

# Voter Primer

## for the 2012 General Election

### Covering candidates and questions on the ballot



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## Referendum Questions

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### Question 1 (Citizen's Initiative): Do you want to allow the State of Maine to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples?

This citizen's initiative asks whether the voter wants the state to be allowed to issue same-sex couples marriage licenses. A YES vote means the voter wishes the state to issue such licenses.

Included in the law is a "religious exemption" that says no member of the clergy nor any church will be required to perform or host any marriage ceremony in violation of its religious beliefs. The law expressly forbids lawsuits against religious institutions that choose not to perform same-sex marriages, and protects the tax-exempt status of religious institutions who choose not to perform same-sex marriages.

The proposed law includes the following changes: same-sex marriages licensed in other jurisdictions will be recognized by the State of Maine; the words used to describe marriage applicants will be gender-neutral; and the language prohibiting same-sex marriage removed.

### Question 2 (Bond Issue): Higher education

The first bond issue asks whether the voter wants to approve an \$11.3 million bond issue to provide funds for various projects in higher education.

These include \$7.8 million—approximately 70 percent—for a "freestanding biosafety level 3 laboratory," which includes animal, plant diagnostic labs and an insect identification lab and \$3 million dollars for the Maine Community College System for capital infrastructure improvements including at least \$1 million on machine tool technology.

Also included is \$500,000 for Maine Maritime Academy to be used for capital infrastructure improvements and equipment. This money would be used toward the planned ABS building.

### Question 3 (Bond Issue): Land For Maine's Future conservation funds

This bond issue asks voters to authorize the state to raise and expend \$5 million dollars to acquire land for "conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife or fish habitat, farmland preservation...and working waterfront preservation." The bond language puts a special emphasis on supporting "deer wintering habitat protection."

To expend the \$5 million dollars, \$5 million dollars in matching funds must be raised. According to the website of the Land for Maine's Future Coalition, a support group for LMF composed of more than 275 organizations in favor of the LMF mission, Maine voters have supported LMF with bond questions five separate times since its inception: 1987, 1999, 2005, 2007 and 2010.

Since 1987, more than half a million acres have been preserved through LMF. Eighty-four of those acres are in Penobscot at King Hill Farm, with two other farmland preservation projects in the area, one in Blue Hill and another also in Penobscot. Tinker Island in Blue Hill Bay was also preserved with the help of LMF funds.

### Question 4 (Bond Issue): Transportation and infrastructure

This question asks voters to approve a \$51.5 million bond issue to improve highways, bridges, local roads, airports and

ports, and other projects. Approving the expenditure of \$51.5 million would make the state eligible to receive \$105.6 million in federal and other funds.

This project includes \$41 million for highway and bridge work; \$300,000 for LifeFlight; \$300,000 for dredging the commercial channel at Searsport (which will leverage \$10 million in federal funds); \$3 million for port work at Mack Point, \$2 million for transit buses; \$1 million for the Industrial Rail Access Program; \$1.5 million for warehouse facilities in the port of Eastport and \$1.2 million for airports.

One major project is slated for our area—the planned roundabout in Blue Hill at the top of Tenney Hill. However, part of the \$300,000 slated for LifeFlite is tentatively scheduled to help fund a new helipad at Blue Hill Memorial Hospital.

### Question 5 (Bond Issue): Drinking water and wastewater treatment systems revolving loan fund

This bond issue asks voters to approve \$7,925,000 to be spent over two years for drinking water systems and for wastewater treatment facilities. This expenditure would allow the state to secure \$39,625,000 in federal grants.

About half would be for wastewater treatment, and the other half for drinking water. Both monies would be used for revolving loan funds, which help municipalities fund projects at low interest rates.

*This information has been compiled by Jessica Brophy from the Maine Citizen's Guide to the Referendum Election issued by the Secretary of State. More information is available at the Secretary of State's website, [maine.gov/sos](http://maine.gov/sos).*

### Eligibility and registering to vote

According to the Secretary of State, it's never too late to register to vote. You can register in person at your town office up to and including election day. In order to register to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, live in Maine and be 18 by Election Day.

