

2020 Voter's Guide for People with Disabilities

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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 made if a person requires them, in order to be able to exercise their right to vote.

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 have equal access to the voting process. This guide is one project DRVT is doing to provide that help. In it you will find information about your voting rights, how to register to vote, the different ways you can vote, and the offices to be elected in this year's **November 3rd General Election**.

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!

Voting is very important.

It is a way for you to help choose the people that will run our government.

Our government makes laws, decides how money gets spent, and much more.

Who gets picked to run the government makes a big difference for people with disabilities and their families.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES:

SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

Early and absentee ballot voting begins for the General Election

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Last day to request an absentee ballot for the General Election.

Last day to vote early at your Town/City Clerk's office

Last day to return your absentee ballot to your Town/City Clerk's office

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

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

WHO CAN VOTE?

You can vote in Vermont elections if you:

- Are a U.S. citizen
- Are a Vermont resident
- Will be 18 years or older by the day of the election
- Register to vote
- Take the “Voter’s Oath” (you will do this when you register to vote for the first time in Vermont)

If you are a U.S citizen, 18 years old or older and are registered to vote, you can vote in U.S. elections **even if you have a disability**. Not only can you vote it is important to vote so that you have a say in important programs that help people with disabilities!

In Vermont, you have the right to vote:

- Even if you have a guardian
- Even if you need help reading or filling out a ballot
- Even if you are homeless
- Even if you have been convicted of a crime or are incarcerated
- Even if you are not able to vote in person on Election Day

IF YOU NEED AN ACCOMMODATION

You have the right to request reasonable accommodations to vote. If you need accommodations to vote, you may:

- Contact your Town/City 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 at your polling place (this is called “**curbside voting**”)
- Request a sample ballot (to see what you will be voting on before the election)
- Bring a magnifying glass or other devices to help you see the ballot
- Bring a list of candidates into the voting booth with you (but you must take it with you when you are done voting)
- Ask for another ballot (maximum of three) if you make a mistake
- Use the accessible voting system at your polling place
- Use the accessible vote at home option

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

In order to vote you must first become a registered voter in the town or city where you live. Vermont now has “same day” voter registration so you may even register to vote at your polling place on Election Day. To register to vote, you must:

- Be a US Citizen;
- Be a resident of Vermont;
- Be 18 years of age or older (or will be eighteen on or before the day of election).
- Take, or have previously taken, the Voter's Oath (formerly called the “Freeman's Oath”);

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. In Vermont you do not need to register under a specific political party when registering to vote. There are several places you can register.

- At your Town / City Clerk's office
- Online at “**My Voter Page**” <https://mvp.vermont.gov>
- At the Department of Motor Vehicles (when you register your car or when you get or renew your driver's license or non-driver's identification card)
- At voter registration drives
- At a state agency that provides public assistance when applying for benefits such as at DCF's Economic Services office.
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Call Disability Rights Vermont, your Town/City Clerk or the Vermont Secretary of State's office if you have any questions about registering to vote. If you are a person with a disability, Disability Rights Vermont can help you register 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:

- You promise that when you vote, you will make your own choice without influence from another person - **you won't let anyone tell you who to vote for.**
- You promise that whenever you vote on anything to do with Vermont, **you will choose what you honestly believe is best for the state.**

MY VOTER PAGE

The Vermont Secretary of State's Office has created an online resource for voting, the "My Voter Page." This can be found online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>. You may use this system to:

- Register to vote
- Check your voter registration status
- Request an absentee ballot
- Check your absentee ballot status
- Find out where your polling place is
- See a sample ballot for the upcoming election
- Request an electronic ballot for the accessible vote at home option

DID YOU KNOW?

Vermont and Maine are the only two states (along with District of Columbia) that allow currently incarcerated people with felonies to vote.

So this means that as long as you meet all of the other voter registration requirements, even if you have any type of criminal record, or are currently in prison, you can still vote.

While incarcerated (in prison), you vote by absentee ballot (by mail).

To vote while you are incarcerated:

- In order to vote you need to be a registered voter (see page 3). You can register as a resident in the town/city where you lived just prior to being incarcerated.
- To vote while incarcerated, you need to request that an absentee ballot be sent to you at the mailing address of the prison you are in.
- If you need help finding out whether you are a registered voter, to become a registered voter while you are in prison, or to get an absentee ballot, you can put in a request to the Volunteer Coordinator at your facility.
- If you are a person with a disability, Disability Rights Vermont can help you with all of this. You can write to us at 141 Main St., Ste 7, Montpelier, VT 05602.
- If you want to vote while in prison, please make sure you request your absentee ballot and send your completed ballot back to your Town/City Clerk's office long before the November 3rd Election Day.

WHEN, WHERE AND HOW TO VOTE

WHEN DO I VOTE?

For the 2020 General Election, you must vote on or before November 3, 2020.

- Ballots will be made available at your Town/City Clerk's office starting on **September 18, 2020**.
- You may vote early, in person, at your Town/City Clerk's office before the General Election day (November 3, 2020).
- You may pick up an early voting ballot at your Town/City Clerk's office, fill out and return your ballot to the Town/City Clerk's office before Election Day
- You may ask for an early/absentee ballot to be mailed to you (see page 4) or if you are ill or have a disability you can ask your Town/City Clerk to have a ballot delivered to you by 2 Justices of the Peace (this service has to be requested before Election Day and may not be available throughout Vermont this year due to COVID-19).
- If voting by mail, complete your absentee ballot and mail it back to your Town/City Clerk's office in time for it to be **received no later than the day before the Election (by November 2, 2020)**. Or you can drop it off at your polling place on Election Day (November 3, 2020).
- 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 polling official that you want 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 close at the same time - 7p.m.

