of all people to live with dignity and independence.





Vermont Treasurer



The State Treasurer is responsible for handling the state’s money. The State Treasurer and his or her office fulfill this responsibility through five divisions: financial operations, retirement operations, investment services, audit compliance and technology services. State law says that the Treasurer’s office is responsible for four areas: managing the state’s checking accounts, investing state money and borrowing money for the state, keeping unclaimed property for return to its rightful owner, and taking care of the retirement money for several groups of government workers. Elections for State Treasurer are held every two years.

You can find more information about the Treasurer’s office on the web at: <http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov>

2014 Candidates for Vermont Treasurer



**Murray Ngoima for State Treasurer,
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As prospective candidate from the Liberty Union Party for the office of State Treasurer, I join others investigating alternatives to the paradigm of budget slashing and perennial battles over tax increases. I advocate the creation of a public bank owned by the state of Vermont, funded by existing, state-owned capital. I support the plethora of

efforts currently devoted to the development of localized, diversified food and energy production. The “Creative Economy” in all conceivable forms is an arena for the expression of true wealth.

“Disability” expresses a negative response to difference; “special ability” is a more appropriate term. I am a visual artist with many years experience working alongside people who express their special abilities in languages of art, music and dance. If we recognize contributions made through these languages, we gain invaluable insight, perspective and imagination--and our understanding of our humanity expands. Challenges that Vermonters with special abilities and their families meet daily to secure essentials of a healthy, productive livelihood are matters that concern everyone. It is a responsibility of state government to support solutions to the need for independent living options and programs that sustain economic, educational and medical requirements of Vermonters with special abilities.



**Beth Pearce for State Treasurer,
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As Treasurer I have a responsibility to over 47,000 active, vested and retired members of public retirement systems. My responsibility is to provide retirement plans that are

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affordable to the taxpayer and employee, while providing the retiree adequate and reliable retirement income. There are currently 612 people with disabilities receiving retirement benefits. I am committed to working with them to insure they take full advantage of their retirement and health care benefit options.

The Treasurer's Office offers financial literacy programs to provide citizens of all ages the knowledge, skills and habits to successfully manage their money. As a member of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency Board, I am committed to providing housing that meets the needs of persons with disabilities. Over the past few years we have worked with the Legislature to enact consumer protection and unclaimed property laws for life insurance beneficiaries. This past year, I worked with AARP and legislative leaders as Vermont became the first in the nation to enact a law to protect consumers from predatory practices in pension lending.

As Treasurer, I am committed to ensuring that all citizens have an opportunity for a lifetime of financial well-being and I ask for your support.

**YOUR VOTE
IS YOUR VOICE...
BE HEARD.**



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Vermont Attorney General



The Attorney General is the chief law enforcement officer of the state. He or she represents the state in all civil and criminal cases where the state is involved or has an interest. There are five divisions within the office of the Attorney General: criminal, public protection, civil law, human services, and general counsel and administrative laws. The Attorney General's office represents the state's view in many matters of importance to the disability community, including mental health care and the use of involuntary psychiatric treatment in designated hospitals and mental health centers. Elections for the Attorney General are held every two years. *You can find more information about the Attorney General's office on the web at: <http://www.atg.state.vt.us/display.php?smod=64>*

2014 Candidates For VT Attorney General



**Rosemarie Jackowski for Attorney General,
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1. At the top of the list is the protection of the most vulnerable. Every case of reported abuse of the disabled or elderly must be investigated in a timely manner - and prosecuted if the facts support prosecution. A backlog of hundreds of abuse cases shows a shocking lack of appreciation for the dignity of all human beings. This should never happen again. No excuses. No exceptions.
2. Address the issue of stigma against those with brain disorders. Neuroscience is moving away from Freudian beliefs. There is increasing evidence that many 'mental' illnesses are chemical/genetic in origin. There should be no stigma.
3. Insure that all Vermonters are informed about the fine print in the health care laws - including the issue of estate recovery.
4. Increase funding for the Office of Health Care Ombudsman and Legal Aid.
5. Review/rescind the State policy which prohibits doctors/dentists, licensed in other States, from rendering compassionate medical care in Vermont.