As a new Maine voter, you must have ID (a Maine driver's license number or the last four digits of your SS #). You must have "proof of residency" that shows your physical address: bills or letters mailed to you, a lease copy, tax return, current hunting or fishing license or "any other objective facts that tend to indicate your place of residence."

If you have moved from one Maine town to another and were previously registered, all you need is proof of residency.

#### Do I need to show ID to vote?

No. In Maine, if you are registered to vote you do not need to show ID, unless you are a new voter—just state your name to the poll clerk. Even if you are registering to vote in a different Maine municipality on the day of the election, you only need to show proof of residency.

#### Accessible voting

By federal law, people with disabilities must be able to vote without assistance. Every polling station will have an Accessible Voting System (AVS). Maine's AVS allows voters to listen to the ballot via telephone and make choices using the keypad or large button switch. If you are interested in the AVS, you can practice using it before election day. You can contact your municipal clerk to get a ballot code, or visit [maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/hava/practice.html](http://maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/hava/practice.html). Once you have a ballot code, you can preview your ballot and practice voting with the AVS by calling 866-491-8683.

**Polling hours and absentee voting information, page 9.**

### U.S. President

#### Barack Obama, Democrat, Illinois

**Political:** President, 2009 - present; U.S. Senator, 2005 - 2008, Illinois State Senator, 1997-2005 (elected 1996, 1998, 2002). Candidate for Congress, 2000. Keynote speaker, 2004 Democratic National Convention.

**Professional:** Attorney. Author. Senior lecturer, University of Chicago Law School, 1993-2004. Executive Director, Illinois Project Vote, 1992. Director, Developing Communities Project, 1985-88. Financial analyst, 1983-84.

**Education:** BA (political science), Columbia University, 1983. JD magna cum laude, Harvard Law School, 1991.

**Personal:** Born August 4, 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Married, two children.

**Running mate: Joseph Biden, Delaware**

*Courtesy of Politics1.com*

#### Willard Mitt Romney, Republican, Massachusetts

**Political:** Candidate for U.S. President, 2008; Governor of Massachusetts, 2002-06; Candidate for U.S. Senate, 1994.

**Professional:** President and CEO for Salt Lake Winter Olympics Organizing Committee from 1999-2002; CEO and Chair of Bain and Company, Inc. from 1978-1991; Vice President of Bain and Company, Inc. from 1978-1984; founded Bain Capital.

**Education:** JD, Harvard Law School, 1975, MBA, Harvard Business School, 1975, BA, Brigham Young University, 1971.

**Personal:** Born March 3, 1947 in Detroit Michigan. Married, five children.

**Running mate: Paul Ryan, Wisconsin**

*Courtesy of Votesmart.org*

#### Gary Johnson, Libertarian, New Mexico

**Political:** Governor, State of New Mexico, Republican Party, 1994-2002, Candidate, United States President, 2000.

**Professional:** Co-founder/owner Big J Enterprises, 1976-1999.

**Education:** BA, University of New Mexico, 1975.

**Personal:** Born January 1, 1953 in Minot, North Dakota. Divorced, two children.

**Running mate: Jim Gray, Wisconsin**

*Courtesy of Votesmart.org*

#### Jill Stein, Green Independent, Massachusetts

**Political:** Candidate, Governor, Massachusetts, 2002, 2010; elected member, Lexington Town Meeting, Precinct 2, 2005-2009; candidate, secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 2006; candidate, Massachusetts House of Representatives, Middlesex, District 9, 2004,

**Professional:** Co-founder Massachusetts Coalition for Healthy Communities 2003-2010; practicing medical doctor, health advocate and teacher.

**Education:** MD, Harvard Medical School, 1979, BA, Psychology/Sociology/Anthropology, Harvard University, 1973.

**Personal:** Born May 14, 1950 in Chicago. Married, two children.

**Running mate Cheri Honkala, Minnesota**

*Courtesy of Votesmart.org*

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## U.S. Senate

## Danny Dalton

## Non-party, Brunswick

**Professional:** Manufacturer and small business owner, present. Former special agent, Drug Enforcement Administration. Served, United States Air Force. Former Diplomatic Security Supervisor, U.S. Department of State.