WHERE DO I VOTE?

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 sos.vermont.gov, log into My Voter Page at mvp.vermont.gov or call **1-800-439-VOTE (8683)**. 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 DO I VOTE?

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 / tabulator machine.
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.

TO VOTE IN PERSON AT THE POLLS (VOTING AREA), USING THE ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEM

The “OmniBallot Tablet” **accessible voting system** is a tablet-based ballot marking device for use by voters at their polling place.

The **accessible voting system** (AVS) is available at all Vermont polling places for Federal Elections, like the General Election on November 3, 2020. It is a voting machine that provides assistive technology such as headphones and a screen reader, an 8 key navigation pad, toggle switches, and a touch screen for you to choose from for accessibility.

1. Go into the polling place.
2. At the check-in table, give your name, and if asked, your residence.
3. Ask to use the accessible voting system and the polling place official will guide you through the process.

The accessible voting system gives Vermonters with disabilities the ability to mark and print their ballots independently and privately. Once you are done marking your ballot using the system, it will print your voted ballot for you to place where all other ballots go to be counted.

If you have questions, ask an Elections Official.

ACCESSIBLE VOTE AT HOME

New for the 2020 General Election, using the “Omniballot Online” system, you can receive your ballot electronically if you are overseas, in the military, ill, injured or have a disability.

1. Sign onto My Voter Page at: **mvp.vermont.gov** and choose “**Click here for online absentee ballot request**” and follow the instructions.
2. Use the on-screen ballot marking program to make your selections using your keyboard, mouse, or other assistive technology and then review your selections on the review screen.
3. Print your completed **ballot** and **certificate**. Insert the ballot in a standard size mailing **envelope** and seal it. Print, sign and attach the certificate to the outside of that envelope using tape or glue.
4. Next, place that envelope in a **new envelope** and address it to your Town/City Clerk. You can mail the envelope or drop it off at your Clerk’s office before Election Day or hand-deliver to your polling place on Election Day.
5. The Omniballot Online system is compatible with MacOS and Windows screen readers.

WHO OR WHAT CAN I VOTE ON?

Each Election Day, we vote on different Candidates running for office and sometimes on local issues (like your city or town’s school budget).

We vote for **President / Vice President** every four years. The President is the leader of our government. The Vice President is the person who takes over if the President can no longer do the job. The President and Vice President are voted on together as a pair

We vote for **U.S. Senators** every six years. Senators are people who represent your state. Every state has two U.S. Senators. Senators serve in the U.S. Senate. U.S. Senators pass laws and vote on policies

We vote for **U.S. Representatives** every two years. These people serve in our U.S. House of Representatives. The number of U.S. Representatives depends on how many people there are in your state. Vermont has 1 U.S. Representative while larger states get more, for example California has 53 U.S. Representatives. U.S. Representatives serve on committees, hold hearings and pass bills so they can become laws.

We also vote for people to lead our State and our towns/cities. These positions include: governor, lieutenant governor, state senators, state representatives and local officials.

Sometimes we are also asked to vote on specific issues like changes to existing law or policies, town/city budgets, and other local matters. Examples of issues that have been on the ballot in several states include the legalization of marijuana, minimum wage, same sex marriage and the death penalty.

YOUR VOTE HAS POWER! EVERY VOTE MATTERS!

Your vote is your voice as an American citizen. It's your opportunity to be heard, to hold elected officials accountable for their decisions and to have a say in important issues that affect your community.

On Election Day, every vote matters!

Every vote counts. The following is a list of close election races in Vermont in recent history:

- In 1981, Bernie Sanders won Mayor of Burlington by 10 votes.
- In 2010, Sara Buxton won by 1 vote against David Ainsworth for a Windsor-Orange district House of Representatives seat.
- In 2016, the exact opposite happened! David Ainsworth won by 1 vote against Sarah Buxton for the same House of Representatives seat.

ELECTED OFFICES AND THE CANDIDATES

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

U.S. PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

The President serves as the head of the government and works with their 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 appoints (chooses) 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 is there to take over for the President, should the President become unable to govern. Often, the Vice President serves as an advisor to the President. The Vice President 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

When we vote for the President and Vice President, we are actually voting for people called "**electors**" who have been chosen by our state's political parties to decide who will become the next President and Vice President.

The electors make up what's called the "**Electoral College**". The number of electors in each state depends upon its size. **Vermont has 3 Electors** that vote for our next President/Vice President.

Vermont's electors are part of a multi-state agreement that have said they will vote for the

President/Vice President who has received the most votes cast by citizens nationwide (the “**popular vote**”). So, when you vote for President/Vice President, your vote becomes an important part of the national vote.

Write-in votes are allowed (you can write in the name of any person you wish to elect, not just vote for the names of those already printed on the ballot).

There are 21 candidates for President and Vice President on Vermont’s ballot in 2020! The reason there are so many is that Vermont Governor Phil Scott signed HB 681, which eliminated all candidate petitions during 2020 due to COVID 19. Without this bill, unqualified parties would have needed 1,000 signatures to place their presidential nominee on the November ballot.