Rosemarie Jackowski is an Advocacy Journalist, Founder of Justice for Children, a Peace & Justice Activist, and author of BANNED IN VERMONT.

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H. Brooke Paige for Attorney General, Democratic Party

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I would appreciate your support and promise to support Vermonters with special needs and abilities.



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As Deborah Lisi can attest, before becoming Vermont's Attorney General, I worked with her and others on behalf of Vermonters with disabilities.

As Attorney General, I have no authority over the appropriation of state tax dollars, nor as to other matters before the Legislature relating to education, training, vocational rehabilitation and the like. This does not mean, however, that my office cannot positively affect the lives of Vermonters with disabilities. My Civil Rights Unit has aggressively enforced the laws prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of physical disability. To try to have an impact beyond this state, I have repeatedly signed Vermont onto legal arguments before the United States Supreme Court in favor of greater rights for the disabled.

The Vermont Medical Society named me its Citizen of the Year for 2009. Public health issues have been a priority for me, including an initiative fostering appropriate aggressive pain management for those facing those challenges and another focused on dealing with lead paint in our older rental housing units.

I look forward to continuing to work with DRV and other advocacy organizations to try to enhance the lives of Vermonters with disabilities.



Vermont Auditor of Accounts



The Auditor of Accounts is responsible for protecting against governmental waste and preventing inappropriate use of the state government's money. The people who work in the Auditor's office do audits (looking at the record keeping for money matters) and reviews to accomplish their goals. They go over the State's financial statements, and check all the federal money that goes through state government. The Auditor of Accounts may also audit or review special areas of concern about how our money is spent. In the past, the auditor has done special reviews of the Vermont Veteran's Home and the Department of Developmental and Mental Health Service's Oversight of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont. The public may suggest areas to investigate and has access to the reports issued by the Auditor. Elections for Vermont Auditor of Accounts are held every two years. *You can find more information about the Auditor of Account's office on the web at: <http://auditor.vermont.gov>*

2014 Candidates For VT Auditor of Accounts



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All Vermonters must have the resources necessary to participate in civic life and to live fulfilling lives. As State Auditor, I make every effort to see that state and federal funds are used effectively to help achieve that goal.

The State Auditor is not a policy maker, although he or she can add value to the process. The core function of the office is to follow the money, which is critical to ensuring that waste, fraud, and abuse don't claim funds intended for program beneficiaries. In addition, the Auditor's Office conducts performance audits of state programs, including compliance with state and federal statutes and consideration of legislative intent.

For example, my office is currently conducting a performance audit of the Designated Agencies (DA's - community mental health centers). The objectives are to 1) summarize how the Departments of Aging & Independent Living and Mental Health fund developmental disability and mental health services provided by the DA's and ensure that clients receive the expected services; and 2) determine whether DA's have received duplicate payments from Medicaid for services provided.

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Vermont Secretary of State



The Secretary of State is responsible for four main areas. These are: archives, or the historical files of the state; corporations, that is, making sure all the companies doing business in the state are registered so they can be held responsible for what they do here; elections, or making sure that all the voting in the state is done correctly; and professional regulation, or the licensing/certification/registration and disciplinary action of 40 professions, including psychologists, clinical social workers, and nursing home administrators. Elections for Vermont Secretary of State are held every two years. *You can find more information about the Secretary of State's office on the web at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>*

2014 Candidates For VT Secretary of State



Jim Condos for Secretary of State, Democratic Party

As a Vermont State Senator and South Burlington City Councilor, I have supported efforts to improve the quality of life and accessibility for the physically impaired.