**Education:** MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 1988.

**Personal:** Born 1956.

*Courtesy of Votesmart.org*

## Cynthia Dill

## Democrat, Cape Elizabeth

**Political:** Maine State Judiciary committee member, Senator, Maine State Senate, 2011-present; Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, 2006-2011; Councilor, Cape Elizabeth Town Council, 2006-2008.

**Professional:** Director, Common Cause Digital Democracy Project, Washington, D.C., present; Adjunct Faculty Member, Southern Maine Community College, present; Lawyer/Owner, Law Office of Cynthia Dill, 1994-present; Lawyer/Associate, Thompson, McNaboc, Ashley and Bull, 1990-1994.

**Education:** JD, Northeastern University School Of Law, 1990; BA, University of Vermont, 1987.

**Personal:** Married, two children, Maine State Bar Association member, Cape Elizabeth Land Trust member.

*Courtesy of Votesmart.org*

## Andrew Ian Dodge

## Independent, Harpswell

**Political:** Speaker/activist/media personality, Tea Party Patriots, 2009-2011; State Coordinator: Maine, Tea Party Patriots, 2009-2011; Chairman, Maine Young Republicans, 1998-1999.

**Professional:** Contributor, Canada Free Press, 2008-present; contributor, CNB, 2008-present; contributor, Daily Caller, 2008-present; contributor, Pajamas Media, 2008-present; contributor, Washington Examiner, 2008-present; freelance, New Media Consulting, 2001-present; novelist, 1990-present; writer, 1990-present.

**Education:** BA, Government/Creative Writing, Colby College 1989; Attended, UK/EU Government, Hull University 1994.

**Personal:** Married, Deist.

*Courtesy of Votesmart.org*

## Angus King

## Independent, Brunswick

**Political:** Governor, State of Maine, 1994-2002.

**Professional:** President/Founder, Northeast Energy Management, Inc., 1989-1994; Vice President/General Council, Swift River/Hafslund Company, 1983-1988; television host, MaineWatch, 1975-1993; attorney, Smith, Lloyd, and King, 1975-1983; Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate subcommittee on Alcoholism and Narcotics, 1972-1975; aide, Office of Senator William Hathaway, 1972-1975; staff attorney, Pine Tree Legal Assistance, 1969-1972; former Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

**Education:** BA, Dartmouth College; JD, University of Virginia Law School, 1969.

**Personal:** Married, five children, member of Maine Development Foundation, Episcopalian.

## Charles Summers

## Republican, Scarborough

**Political:** Secretary of State, State of Maine, 2010-present; Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, Maine District 1, 2008; Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, Maine, District 1, 2004; Senator, Maine State Senate, 1991-1995.

**Professional:** Lieutenant Commander, United States Naval Reserves, 2001-present; Public Affairs Officer, United States Navy, 1995-present; New England Regional Administrator, United States Small Business Administration, 2005-2007; State Director, U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe, 1995-2004; Owner, Charlie's Beverage Warehouse, 1992-1995.

**Education:** BS, Public Administration, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1984; Associate degree, Blackhawk College-East.

**Personal:** Married, three children, Methodist, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Free and Accepted Masons.

*Courtesy of Votesmart.org*

## Stephen Woods

## Independent, Yarmouth

**Political:** Chairman, Yarmouth Town Council, present.

**Professional:** Part owner, Maine Red Claws, present; President/Chief Executive Officer, TideSmart Global, present;

Adjunct Professor of Sports Business' Host, radio talk show.

**Personal:** Married, three children.

*Courtesy of Votesmart.org*

## Representative to U.S. Congress, District 2

## Michael Michaud, incumbent Democrat, East Millinocket

**Political:** Representative, U.S. House of Representatives, 2002-present; senator, Maine State Senate, 1995-2002; president, Maine State Senate, 2001; representative, Maine State House of Representatives, 1980-94.