2020 CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT

This listing of the 2020 candidates for U.S. President and Vice President was provided by the Vermont Secretary of State’s Office and was current at the time of this publication.

| OFFICE | CANDIDATE (ALPHABETICAL ORDER) | POLITICAL PARTY |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| U.S. President And Vice President | Don Blankenship / Bill Mohr | Constitution |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Joe Biden / Kamala Harris | Democratic |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Brian Carroll / Amar Patel | American Solidarity |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Phil Collins / Billy Joe Parker | Prohibition |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Roque ‘Rocky’ De La Fuente / Darcy G. Richardson | Alliance |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Richard Duncan / Mitch Bupp | Independent |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Gary Swing / David Olszta | Boiling Frog |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Howie Hawkins / Angela Walker | Green |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Blake Huber / Frank Atwood | Approval Voting |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Jo Jorgensen / Jeremy "Spike" Cohen | Libertarian |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Alyson Kennedy / Malcolm Jarrett | Socialist Workers |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Kyle Kenley Kopitke / Taja Yvonne Iwanow | Independent |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Christopher Lafontaine / Michael Speed | Independent |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Gloria Lariva / Sunil Freeman | Liberty Union |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Keith McCormic / Sam Blasiak | Bull Moose |
| U.S. President And Vice President | H. Brooke Paige / Thomas James Witman | Grumpy Old Patriots |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Brock Pierce / Karla Ballard | Unaffiliated |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Zachary Scalf / Matthew Lyda | Independent |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Jerome Segal / John De Graaf | Bread And Roses |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Donald J. Trump / Michael Pence | Republican |
| U.S. President And Vice President | Kanye West / Michelle Tidball | Independent |

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>.
Vermont does not have any open Senate seats in 2020

CURRENT U.S. SENATORS FROM VERMONT

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Democratic Party

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Bernie Sanders, U.S Senator from Vermont

Independent Party

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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>

2020 CANDIDATES FOR U.S REPRESENTATIVE

This listing of the 2020 candidates for U.S. Representative from the state of Vermont was provided by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office and was current at the time of this publication.

| OFFICE | CANDIDATE (ALPHABETICAL ORDER) | POLITICAL PARTY |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Representative To Congress | Peter R. Becker | Independent |
| Representative To Congress | Miriam Berry | Republican |
| Representative To Congress | Christopher Helali | Communist |
| Representative To Congress | Marcia Horne | Independent |
| Representative To Congress | Shawn Orr | Independent |
| Representative To Congress | Jerry Trudell | Independent |
| Representative To Congress | Peter Welch | Democratic |

All U.S. Representatives to Congress Candidates were invited to submit a candidate statement and picture for this publication. Those without statements associated with their candidacy did not respond. DRVT is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the Candidate's Statements.

Peter R. Becker for U.S Representative to Congress

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The struggles and needs of my fellow Americans that are disabled is something I share with them every day. I am not disabled - yet. However, my best friend in life is a person with physical disabilities and in constant pain from rheumatoid arthritis and Lyme disease. I help her each day to get around, lift things, get up off chairs and benches, go shopping, and get dressed. She gets Disability Income, but it's not much. I have two other close friends that are also disabled. Despite being disabled, all three of them still work at least part-time. The Americans With Disabilities Act and other laws were a godsend to the disabled, but there's more work that needs to be done. To me mobility and accessibility are particularly important. You can't live the American dream if you can't get around easily and safely. As your Congressman, I will do everything I can to ensure that all barriers are removed, and all opportunities and supports are available to those with disabilities.

Miriam Berry for U.S Representative to Congress

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The granddaughter of a Vermont country doctor, Miriam has served the people of Vermont for over 25 years. She started as a nursing assistant and then obtained her LPN. While working full time as an LPN, Miriam earned her RN.

Today, Miriam Berry RN wants to be your Representative to Congress. She brings the unique

perspective of one who knows the hardship of making ends meet while supporting a family. She knows healthcare. She understands the needs of Vermont's aging population. She is not a career politician.

She is one of us.

**Christopher Helali for U.S Representative to Congress
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The Party of Communists USA (PCUSA) is at the forefront of the struggles for workers, farmers, people of color, women, LGBTQ2S+, the disabled, and youth. We uncompromisingly place people and planet above profits. We demand:

- Abolish capitalism! Seize the means of production! Nationalize all major industries!
- End U.S. imperialism! Abolish NATO!
- Dismantle the military-industrial complex!
- No F-35s in Vermont!
- No new Cold War with China and Russia!
- Free Palestine! End all sanctions!
- Demilitarize and community control of the police!
- End the Patriot Act and surveillance state!
- End racism! Women's rights! LGBTQ2S+ liberation!
- Free, high quality, universal healthcare, education, and childcare!
- Full support for disabled people!
- Publicly controlled and open access vaccine technology!
- Cancel all student loans and debt!
- Union jobs for everyone!
- Break up the monopolies and large agribusinesses!
- Full state support for small and medium sized farms!
- Transition to fully supported sustainable, regenerative, carbon sequestering, and organic farming.

The Climate Emergency and nuclear weapons are the most existential issues facing humanity. To avert catastrophe, we need to transition from a war economy to a peaceful, socialist economy. We must build a society for the many, not the few.

Down with Capitalism, Fascism, and Imperialism!

Workers of the World, Unite!

Marcia Horne for U.S Representative to Congress

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I am a senior citizen with disabilities and have a very good appreciation for being in the shoes of people with disabilities. I also have a background working with seniors with disabilities, before I became one, might I add.

I am a candidate for U.S. Representative for Congress. I think we are the poorest rich country in the world. My point of view is that it is audaciously a big pile of malarkey when it comes to the notion of the bloated Pentagon budget having anything to do with the true defense needs of our country.

I support any and all legislation that will help senior citizens out, those with and without disabilities. I have proposed specific policies and pilot programs, such as free delivery services to seniors for groceries, prescriptions, transportation to doctor's appointments, to the post office, to the bank, etc. and would like to organize a senior citizens' hotline that would be widely publicized in the news. No senior should have to go without.

