



A Note from Anna

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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It's been two years since the League of Women Voters of Maine and Maine Citizens for Clean Elections announced our partnership. Our collaboration is helping us reach new heights. We had unprecedented ambition in the legislative session this year, and we won Automatic Voter Registration, the presidential primary, and a ban on lobbyist contributions to legislators. Now we're bringing our shared resources to ensuring every Mainer votes and that their votes matter.

November 5th is the anniversary of Maine's ratification of the 19th amendment, when many women won the right to vote. As we commemorate this anniversary (and prepare for the League's 100th birthday next year), we have so much to learn from the fight for women's suffrage.

The leaders were complicated human beings - just like you and me - and they built an extraordinary movement. We, too, live in challenging times - but working together, we can build the democracy we need to survive.

What can you do to make democracy work? How about volunteer for a voter registration drive, help your local League put on a candidate forum, tell your state legislators to use Clean Elections, write a letter to the editor about election security...there are so many ways to work for our democracy, and we need everyone's hands, voice, and heart in the fight.



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Volunteers registered new voters in the Greater Portland Area in celebration of National Voter Registration Day in September. Want to join future volunteer efforts? Email volunteer@lwvme.org

LWV Celebrating National Voter Registration Day

September 24 was National Voter Registration Day, but we didn't think one day was enough! That's why the League of Women Voters of Maine spent all month driving voter registration through various events and outreach initiatives.

Last month, the League of Women Voters of the Portland Area partnered with Avesta Housing and the Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center to register new citizens in Portland, South Portland, and Westbrook. The Brunswick chapter registered voters at Midcoast Hunger Prevention, and the Bangor, Downeast, and Midcoast chapters held registration events at multiple public high schools and libraries, making this a true statewide effort.

To participate in future voter registration efforts, email volunteer@lwvme.org.



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2019 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



ABOUT DEMOCRACY MAINE

Democracy Maine is a collaboration between two nonpartisan organizations: the League of Women Voters of Maine and Maine Citizens for Clean Elections. We lead Maine in advocating for voter rights, campaign finance reform, modern and secure elections, government ethics, and voter education and engagement.

In the 2019 legislative session, we supported six priority bills that would improve Maine's democracy. A ✓ indicates a vote that supported our position. An ✗ indicates a vote against.

We encourage you to contact your legislators about their votes! Thank them, express your disappointment, or both. To find out who your legislators are, go to legislature.maine.gov.

For more information, including a cool, interactive map, visit: democracymaine.org/scorecard.

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OUR PRIORITY BILLS:

Lobbyist Contribution Ban

LD 54 would prohibit lobbyists from contributing to candidates' political campaigns year-round (their contributions were already banned during the legislative session). The bill that passed is much narrower in scope than we wanted -- it does not include contributions from the companies or organizations that employ the lobbyists -- but it's a step in the right direction.

RESULT: PARTIAL VICTORY (awaiting Governor's signature)

Early Voting

LD 619 is an amendment to the Maine Constitution that would allow municipalities to hold early voting up to 30 days before an election. Early voting is supported by the Maine Secretary of State and the Maine Town and City Clerks Association, as well as by the League of Women Voters. The bill failed to gain the needed two-thirds majority in both chambers.

RESULT: DEFEATED

National Popular Vote

LD 816 would have Maine join the National Popular Vote Compact, which would guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It gained enough support to pass in the Senate, but ultimately failed in the House.

RESULT: DEFEATED

Automatic Voter Registration

LD 1463 would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when they receive or renew their driver's license or ID at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and/or when they apply for or renew their eligibility for MaineCare, unless they opt out. It would also pre-register 16-year-old citizens when they get their first driver's license or state ID.

RESULT: SIGNED INTO LAW

Ranked Choice Voting

LD 1477 would amend the Maine Constitution to permit ranked choice voting (RCV) in general elections for governor and state legislature. Because it's a constitutional amendment, this bill required the approval of two-thirds in each chamber before going to the voters for ratification. Despite gaining majorities in both chambers, it failed final passage.

RESULT: DEFEATED

Presidential Primary

LD 1626 was the Secretary of State's bill to restore presidential primaries in Maine. This was among our highest priorities, as it would implement a more inclusive and confidential system than caucuses. Its passage means that Maine will be among states voting on Super Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