**Professional:** Mill worker, Great Northern Paper Company, 1973-2002.

**Education:** Diploma, Schenck High School, 1973.

**Personal:** Single, Catholic, Knights of Columbus, former vice president of United Paperworkers' International Union Local 152.

*Courtesy of Votesmart.org*

## Kevin Raye

## Republican, Perry

**Political:** President, Maine State Senate, 2011-present; Senator, Maine State Senate, 2004-present; Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, Maine, District 2, 2002; Campaign Manager/Chief of Staff/District Director, Congresswoman Olympia Snowe, 1983-2001.

**Professional:** Owner, Down East Strategies, present; Co-Owner/Operator, Raye's Mustard Mill, present.

**Education:** BA, Political Science, Bates College, 1983.

**Personal:** Married, United Methodist, board member of Maine Rural Partners.

*Courtesy of Votesmart.org*

## State legislature candidate questionnaire responses

On November 6, voters heading to the polls will cast votes for a number of Maine House and Senate candidates. As part of the ongoing election coverage by Penobscot Bay Press, we have compiled biographical information and responses to five questions here.

These five questions were asked via questionnaires sent to each local candidate:

1. What should education look like in the state of Maine moving forward? What specific changes, if any, need to be made to the way education is structured or funded?

2. Maine's unemployment rate remains over 7.5 percent. If elected, what would you do to encourage economic growth, particularly for small businesses?

3. Why do you want to be, or continue to be, a public servant? If elected, how will you make sure you are available and accessible to your constituents?

4. Are you willing and able to work across the aisle? How would you accomplish this?

5. What is your stance on Super PAC monies being used in regional and state elections? If given the chance, would you work toward legislation to address the 2010 Supreme Court ruling that allows for the use of unlimited corporate funds in elections?

## Senate District 28

(Includes Blue Hill, Brooklin, Brooksville, Deer Isle, Isle au Haut, Sedgwick, Stonington and Surry)

## Brian D. Langley (incumbent)

## Republican, Ellsworth

**Political:** Senator, Maine State Senate, 2010-present; Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, 2008-2010; member of Marine Resources Committee and Chairman of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee.

**Professional:** Owner, Union River Lobster Pot; teacher of culinary arts, Hancock County Technical Center; treasurer, American Culinary Federation, Downeast Chapter.

**Education:** Attended University of Southern Maine; attended Syracuse University.

**Personal:** Married, two children. Board member of First Congregational Church. Volunteer at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital.

**Political funding:** Clean Elections.



**1. Education**—In Maine, not enough students graduate, not enough graduates are prepared, whether for college or for the good 21st century jobs which often exist in our communities but are going unfilled. And the highest unemployment rate in Maine is among those who should be most employable, recent graduates in their late teens and early twenties. That can't be acceptable. What is the alternative? Make learning be the constant, and time be the variable by customizing education to address the ways in which different students learn and the different futures to which they aspire. As the sponsor of enabling legislation to create Innovative School Districts (LD 1488) and Proficiency Based Diplomas (LD 1422) I am proud of the student-centered work the Education Committee accomplished. More work needs to be done by making sure the resources are available to deliver a quality education in Maine.