Peter Welch for U.S Representative to Congress

Democratic Party

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While we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we must continue to fight for a more inclusive and accessible society for everyone. You can count on me to continue that work everyday in Congress. I am a proud co-sponsor of bills like H.R. 1814 - ABLE Age Adjustment Act, raising the age threshold for ABLE accounts from 26 to 46.

Meanwhile, our country is grappling with three concurrent crises - a global health pandemic, mass unemployment, and systemic racism. We need bold and thoughtful solutions for all three. I have co-sponsored H.R.6305 - Coronavirus Relief for Seniors and People with Disabilities Act of 2020 to provide support for people with disabilities that have been impacted disproportionately by COVID 19. We need additional economic aid packages to help the millions of people who have lost their jobs, our small businesses, and the families who are food insecure. The House passed, with my

strong support, the Justice in Policing Act to begin to address systemic racism in law enforcement.

Finally, every American has a right to affordable healthcare. I am a cosponsor of Medicare for All and believe we must address the skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs in this country. To do so, we must allow for the safe importation of prescription drugs from Canada; cut the cost of Rx drugs for seniors by using Medicare's purchasing power to demand a better deal from drug companies; and remove barriers to the development of low cost generic drugs.

If I am re-elected, I will continue to do all I can to fight to help make Vermonters' lives better. We can, and we will, make progress on these important issues working together. I would appreciate your support for my re-election to Congress.


VERMONT GOVERNOR

The Governor serves as the head of the state government, provides overall direction for the state government and is responsible for the administration of all the state agencies. The Governor 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>

2020 CANDIDATES FOR VERMONT GOVERNOR

This listing of the 2020 candidates for Vermont Governor from the state of Vermont was provided by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office and was current at the time of this publication.

| OFFICE | CANDIDATE (ALPHABETICAL ORDER) | POLITICAL PARTY |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Vermont Governor | Wayne Billado III | INDEPENDENT |
| Vermont Governor | Michael A. Devost | INDEPENDENT |
| Vermont Governor | Charly Dickerson | UNAFFILIATED |
| Vermont Governor | Kevin Hoyt | INDEPENDENT  |
| Vermont Governor | Emily Peyton | TRUTH MATTERS |
| Vermont Governor | Phil Scott | REPUBLICAN |
| Vermont Governor | Erynn Hazlett Whitney | INDEPENDENT |
| Vermont Governor | David Zuckerman | PROGRESSIVE/DEMOCRATIC |

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Michael A. Devost for Vermont Governor

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First, I would like to say thank you to everyone involved in allowing me to write to you. My name is Michael A. Devost and, I'm running for governor of Vermont as an independent. I have always lived in Vermont my whole life. I live in an area of Vermont where most people have either forgotten or don't tend to know where it is. I love to help people as much as I can. I do not know much what the issues are for the Vermonters with disabilities, however I would like to sit down with someone and discuss the issues at hand so I can help fix them. I feel that all Vermonters no matter if they have a disability or not are very important not only in life but for Vermont as well. Because every Vermonter is important to Vermont I feel. It would be my honor if I get voted in to help in any way I can. I believe it is time to have a leader that for once want to lead for the people of Vermont. Thank you again for this opportunity, and to all the readers I hope everyone has a wonderful day today.

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I've just spent the past few weeks campaigning with the company of one woman, Jenny, in her 50s who had the cord wrapped around her neck at birth and is impaired, and another, Jen, in her 30s who suffered vaccine harm. They both seem to be between 5 and 7 years old. We travelled around Vermont in an RV for their respite vacation, and I enjoyed especially the way they encouraged

me to lighten up. With them I could dance in line for hot dogs, with them I could sing Kumbaya and Micheal row your boat ashore with vigor, with them taking a ride on the town bus was big excitement. With them I could enjoy the small things in life. As Governor, I hope to provide an atmosphere of love and trust, for our disabled members of Vermont are treasures, and their light is so important to share. I'd like to see Vermonters include people with life challenges and have more chances to enjoy their unique personalities, rather than treat them as burdens, in any way shape or form. I want to see disabled people and their helpers define the help they need, and tell me how best to deliver it.

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I will always support the rights of all people to live with dignity and independence. My father fought in World War II and lost both of his legs in combat. I lost him when I was 11 years old. I don't remember him as a man with a disability. I remember him for all the things he did for my family, how involved he was in our lives, and how he never let anything stand in his way. As Chair of Senate Institutions, I increased appropriations for ADA improvements to historic buildings and community gathering spaces, as well as transitional, affordable housing for persons with disabilities. As Governor, my Administration continues to support disability services and accommodations. In 2017, the Agency of Transportation was recognized with a "Spirit of the ADA" award for its success in recruitment, hiring, and retention of individuals with disabilities, as well as on-the-job accommodations and accessible buildings and equipment. This work will always be a priority for me and my team.

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I know you're so much more than disabled because I am too. Our disabilities come from different causes and look different- genetics, accidents, assaults, illnesses, and more. Looking at me you probably won't see my disability, which makes me different than some of you, but no matter how we became labeled "disabled," I believe we are strong, capable, resilient, and good humans deserving of equality and justice.

I'm running for Governor to solve complex sexual assault and equality issues in the National Guard only I have the experience to correct. Twelve years into my military career, and despite superior, above standard performance, I can no longer be a Soldier after being attacked by other Soldiers in the National Guard and from physical deterioration. I want to be your Governor because I love problem solving, serving Vermont, and freedom.

People will say my disabilities could stop me from accomplishing my goal of bringing justice to victims of military sexual trauma, but I believe my disabilities are the reason I feel empowered to win. Vote for me this year. Then, in two years, you should run for office. The definition of disabled doesn't stop us from leading with integrity and purpose. Vote.