RESULT: SIGNED INTO LAW

NAME	CITY	DISTRICT	CLARENCE	ELIZABETH	LD 1463	LD 816	LD 1636	LD 54	LD 1477	LD 819	TOTAL
Ackley, Kent	Monmouth	82	Y	✓	✓	–	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Alley, Robert	Beals Island	138	Y	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Andrews, John	Paris	73	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Arata, Amy	New Gloucester	65	N	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Austin, Betty	Skowhegan	107	N	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Austin, Susan	Gray	67	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Babbidge, Christopher	Kennebunk	8	Y	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Babine, Shawn	Scarborough	29	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Bailey, Donna	Saco	14	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Beebe-Center, Pinny	Rockland	93	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	✓	✓	100
Berry, Seth	Bowdoinham	55	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Bickford, Bruce	Auburn	63	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Blier, Mark	Buxton	22	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Blume, Lydia	York Beach	3	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Bradstreet, Richard	Vassalboro	80	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Brennan, Michael	Portland	36	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Brooks, Heidi	Lewiston	61	N	–	–	–	–	–	✓	100	
Bryant, Mark	Windham	24	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Caiazzo, Christopher	Scarborough	28	Y	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Campbell, Richard	Orrington	130	N	✗	✗	–	✗	✗	✗	0	
Cardone, Barbara	Bangor	127	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Carney, Anne	Cape Elizabeth	30	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Cebra, Richard	Naples	68	N	✗	–	✓	✗	✗	✗	20	
Cloutier, Kristen	Lewiston	60	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	100	
Collings, Benjamin	Portland	42	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Cooper, Janice	Yarmouth	47	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Corey, Patrick	Windham	25	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Costain, Danny	Plymouth	100	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	–	0	
Craven, Margaret	Lewiston	59	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Crockett, Edward	Portland	43	N	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	83	
Cuddy, Scott	Winterport	98	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Curtis, Philip	Madison	111	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Daughtry, Mattie	Brunswick	49	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	100	
Denk, Diane	Kennebunk	9	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Deveau, John	Caribou	149	N	✗	✗	✗	–	–	✗	0	
Devin, Michael*	Newcastle	90	Y	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dillingham, Kathleen	Oxford	72	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Dodge, Janice	Belfast	97	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Dolloff, Josanne	Rumford	115	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Doore, Donna	Augusta	85	Y	✓	–	✓	✓	–	✓	100	
Doudera, Victoria	Camden	94	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Drinkwater, Gary	Milford	121	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	–	✗	0	
Dunphy, Michelle	Old Town	122	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Evangelos, Jeffery	Friendship	91	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Farnsworth, Richard	Portland	37	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Faulkingham, William	Winter Harbor	136	N	–	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Fay, Jessica	Raymond	66	Y	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Fecteau, Ryan	Biddeford	11	N	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Fecteau, Justin	Augusta	86	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Foley, Victoria	Biddeford	12	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Foster, Stephen	Dexter	104	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Gattine, Andrew	Westbrook	34	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Gideon, Sara	Freeport	48	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	✓	100	
Gramlich, Lori	Old Orchard Beach	13	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Griffin, Abigail	Levant	102	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Grignon, Chad	Athens	118	N	–	–	–	–	–	✗	0	
Grohoski, Nicole	Ellsworth	132	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Haggan, David	Hampden	101	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Hall, Randall	Wilton	114	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Handy, James	Lewiston	58	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Hanington, Sheldon	Lincoln	142	N	✗	–	✗	✗	–	✗	0	
Hanley, Jeffery	Pittston	87	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Harnett, Thomas	Gardiner	83	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	✓	100	
Harrington, Matthew	Sanford	19	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Head, Frances	Bethel	117	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Hepler, Allison	Woolwich	53	Y	✓	✗	✓	–	✓	✓	80	
Hickman, Craig	Winthrop	81	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Higgins, Norman	Dover-Foxcroft	120	Y	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	33
Hobbs, Daniel	Wells	7	Y	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Hubbell, Brian	Bar Harbor	135	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Hutchins, Sherman	Penobscot	131	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Hymanson, Patricia	York	4	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Ingwerson, Henry	Arundel	10	Y	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Javner, Kathy	Chester	141	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Johansen, Chris	Monticello	145	N	✗	–	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Jorgensen, Erik	Portland	41	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Keschl, Dennis	Belgrade	76	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Kessler, Christopher	South Portland	32	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Kinney, Maryanne	Knox	99	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Kornfield, Victoria	Bangor	125	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Kryzak, Theodore	Acton	20	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	–	✗	0	
Landry, Scott	Farmington	113	Y	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Lockman, Lawrence	Bradley	137	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Lyford, Peter	Eddington	129	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Madigan, Colleen	Waterville	110	Y	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Marean, Donald	Hollis	16	N	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	33	
Martin, Jr., Thomas	Sabatius	57	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	17	
Martin, Roland	Sinclair	150	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Martin, John	Eagle Lake	151	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	83	
Mason, Richard	Lisbon	56	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Mastraccio, Anne-Marie	Sanford	18	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Matlack, Ann	St. George	92	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Maxmin, Chloe	Nobleboro	88	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
McCrea, David	Fort Fairfield	148	Y	✓	✓	✓	–	✓	✓	✓	100
McCreight, Joyce	Harpswell	51	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
McDonald, Genevieve	Stonington	134	N	✓	✓	–	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
McLean, Andrew	Gorham	27	N	–	✓	–	✓	–	✓	✓	100
Melaragno, Gina	Auburn	62	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Meyer, Michelle	Eliot	2	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Millet, Sawin	Waterford	71	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Moonen, Matthew	Portland	38	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Morales, Victoria	South Portland	33	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Moriarty, Stephen*	Cumberland Ctr	45	Y	–	✗	–	–	–	–	0	
Morris, Joshua	Turner	75	Y	✗	✗	–	✗	✗	✗	0	
Nadeau, Catherine	Winslow	78	Y	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
O'Connor, Beth	Berwick	5	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
O'Neil, Maggie	Saco	15	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Ordway, Lester	Standish	23	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Paulhus, Sean*	Bath	52	Y	✓	✓	✓	–	✓	–	100	
Pebworth, Sarah	Blue Hill	133	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Peoples, Ann	Westbrook	35	N	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Perkins, Michael	Oakland	77	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	–	0	
Perry, Joseph*	Bangor	124	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Perry, Anne	Calais	140	Y	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	83
Pickett, Richard	East Dixfield	116	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Pierce, Teresa	Falmouth	44	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Pluecker, William	Warren	95	Y	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	67
Prescott, Dwayne	North Waterboro	17	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Reckitt, Lois	South Portland	31	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Reed, Roger	Carmel	103	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Riley, Tina	Jay	74	Y	✓	–	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Riseman, Walter	Harrison	69	Y	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Roberts-Lovell, Tiffany	South-Berwick	6	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	100	
Rudnicki, Shelley	Fairfield	108	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Rykerson, Deane	Kittery Point	1	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Sampson, Heidi	Alfred	21	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	–	✗	0	
Schneck, John	Bangor	126	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Sharpe, Braden	Durham	46	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Sheats, Bettyann	Auburn	64	Y	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
Skolfield, Thomas	Weld	112	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	17	
Stanley, Stephen	Medway	143	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	67
Stearns, Paul	Guilford	119	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	17	
Stetkis, Joel	Canaan	105	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	–	20	
Stewart, Harold	Presque Isle	147	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Stover, Holly	Boothbay	89	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Strom, Scott	Pittsfield	106	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	–	✗	✗	0
Swallow, Gregory	Houlton	144	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0
Sylvestor, Michael	Peaks Island	39	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Talbot Ross, Rachel	Portland	40	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Tepler, Denise	Topsham	54	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Terry, Maureen	Gorham	26	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Theriault, Timothy	China	79	N	✗	✗	–	✗	✗	✗	0	
Tipping-Spitz, Ryan	Orono	123	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Tucker, Ralph	Brunswick	50	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Tuell, Will	East Machias	139	Y	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Verow, Arthur	Brewer	128	Y	–	✗	✗	–	✓	✓	50	
Wadsworth, Nathan	Hiram	70	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	
Warren, Charlotte	Hallowell	84	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
White, Bruce	Waterville	109	Y	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83
White, Dustin	Washburn	146	N	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	