As Vermont's Secretary of State, I have worked to ensure that the physically impaired can participate in elections because:

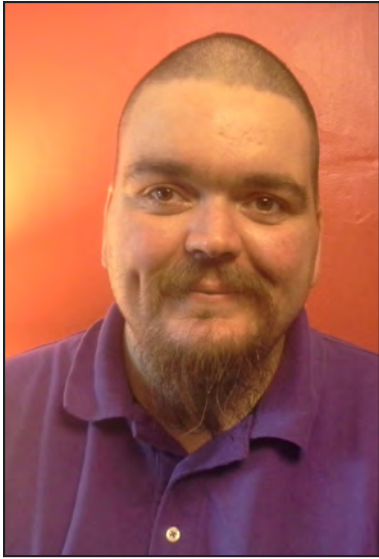
- EVERY eligible voter should have the opportunity to cast their constitutionally protected vote.
- There should not be impediments in front of any eligible voters.
- We maintain a robust vote-by-phone system – our system is being copied in other states.
- We have provided grants to municipalities - up to \$100,000 total per year/max \$15,000 per community - to help communities make their voting locations more accessible.

We must continue this work with communities to insure they comply with the constitutional right for any disabled person to access the polling place. Despite our best efforts, there are still towns not fully in compliance with the law. I will continue to explain what is necessary and help find appropriate funding to ensure that these changes occur.

Folks with physical challenges must be provided with every opportunity to voice their opinion through our democratic election process. I will continue to work with the advocates to find more and better ways.



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A person's disabilities should never impede their access to government; everyone should be treated equally and compassionately. As a teenager, I volunteered with an amazing group of people at Camp Lenape, a United Cerebral Palsy summer camp in Delaware. While there I gained insight and respect for the struggles folks face every day, and how, despite these challenges, we are all still people: we all laugh and cry together, and we can all rise to life's challenges together.

As an adult, and father of a child with moderate hearing loss, I continue to be amazed at how people can overcome the obstacles they find in front of them. Watching my son grow, and overcome his hearing deficit while facing each new challenge with smiles and determination has inspired me to achieve more.

As Secretary of State, I will work hard to accommodate each person's needs, so they can get the services from our government that they deserve. I will work hard to reel in the outside special interests that lobby our statehouse to put corporate profits ahead of the needs of Vermonters. I will put what I have learned as a volunteer, an EMT, and a father to use, representing the people of Vermont fairly and equitably.

Thank you for your consideration and support.



Mary Alice Herbert for Secretary of State, Liberty Union Party

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Local Elected Offices



State Senator

State Senators are one of the two parts of the legislative branch of state government. Senators act like the federal senators in that they review the needs of our state, have meetings in committees, and propose bills that will respond to the concerns they have reviewed. State Senators provide constituent services for state government concerns. Just as the federal government has Senators for each state, the state government has Senators for each county. There is one Senator for approximately every 20,750 citizens. Senators are elected by county, so counties that have more than 20,750 people get more than one Senator. There are 30 Senators in the Vermont Senate. State Senators are elected every two years.

In order to keep the populations of senate districts within the number of people they are supposed to represent, a town from one county may be taken out of one county and included in the district of another county. For example, the Windham County senatorial district does not include Wilmington, which is part of the county, and Wilmington is included in the Bennington County district; and Colchester, which is part of Chittenden County, is in the Grand Isle County senatorial district. Also, a very small county is combined with a larger one to make one district, as is the case in Essex and Orleans counties.

State Representative

State Representatives are one of the two parts of the legislative branch of state government. Representatives act like the federal Representatives in that they review needs of our state, have meetings in committees, and propose bills that will respond to the concerns they have reviewed. State Representatives provide constituent services for state government concerns. Just as the federal government has Representatives for each national district, the state government has Representatives for each state district. Each state district Representative represents approximately 4,150 citizens. There are 150 Representatives in the Vermont House of Representatives. State Representatives are elected every two years.

