

## FAQ: New Hampshire Voting

### **Q. Who can register to vote in New Hampshire?**

A. You may register to vote in New Hampshire if: You live or attend school in New Hampshire; will be 18 years old as of November 4, 2008; and are a United States citizen. There is no minimum amount of time that you are required to have lived in New Hampshire before registering to vote.

### **Q. How do I register to vote?**

A. You can register to vote at your local town or city clerk's office up to 10 days before any election (until October 25, 2008 for the Presidential Election) or at your polling location on Election Day.

### **Q. What documents do I need to bring to register to vote?**

A. You can register to vote using any reasonable ID, such as: a driver's license or non-driver photo ID, including from other states; a passport; or a military ID. Most other ID cards -- like a student ID or work ID -- will also work.

### **Q. What if I do not have an ID card?**

A. You should bring the best form of identification that you have, but you can still register to vote if you don't have any ID by filling out short sworn statements, which the town clerk will provide.

### **Q. What if my ID does not have my New Hampshire address?**

A. If your ID does not have your current New Hampshire address, you can show that New Hampshire is your home for voting purposes by filling out a simple form and making a sworn statement. You can also bring a piece of mail with your current address, such as a utility bill.

### **Q. Can I register by mail?**

A. Generally, no. However, if you are unable to register in person because of physical disability, religious beliefs, military service, or because of temporary absence, you may register by mail. Contact your local clerk's office to request an absentee voter registration form (called an "affidavit") and a standard voter registration form. Someone must witness you filling out the sworn statement on the absentee voter registration form, and you must return both the sworn statement and the voter registration form to your clerk's office.

### **Q. If I am going to be out of town on Election Day, how do I get an absentee ballot?**

A. If you're going to be absent from your town on Election Day, or if work will make it impossible for you to get to your polling place, you may request an absentee ballot application from the clerk or download and print the application. You may also submit a request for an absentee ballot in writing, which should include all the information that is required on the application. Don't forget to write your name, voting address, mailing address and your signature. Absentee ballots are available from your town or city clerk starting approximately October 5, 2008.

You may submit an application for an absentee ballot to your town clerk by fax. You can only vote absentee if you will be out of town on Election Day, your employment makes it impossible for you to get to your polling place, or if a physical disability or religious observance prevents you from voting in person.

### **Q. If I vote by absentee ballot, when do I have to turn it in?**

A. Clerks may accept completed absentee ballots submitted in person until **5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2008**, or until 5:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 4, if received by mail. You may NOT submit an absentee ballot by fax.