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Many people with disabilities face discrimination and barriers that restrict them from participating in society on an equal basis. As Governor, I will prioritize legislation that incorporates equity. Working together with stakeholders and advocates, we will provide incentives and support to Vermont businesses to hire people with disabilities and ensure that schools are providing education that meets each child’s needs, especially as the pandemic continues. As Governor, I will also expand public transportation options so those who are disabled do not become isolated. Vermonters with disabilities deserve the same quality of life that all Vermonters deserve.

I understand that the path towards our collective goal is filled with both large policy steps, and small personal ones as well. That is why I have braille on my business cards and have consistently made my office in the capitol building available to those who needed it when visiting Montpelier and advocating for their rights and the rights of Vermonters across the state.

I am ready to bring my experience, leadership, and facilitation skills both inside and outside the Statehouse to Montpelier to help implement proactive, progressive solutions and build an inclusive, sustainable, vibrant Vermont future, but I can’t do this without you.

Please visit my website: zuckermanforvt.com to get involved. Thank you!

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). The Lieutenant Governor 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>

2020 CANDIDATES FOR VT LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

This listing of the 2020 candidates for Vermont Lieutenant Governor from the state of Vermont was provided by the Vermont Secretary of State’s Office and was current at the time of this publication.

| OFFICE | CANDIDATE (ALPHABETICAL ORDER) | POLITICAL PARTY |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Vermont Lieutenant Governor | Wayne Billado III | Independent |
| Vermont Lieutenant Governor | Ralph Corbo | Banish The F35s |
| Vermont Lieutenant Governor | Cris Ericson | Progressive |
| Vermont Lieutenant Governor | Molly Gray | Democratic |
| Vermont Lieutenant Governor | Scott Milne | Republican |

All Lieutenant Gubernatorial Candidates were invited to submit a candidate statement and picture for this publication. Those without statements associated with their candidacy did not respond. DRVT is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the Candidate's Statements.

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**Cris Ericson for Vermont Lieutenant Governor
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**Molly Gray for Vermont Governor
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I was born and raised on a farm in Newbury, Vermont. I am a proud product of Vermont's education system, and a graduate of the University of Vermont and Vermont Law School. I've spent much of my career promoting human rights. Today, I serve as an Assistant Attorney General.

I am running for Lieutenant Governor to create a future where rural communities thrive, families are supported, and the land and environment are protected for future generations. I am committed to building a more inclusive, resilient and equitable Vermont.

Addressing equity begins with recognizing the diverse needs of Vermonters, particularly those with disabilities. I have long believed that the United States should recommit to ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities. For now, Vermont can show leadership by fully complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other civil right laws.

As Lieutenant Governor, I will work to ensure that Vermonters with disabilities have full access to safe and affordable housing, employment, health care, transportation, and education. Furthermore, I will work to ensure individuals with disabilities are able to live with dignity and that those who violate civil rights are held accountable.

Scott Milne for Vermont Governor

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Scott Milne is running for lieutenant governor to help move Vermont through economic recovery toward a more prosperous future.

Scott is president of Milne Travel, a family-owned travel management company. During his decades leading the company, Milne Travel has grown into one of America's most recognized travel businesses, with six community-based offices in four states. As someone whose business has been profoundly affected by coronavirus, he knows how difficult this time has been for Vermonters whose lives and livelihoods have been upended.

Scott grew up in Vermont with his parents, Don and Marion, and three siblings, first in Barre and then in Washington, helping on the family's former sheep farm. Marion later founded Milne Travel as a one-person business. Scott's parents both served as state representatives, and he learned from them values of public service and honest government.

Scott's eager to put his hard-earned experience as a Vermont business owner, who understands the challenge of creating good jobs, to work for Vermonters. He strongly supports Gov. Phil Scott's leadership to make Vermont more affordable and keep us healthy and safe. Now more than ever, Gov. Scott needs an experienced partner working to build a stronger, more inclusive Vermont with opportunities for all.

VERMONT STATE TREASURER

The State Treasurer is responsible for handling the state's money. **The State Treasurer** 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>

2020 CANDIDATES FOR VERMONT STATE TREASURER

This listing of the 2020 candidates for Vermont State Treasurer from the state of Vermont was provided by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office and was current at the time of this publication.

| OFFICE | CANDIDATE (ALPHABETICAL ORDER) | POLITICAL PARTY |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Vermont State Treasurer | Carolyn Whitney Branagan | Republican |
| Vermont State Treasurer | Cris Ericson | Progressive |
| Vermont State Treasurer | Beth Pearce | Democratic |
| Vermont State Treasurer | Alex Wright | Independent |

All Vermont State Treasurer Candidates were invited to submit a candidate statement and picture for this publication. Those without statements associated with their candidacy did not respond. DRVT is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the Candidate's Statements.

Carolyn Whitney Branagan for Vermont State Treasurer Republican Party

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I am running for the office of Vermont State Treasurer. The office of state Treasurer needs to be open and accessible to all Vermonters including those with disabilities. Therefore, when elected, if I discover that the office is not already compliant with accessibility regulations, I will make sure it becomes compliant.

Hiring practices need to be conducted in a manner open to all applicants. The Treasurer's office needs to hire the most qualified people possible, drawing on the skills of all applicants including those with a disability. An employee with a disability serving in the Treasurer's office under my leadership would be welcomed and respected like all another employees.

Cris Ericson for Vermont State Treasurer

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Beth Pearce for Vermont State Treasurer

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As Treasurer, I have a responsibility to over 55,000 active, vested and retired members of public retirement systems. Currently, 610 people with disabilities are receiving retirement benefits. I am committed to working with these individuals to ensure they take full advantage of their benefits.