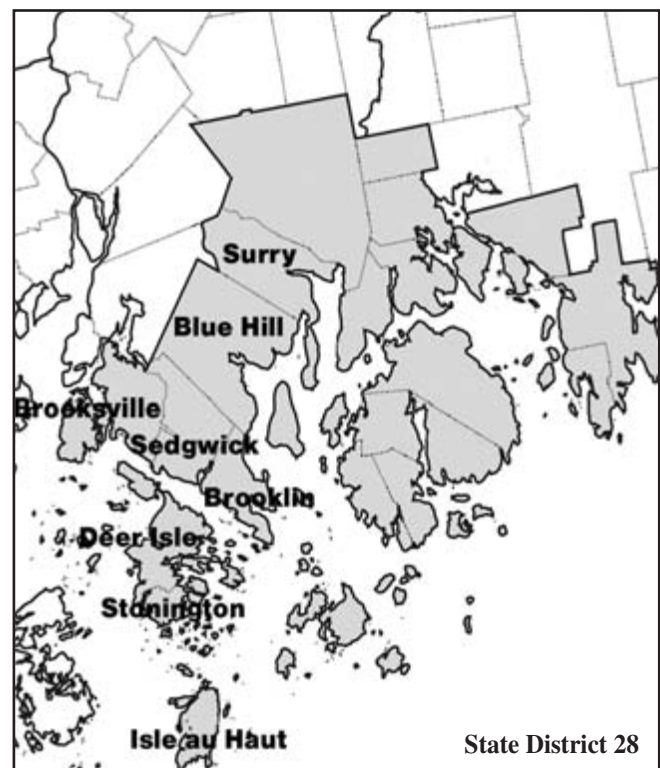
State aid to education and the current funding formula do not adequately address the needs of our rural, coastal communities. Small changes to the formula in the 125th Legislature did shift some resources to our more rural communities but much more has to be done. Recognizing that the current formula was designed to be fully funded in a good economy, the legislature passed LD 958 to conduct an independent review of the funding formula. On September 20th, the Education committee selected a vendor to conduct that review, make recommendations, with results to be presented to the legislature in October of 2013.

**2. Economic growth**—If reelected I will continue to be a voice for technical education and work to increase access to technical education in Maine. It is this future workforce that is the key to our economic success. We have a serious problem heading straight for our economy in the next 10 years. According to the Department of Labor, workers in Maine age 55 and over comprised 23 percent of total employment for 2011, up from 13 percent for 2001. Conversely, the percentage of workers under the age of 45 fell from 63 to 52 percent. We need to be preparing skilled workers to fill this looming void.

While the DOL projections for job growth in many technical areas are flat, the projections do not mean there will be no job openings. Employment opportunities in the coming years from baby boomer retirements mean increased opportunities for those workers that have the advanced skills employers are looking for. Job openings will exist even if some industries see employment declines as projected. We must train for our traditional occupations as well as those of the 21st Century.

An educated workforce is just one component to a thriving economy. Maine must continue to improve its business climate. Bi-partisan regulatory reform in the last session was a great start. Having a stable business environment is critical for those who might wish to come and open a business in Maine. I will continue to work on these issues.

**3. Public service**—Maine has a citizen led legislature and that is very unique. It is not enough to just sit home and expect others will always contribute. It is incumbent upon us to do what we can to better our communities. I spent nearly 30 years in public education and nearly 30 years of being a small business owner. There came a time that I realized that these life experiences have made me uniquely qualified to speak knowledgeably about and work with all sides in solving complex issues. I am proud to represent coastal Hancock County in the legislature. Students from all over the county came to the Culinary Program at HCTC and I learned a tremendous amount from them about the exceptional nature of all of our coastal communities. I use that knowledge every day. As the chef/owner of a seasonal restaurant that specializes in serving locally sourced foods, I am in contact on a daily basis with our fishermen, farmers, berry growers, mussel, clam and oyster



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harvesters. I hear from them daily about the struggles to make a living in this economy.

As far as being accessible, the traditional methods of phone calls, letters, emails all work. The sheer volume of email is incredible, making it difficult at times to filter out the important messages from the spam. I live and work in my community where constituents stop by or call. I do not hesitate to call constituents who may have knowledge about a particular issue in front of the legislature. I have called my city manager, my farmer and my pharmacist to name a few.

**4. Bipartisanship**—I believe that how we do things is as important as what we do. Our state and our country are in dire need of elected officials being able to work together to solve our most pressing issues. There is just too much at stake to do otherwise. I am able and have proven that I can work across the aisle. It starts at the committee level. I chaired the education committee where 70 percent of the bills left with a unanimous vote. I worked hard to build consensus, bringing opposing sides together to work out difference on more than one occasion.

For example, legislation addressing bullying and cyber bullying took almost two years to get through the legislature in its final form. Those opposing the legislation did not want to come to the table to work the bill. I was able to get all parties to the table because in part I had spent nearly two years working to solve problems, forging relationships with stakeholders, constituents and other legislators. Both sides came to the table, listened to each other and worked together to create legislation that garnered a unanimous vote out of committee. To do this on a daily basis requires that respect of the committee process and those involved, even if it means going against my party on the floor of the senate. I pledge to continue to serve in this fashion, leading by example and enlisting the help of other legislators.