Probate Court Judge

Probate Court judges have several areas of responsibility. They handle the probate of wills (proving the will is real), the settlement of estates, adoptions, guardianships, name changes and uniform gifts to minors. There is no requirement that the judges of probate be attorneys. Probate Court judges are elected every four years in non-presidential election years. (This Year)

Assistant Judges

Assistant judges, often called side judges, administer the county budget. The county budget includes part of the costs of the probate court and the sheriff's department. The assistant judges also serve in the superior court. Their job there is to give their opinion on factual matters to the presiding judge on cases. In some counties they may hear certain cases on their own. With additional training, they also may "sit" (preside) in traffic court. Assistant judges are elected every four years in non-presidential election years. (This Year)



Local Elected Offices



County State's Attorney

The County State's Attorney is the chief law enforcement officer for each county. The State's Attorney office is responsible for prosecuting all criminal, child protection and fish and game charges within their county. The State's Attorney does not have to be an attorney, although he or she will have to hire attorneys to do the work of the State's Attorney office in the courts. The State's Attorney is elected every four years in non-presidential election years. (This Year)

County Sheriff

The Sheriff has several law enforcement responsibilities. He or she is an officer of the courts, delivers writs and summons (official papers telling people certain legal things), keeps order in the court and carries out the court's orders including transporting prisoners to and from court appearances. Vermont County Sheriff departments also perform other duties that they are allowed, but not required, to do. These include contracting with various towns or villages, special events and road construction projects to provide traffic control and policing services. The Sheriff is elected every four years in non-presidential election years. (This Year)

High Bailiff

The High Bailiff's duty is to arrest the sheriff if it should ever become necessary, and to serve as sheriff while the sheriff is incarcerated. The High Bailiff does not have to be a law enforcement officer to be elected. High Bailiffs are elected every two years.

Justice of the Peace

Justices of the Peace have some mandatory and some voluntary duties. The Justices must serve on the board of civil authority (BCA) and the town board for abatement of taxes. Members of the BCA serve as election officials, and deliver absentee ballots to voters at election time. BCA members also hear and decide appeals of the decisions of listers. The town board for the abatement of taxes decides whether a taxpayer's tax obligation should be forgiven in certain circumstances. Justices of the Peace may join people in marriage, notarize documents, administer oaths, and, when commissioned by the state Supreme Court, serve as magistrates. Justices of the Peace are elected every two years.

To get the names of the people running for any of the following offices for which there are elections this year, visit your town clerk's office and check the sample ballot, or you can write your town clerk for a sample ballot. If you don't know what district you are in, call your town clerk. Then, if you want more information about the people, call them! Let them know you are interested in finding out their positions on issues.

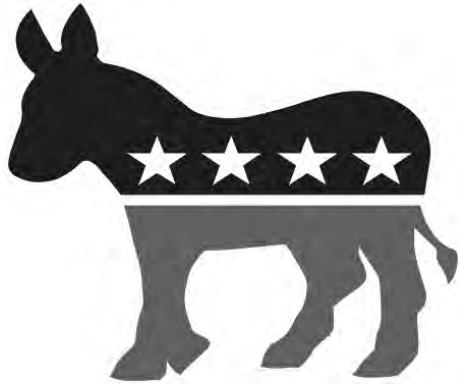


Major Political Parties



We asked all the political parties in Vermont recognized by legal definition as major political parties to provide a description of what they stand for. The following descriptions are what they submitted, unedited. In Vermont, you do not need to register for a political party in order to vote.

Many candidates run for office as a member of a political party. They do that because it gives voters a chance to get a quick idea about what types of issues are important to a candidate, and because political parties offer an existing organization of volunteers and in some parties, paid staff, to help candidates.



Democratic Party

Vermont Democrats believe the rights to health care, food, shelter, clean air and water, education, privacy, justice, peace and equality, the right to organize and of free speech are essential to a robust democracy. These rights are not negotiable.

Based on these principles, we stand against torture, bigotry and discrimination, forced childbirth, corruption, and the establishment of state-sponsored religion or religious doctrine.