The Treasurer's Office currently offers financial literacy programs to provide Vermonter's of all ages the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully manage their money. Working with AARP and legislative leaders, Vermont became the first in the nation to enact a law protecting consumers from predatory practices in pension lending. I have worked with stakeholders, advocates, and legislators to implement "Achieving a Better Life Experience" or ABLE accounts. This initiative empowers individuals with disabilities and their families to invest in tax-free savings accounts, for the purpose of maintaining health and independence.

In addition to existing structural and systemic barriers, issues of race and gender provide further obstacles to individuals with disabilities. When talking about improving the lives of individuals who experience disabilities, issues concerning racism and sexism should not be forgotten. I am committed to ensuring that all Vermonters have an opportunity for a lifetime of financial well-being and I ask for your support.

Alex Wright for Vermont State Treasurer

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VERMONT SECRETARY OF STATE

The Secretary of State is responsible for four main areas:

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

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>

2020 CANDIDATES FOR VERMONT SECRETARY OF STATE

This listing of the 2020 candidates for Vermont Secretary of State from the state of Vermont was provided by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office and was current at the time of this publication.

| OFFICE | CANDIDATE (ALPHABETICAL ORDER) | POLITICAL PARTY |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Secretary Of State | Jim Condos | Democratic |
| Secretary Of State | Cris Ericson | Progressive |
| Secretary Of State | H. Brooke Paige | Republican |
| Secretary Of State | Pamala Smith | Independent |

All Secretary of State Candidates were invited to submit a candidate statement and picture for this publication. Those without statements associated with their candidacy did not respond. DRVT is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the Candidate's Statements.

Jim Condos for Vermont Secretary of State

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

As VT's Secretary of State for the last 10 years, I have worked to ensure that all eligible Vermonters are able to participate in our democracy - including providing people with disabilities an ability to participate in our elections:

- EVERY eligible voter should have the opportunity to cast their constitutionally protected vote - without impediments or obstructions.
- My office previously provided grants to municipalities to help make their voting locations more accessible.
- In 2018, we implemented a new state-of-art Accessible Voting System (AVS)
 - DRVT and the Association for the Visually Impaired assisted with developing the RFP, and eventual selection of our new system.
 - AVS allows a physically impaired person to vote independently and privately - at the poll or even from home.

However, despite AVS, we must continue to work with Vermont's communities to insure they comply with the constitutional right for any person with disabilities to access the polling place.

People 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.

Cris Ericson for Vermont Secretary of State

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My name is Pamala Smith and I am running as an Independent candidate for Secretary of State. In this election I am prioritizing the citizens, and primarily their needs in the realm of voting and as customers of professional service providers. The initiatives that I am proposing, which I introduce below, will not be considered ready for implementation until they have considered input by interested parties and until they have resolved any access issues for people with disabilities. Additionally, refinement of the processes should be expected.

I would like to include a function in the voting process where voters can confirm that their votes were counted just as they'd intended. This is expected to increase participation and diversity in the voting process as a result of increased confidence. I would also like to use internet technology to allow customers to write and read reviews of area professional service providers. Finally, I would like to make publicly available anonymized complaints filed by citizens against professional service providers, even if the complaints are denied. This will give customers greater insight and lead to greater accountability within the industries and in the Professional Regulation department.

Voting and customer assurance are important.

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 review 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>

2020 CANDIDATES FOR VT AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS

This listing of the 2020 candidates for Vermont Auditor of Accounts from the state of Vermont was provided by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office and was current at the time of this publication.

| OFFICE | CANDIDATE (ALPHABETICAL ORDER) | POLITICAL PARTY |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Auditor Of Accounts | Cris Ericson | Progressive |
| Auditor Of Accounts | Doug Hoffer | Democratic / Republican |

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Doug Hoffer for Vermont 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.

VERMONT ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General is the **chief law enforcement officer** of the state. The Attorney General 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
- General counsel
- 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>

2020 CANDIDATES FOR VT ATTORNEY GENERAL

This listing of the 2020 candidates for Vermont Attorney General from the state of Vermont was provided by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office and was current at the time of this publication.

| OFFICE | CANDIDATE (ALPHABETICAL ORDER) | POLITICAL PARTY |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Attorney General | T.J. Donovan | Democratic |
| Attorney General | Cris Ericson | Progressive |
| Attorney General | H. Brooke Paige | Republican |

All Vermont Attorney General Candidates were invited to submit a candidate statement and picture for this publication. Those without statements associated with their candidacy did not respond. DRVT is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the Candidate's Statements.

**T.J. Donovan for Vermont Attorney General
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Thomas J. Donovan Jr. (TJ) was elected Attorney General of the State of Vermont on November 8, 2016. He is the 26th Attorney General of Vermont.

TJ was born and raised in Burlington, Vermont. TJ worked as a criminal defense attorney and a civil litigation lawyer before he was elected Chittenden County State's Attorney in 2006. TJ served as State's Attorney for 10 years.

As Attorney General, TJ is working to make Vermont communities healthier, safer and more prosperous. He is committed to providing greater access to justice through criminal justice reform, supporting businesses and protecting consumers, fighting to end the opiate epidemic and hold corporations accountable for their role in this public health crisis. On a national level and at home, TJ is a strong defender of the environment and fierce advocate for the civil rights of all Vermonters.

**Cris Ericson for Vermont Attorney General
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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.

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICES

STATE SENATOR

State Senators are one of the two parts of the legislative branch of state government.

Senators review the needs of our state, have meetings in committees, and propose bills that will respond to the concerns they have reviewed.

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.

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.

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 they 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.

COUNTY SHERIFF

The Sheriff has several law enforcement responsibilities. They are 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.

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.