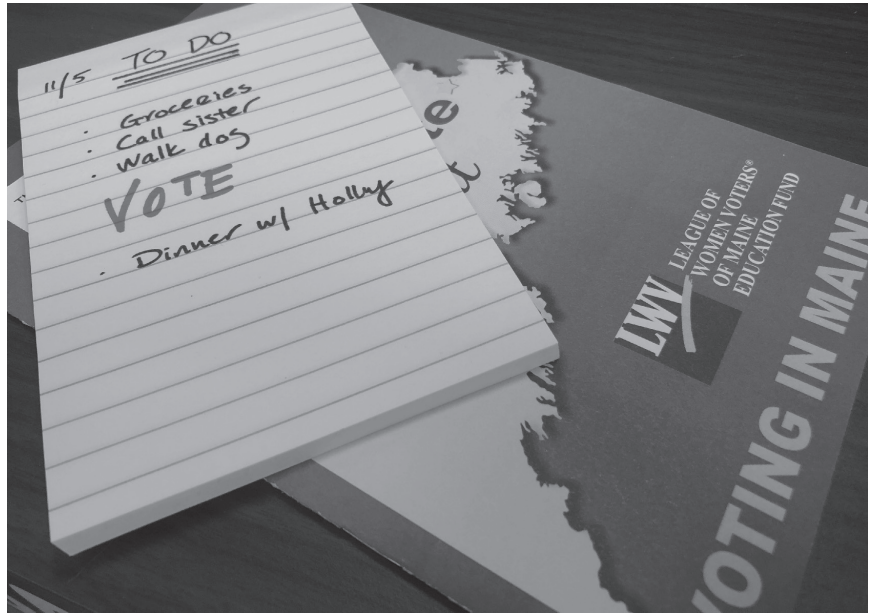
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LWV GET READY: ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOV. 5

Fall calls to mind many things - spectacular foliage, crisp, autumnal air, and the anticipation of holidays with friends and family. At Democracy Maine, we're also gearing up for Election Day - a time for us all to exercise our right to vote and form a more perfect, representative government.

To prepare for Election Day, look no further than the extraordinary resources developed by the League of Women Voters of Maine. Our site, at www.lwvme.org/elections, features a bounty of educational materials to make it easy for every voter to head to the polls confident and informed. Do you have any specific questions, or need more information? Please get in touch so we can help you prepare for November 5!



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