

State of Maine Sample Ballot
Referendum Election and
Somerset County Referendum
November 5, 2024

Instructions to Voters

To vote for a question, fill in the oval to the right of the "Yes" or "No" choice, like this: ●

To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.

If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Question 1: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to set a \$5,000 limit for giving to political action committees that spend money independently to support or defeat candidates for office?

A "Yes" vote is to enact the initiated legislation.

A "No" vote opposes the initiated legislation.

Yes
No

Question 2: Bond Issue

Do you favor a bond issue of \$25,000,000 to provide funds, to be awarded through a competitive process and to leverage matching private and federal funds on at least a one-to-one basis, for research and development and commercialization for Maine-based public and private institutions, in support of technological innovation in the targeted sectors of life sciences and biomedical technology, environmental and renewable energy technology, information technology, advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, aquaculture and marine technology, composites and advanced materials and precision manufacturing?

Total estimated life time cost is \$31,875,000 representing \$25,000,000 in principal and \$6,875,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5% over 10 years).

A "Yes" vote approves the issuance of up to \$25 million in general obligation bonds to support technological innovation.

A "No" vote opposes the bond issue in its entirety.

Yes
No

Question 3: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$10,000,000 bond issue to restore historic buildings owned by governmental and nonprofit organizations, with funds being issued contingent on a 25% local match requirement from either private or nonprofit sources?

Total estimated life time cost is \$12,750,000 representing \$10,000,000 in principal and \$2,750,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5% over 10 years).

A "Yes" vote approves the issuance of up to \$10 million in general obligation bonds to restore historic buildings.

A "No" vote opposes the bond issue in its entirety.

Yes
No

Question 4: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$30,000,000 bond issue to invest in the design, development and maintenance for nonmotorized, motorized and multi-use trails statewide, to be matched by at least \$3,000,000 in private and public contributions?

Total estimated life time cost is \$38,250,000 representing \$30,000,000 in principal and \$8,250,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5% over 10 years).

A "Yes" vote approves the issuance of up to \$30 million in general obligation bonds for trails.

A "No" vote opposes the bond issue in its entirety.

Yes
No

Question 5: State Referendum

Do you favor making the former state flag, replaced as the official flag of the State in 1909 and commonly known as the Pine Tree Flag, the official flag of the State?

A "Yes" vote is to change the state flag to the Pine Tree Flag.

A "No" vote opposes changing the state flag.

Yes
No

Somerset County Referendum Question

Shall the Somerset Register of Deeds position be changed from an elected position to a position selected through a competitive hiring process, then appointed by the Board of Commissioners?

Yes
No

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