JUSTICES 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. Justices of the Peace are also able to hand deliver ballots to people who are ill or have a disability, and cannot vote in person on Election Day. They will bring you a ballot, allow you time to complete it, then deliver it back to your Town/City Clerk to be counted. This service must be requested by contacting your Town/City Clerk's office before Election Day (and may not be available in some towns or cities this year due to COVID-19 related voting changes).

SOME ELECTION WORDS & PHRASES

Here are just a few terms and phrases you may hear or read when deciding who to vote for or where and how to vote.

absentee ballot: used to vote when you cannot be at the polling place on election day

amendment: a change to a law, piece of legislation or an article added to the U.S. constitution

ballot: a paper, card, or electronic program used to cast your vote

bias: prejudice in favor or against one thing, person or group

bipartisan: supported by both political parties

conservative: someone preferring traditional values and views frequently associated with the Republican Party

constituent: a person represented by an elected official

delegate: one sent to act as a representative of a group

democracy: government in which the people decide who is in power

electoral college: Electors established by the constitution for the sole purpose of electing the president.

lame duck: an elected official still in office who has not been elected for another term

incumbent: someone currently in office

liberal: someone preferring change and social programs frequently associated with the Democratic party

nonpartisan: not biased or showing preference to one political party over another

platform: plans and principals of a political party

poll: the place where votes are cast or a survey of the public

primary: an election for choosing who will be on the ballot in the final election

universal vote by mail: All active registered voters get a ballot mailed to them automatically

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ?

You can learn more about candidates and issues in many ways:

- Newspapers, TV News and Social Media. Not everything you read or see is true! There are websites that try to help voters decide whether a statement or story is true. Examples of these websites are: factcheck.org; politifact.com; snopes.com
- Political candidates often schedule **debates**. A debate is a place where politicians can let voters know what they will do if elected. Political candidates take turns answering questions. **The U.S Presidential debates** are scheduled for **September 29, 2020; October 15, 2020 & October 22, 2020**. **The U.S. Vice Presidential debate** is scheduled for **October 7, 2020**

Reach out to organizations in your community and people that you trust. Ask questions about issues that are important to you. Sometimes people will have a different opinion than you do and that is okay. Nobody should tell you how to vote. Your vote is your voice and every vote matters!

- Get involved with **community organizations** that serve people with disabilities like Arc, Green Mountain Self-Advocates and the Vermont Center for Independent Living. You can ask to volunteer with these organizations and help people vote.

VOTING IN 2020 - COVID 19 CONCERNS

If you don't want to go to in to the polls on Election Day remember that there are many different and accessible ways you can vote in Vermont!

Early voting Early voting starts on September 18, 2020! **Absentee Ballot**

You can request your ballot online through **"My Voter Page"** (see page 4)

You can use the **accessible vote at home** option "Omniballot Online" (see page 9)

You can **return your ballot in person** at your Town / City Clerk's office any day before Election Day

You can mail your ballot in to your Town / City Clerk's office. It must be **received** by November 2, 2020 (the day before the election) (see page 9)

Election Day November 3, 2020!

You may vote on Election Day at the polling place from your car. To vote from your car, someone will need to go into the polling place and tell the polling official that you want to vote from your car.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? CALL AND VERIFY WITH YOUR TOWN/CITY CLERK!

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|-------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| Addison | 759-2020 | Charleston | 895-2814 | Groton | 584-3276 |
| Albany | 755-6100 | Charlotte | 425-3071 | Guildhall | 676-3797 |
| Alburgh | 796-3468 | Chelsea | 685-4460 | Guilford | 254-6857 |
| Andover | 875-2765 | Chester | 875-2173 | Halifax | 368-7390 |
| Arlington | 375-2332 | Chittenden | 483-6647 | Hancock | 767-3660 |
| Athens | 869-3370 | Clarendon | 775-4274 | Hardwick | 472-5971 |
| Bakersfield | 827-4495 | Colchester | 264-5520 | Hartford | 295-2785 |
| Baltimore | 263-5274 | Concord | 695-2220 | Hartland | 436-2444 |
| Barnard | 234-9211 | Corinth | 439-5850 | Highgate | 868-5002 |
| Barnet | 633-2256 | Cornwall | 462-2775 | Hinesburg | 482-2281 |
| Barre City | 476-0242 | Coventry | 754-2288 | Holland | 895-4440 |
| Barre Town | 479-9391 | Craftsbury | 586-2823 | Hubbardton | 273-2951 |
| Barton | 525-6222 | Danby | 293-5136 | Huntington | 434-2032 |
| Belvidere | 644-6621 | Danville | 684-3352 | Hyde Park | 888-2300 |
| Bennington | 442-1043 | Derby | 766-4906 | Ira | 235-2745 |
| Benson | 537-2611 | Dorset | 362-1178 | Irasburg | 754-2242 |
| Berkshire | 933-2335 | Dover | 464-5100 | Isle La Motte | 928-3434 |
| Berlin | 229-9298 | Dummerston | 257-1496 | Jamaica | 874-4681 |
| Bethel | 234-9722 | Duxbury | 244-6660 | Jay | 988-2996 |
| Bloomfield | 962-5191 | East Haven | 467-3772 | Jericho | 899-4936 |
| Bolton | 434-5075 | E. Montpelier | 223-3313 | Johnson | 635-2611 |
| Bradford | 222-4727 | Eden | 635-2528 | Killington | 422-3243 |
| Braintree | 728-9787 | Elmore | 888-2637 | Kirby | 626-9386 |
| Brandon | 247-3635 | Enosburgh | 933-4421 | Landgrove | 824-3716 |
| Brattleboro | 251-8157 | Essex | 879-0413 | Leicester | 247-5961 |
| Bridgewater | 672-3334 | Fair Haven | 265-3610 | Lemington | 277-4814 |
| Bridport | 758-2483 | Fairfax | 849-6111 | Lincoln | 453-2980 |
| Brighton | 723-4405 | Fairfield | 827-3261 | Londonderry | 824-3356 |
| Bristol | 453-2410 | Fairlee | 333-4363 | Lowell | 744-6559 |
| Brookfield | 276-3352 | Fayston | 496-2454 | Ludlow | 228-3232 |
| Brookline | 365-4648 | Ferrisburgh | 877-3429 | Lunenburg | 892-5959 |
| Brownington | 754-8401 | Fletcher | 849-6616 | Lyndon | 626-5785 |
| Brunswick | 962-5514 | Franklin | 285-2101 | Maidstone | 676-3210 |
| Burke | 467-3717 | Georgia | 524-3524 | Manchester | 362-1313 |
| Burlington | 865-7000 | Glover | 525-6227 | Marlboro | 254-2181 |
| Cabot | 563-2279 | Goshen | 247-6455 | Marshfield | 426-3305 |
| Calais | 456-8720 | Grafton | 843-2419 | Mendon | 775-1662 |
| Cambridge | 644-2251 | Granby | 328-3611 | Middlebury | 388-8100 |
| Canaan | 266-3370 | Grand Isle | 372-8830 | Middlesex | 223-5915 |
| Castleton | 468-5319 | Granville | 767-4403 | Middletown | 235-2220 |
| Cavendish | 226-7292 | Greensboro | 533-2911 | Milton | 893-4111 |