We believe that all citizens have a responsibility to be informed, engaged participants of our democracy. We demand that all elected officials fully adhere to their oaths of office and defend the Constitutions of the United States and Vermont at all times, using all lawful means available to them through their office.

We expect elected leaders at all levels to adhere to national and international laws and treaties, as required by the Constitution, and to govern compassionately and with fiscal integrity and transparency.

As a society, we must work toward economically and environmentally sustainable communities to protect the future of our planet.

Everything we do – every policy, law, and regulation – must consider the effects of our actions on the lives and futures of the world’s children, and their children.

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Progressive

The Progressive Party champions sensible policies and the traditional Vermont values which put people first. Livable wages and small business development will guarantee that young Vermonters can find good jobs in state. Universal health care will mean families won’t fear bankruptcy from catastrophic illnesses. Safe, clean energy and thriving family

farms will mean food and energy security for future generations.



Major Political Parties



Unfortunately, government is increasingly becoming unresponsive and irresponsible. The two brand-name parties frequently act in concert, because they serve the same corporate interests. They take issues “off the table”, preventing discussion of issues important to most Vermonters: health care for all, property tax reform, energy independence.

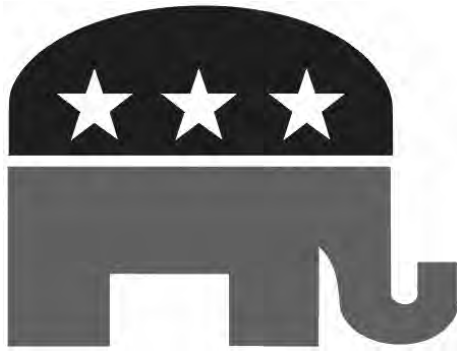
The Progressive Party does not take campaign donations from corporations. We put the interests of the farmers, laborers, students, small business owners and seniors ahead of the interests of the large corporations that influence the other major parties. We give the voters leverage to force the other major parties and candidates to take stands on those issues. We can fight for these issues on a level playing field when politicians are no longer influenced by corporate money, voting is more accessible to all Vermonters, and elections are more representative of our hopes for government.

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Republican

Vermont Republicans believe in the principles laid out most eloquently in the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men [and women] are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men [and women], deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...”

As such Vermont Republicans believe in government strong enough to protect the rights of our citizens, but limited and restrained enough to respect each individual’s freedom.

We believe in maintaining Vermont’s quality of life by encouraging economic growth and affordability, adhering to responsible environmental practices and providing choices in education and health care.

We believe in efficient limited government, quality jobs, sensible economic development, and affordable health care. We believe in equality of opportunity, preservation of our freedoms and honoring the wisdom of our citizens. We believe in public safety and environmental stewardship.

We believe in empowering all Vermonters to succeed and to secure a future for themselves and their communities.

To learn more about the Vermont Republican Party please contact us.

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Voting Worksheet

Fill in the name(s) of the people you want to vote for and bring this with you to the polls to help you remember who you want to vote for. Remember to bring it with you after you vote. It is not okay to leave papers in the voting booth.

US Senator _____

US Representative from Vermont _____

Vermont Governor _____

Vermont Lt. Governor _____

Vermont Treasurer _____

Vermont Sec. of State _____

Vermont Auditor of Accounts _____

Vermont Attorney General _____

State Senator(s) _____

(number varies by district) _____

Addison -- 2, Bennington - 2, _____

Caledonia – 2 Chittenden - 6, _____

Grand Isle – 1, Lamoille - 1, _____

Essex-Orleans - 2, Franklin - 2 _____

Orange - 1, Rutland - 3, _____

Washington - 3, Windham- 2, _____

Windsor – 3

State Representative(s) most districts _____

have one rep.; a few have two. See _____

your district for your district's number

High Bailiff _____

Probate Judge _____

Assistant Judges _____

State's Attorney _____

Sheriff _____



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