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| Monkton | 453-3800 | Roxbury | 485-7840 | Vergennes | 877-2841 |
| Montgomery | 326-4719 | Royalton | 763-7207 | Vernon | 257-0292 |
| Montpelier | 223-9500 | Rupert | 394-7728 | Vershire | 685-2227 |
| Moretown | 882-8218 | Rutland City | 773-1800 | Victory | 328-2400 |
| Morgan | 895-2927 | Rutland Town | 773-2528 | Waitsfield | 496-2218 |
| Morristown | 888-6370 | Ryegate | 584-3880 | Walden | 563-2220 |
| Mt. Holly | 259-2391 | St. Albans Cty | 524-1500 | Wallingford | 446-2336 |
| Mt. Tabor | 293-5282 | St. Albans Tn. | 524-2415 | Waltham | 877-3641 |
| New Haven | 453-3516 | St. George | 482-5272 | Wardsboro | 896-6055 |
| Newark | 467-3336 | St. Johnsbury | 748-4331 | Warren | 496-2709 |
| Newbury | 866-5521 | Salisbury | 352-4228 | Washington | 883-2218 |
| Newfane | 365-7772 | Sandgate | 375-9075 | Waterbury | 244-8447 |
| Newport City | 334-2112 | Searsburg | 464-8081 | Waterford | 748-2122 |
| Newport Town | 334-6442 | Shaftsbury | 442-4038 | Waterville | 644-8865 |
| North Hero | 372-6926 | Sharon | 763-8268 | Weathersfield | 674-9500 |
| Northfield | 485-5421 | Sheffield | 626-8862 | Wells | 645-0486 |
| Norton | 822-9935 | Shelburne | 985-5116 | West Fairlee | 333-9696 |
| Norwich | 649-1419 | Sheldon | 933-2524 | West Haven | 265-4880 |
| Orange | 479-2673 | Shoreham | 897-5841 | West Rutland | 438-2204 |
| Orwell | 948-2032 | Shrewsbury | 492-3511 | West Windsor | 484-7212 |
| Panton | 475-2333 | S. Burlington | 846-4105 | Westfield | 744-2484 |
| Pawlet | 325-3309 | South Hero | 372-5552 | Westford | 878-4587 |
| Peacham | 592-3218 | Springfield | 885-2104 | Westminster | 722-4091 |
| Peru | 824-3065 | Stamford | 694-1361 | Westmore | 525-3007 |
| Pittsfield | 746-8170 | Stannard | 533-2577 | Weston | 824-6645 |
| Pittsford | 483-6500 | Starksboro | 453-2639 | Weybridge | 545-2450 |
| Plainfield | 454-8461 | Stockbridge | 746-8400 | Wheelock | 626-9094 |
| Plymouth | 672-3655 | Stowe | 253-6133 | Whiting | 623-7813 |
| Pomfret | 457-3861 | Strafford | 765-4411 | Whitingham | 368-7887 |
| Poultney | 287-5761 | Stratton | 896-6184 | Williamstown | 433-5455 |
| Pownal | 823-7757 | Sudbury | 623-7296 | Williston | 878-5121 |
| Proctor | 459-3333 | Sunderland | 375-6106 | Wilmington | 464-5836 |
| Putney | 387-5862 | Sutton | 467-3377 | Windham | 874-4211 |
| Randolph | 728-5433 | Swanton | 868-4421 | Windsor | 674-5610 |
| Reading | 484-7250 | Thetford | 785-2922 | Winhall | 297-2122 |
| Readsboro | 423-5405 | Tinmouth | 446-2498 | Winooski | 655-6419 |
| Richford | 848-7751 | Topsham | 439-5505 | Wolcott | 888-2746 |
| Richmond | 434-2221 | Townshend | 365-7300 | Woodbury | 456-7051 |
| Ripton | 388-2266 | Troy | 988-2663 | Woodford | 442-4895 |
| Rochester | 767-3631 | Tunbridge | 889-5521 | Woodstock | 457-3611 |
| Rockingham | 463-4336 | Underhill | 899-4434 | Worcester | 223-6942 |