**5. Super PAC monies**—I have been personally affected by out-of-state money being spent to influence the outcome of an election. I found it reprehensible that folks from away felt that they knew better than I the makeup of my communities and that negative ads would work on the general public. I submitted legislation after the election and was able to change the disclosure laws a little bit. I was unsuccessful in making major changes in the disclosure laws because my bill was deemed to violate the first amendment.

I read summaries of the Supreme Court justice's briefs on the Citizens United case of 2010. These legal minds are the best in the country and have far more legal experience than I. Upon reading the decisions from the majority and minority reports I came away boiling the issue down to "influence." To most people money equals influence. I would certainly agree. But after reading one of the supporting Justice's response regarding the unfettered influence the media has right up to the election and that today, the media is in itself a major corporation, makes me wonder how we address the idea of "influence." I believe we must have that conversation. It can't be relegated to just corporate and union spending. We have to also dig deeper and question the role of the media as a corporation in politics today.

## David White

### Democrat, Bar Harbor

**Political:** Founding board member of the Maine Small Business Coalition.

**Professional:** Owner/operator of MDI Imported Car Service; worked in hobby ceramics, engineering, social work, business management and education.

**Personal:** Serves on board of Aligning Forces for Quality, Maine Health Management Coalition and Maine Quality Counts and member of the Community Advisory Council for the Maine Health Access Foundation.

**Political funding:** Clean Elections.

**1. Education**—First, we should restate our goal(s) in education. I suggest that all children be included, and that programs be tailored to each individual. Schools should be publicly-governed and locally-controlled. State should pay its full share (55 percent, or more).

**2. Economic growth**—I will work to establish a "Fair Share Economy." Roughly, this would lower taxes on the lower 70 percent, leave the next 20 percent as-is, and increase top rate 5 percent more than bottom currently pays. This would increase State revenues \$1.5 billion without hardship to any. Regarding both small businesses and jobs, I support establishment of an independent "Jobs Creation Fund," governed by a public-private council, to directly create jobs in such sectors as manufacturing, health care, infrastructure and clean energy.

**3. Public service**—I am running for state Senate because I believe that our ugly partisan bickering has clouded our vision of who we are and what we can accomplish. I want to encourage discussions in all issue areas (education, jobs, health care, farms

and our fisheries) about "where we're going," before we spend "one more minute" arguing about "how to get there." We are a courageous and strong people. I want to encourage us to envision together what we want Maine to be like for our descendants "seven generations" from now. Regarding communicating with constituents, I'll use all means available to me, including face-to-face, email, newsletters, and town halls. I want to encourage broader civic engagement.

**4. Bipartisanship**—As a mechanic, I don't ask people for their affiliations before I work on their car. I reach "across the aisle" at every board and council meeting. My friends are a collide-scope of affiliations and opinions: I don't expect to change my nature. It will be my responsibility and my pleasure to continue to welcome differing opinions and perspectives to discern workable policy(s). I'll use the skills of a lifetime to speak with fellow legislators (and constituents) of all "flavors." I believe that, while our diversity (and our Democracy) may be "messy," and at times "excruciating," it is our greatest strength.

**5. Super PAC monies**—I believe that "Citizens United" was a tremendous mistake. Franklin wanted to outlaw corporations in America. We've allowed our market to violate virtually all of Adam Smith's warnings. We have allowed them too much unregulated power. That said, I reject out-of-state influence(s) upon our politics.

## Senate District 31

(Includes Castine and Penobscot)

### Emery Deabay

#### Democrat, Bucksport

**Political:** Involved in union at Bucksport mill since 1975; currently president of United Steelworker's local 1188; former vice president of Eastern Maine Labor Council.

**Professional:** Operator in boiler house at Verso Paper in Bucksport for 37 years.

**Education:** Diploma, Bucksport HS, 1973.

**Personal:** Married since 1980, one grown child.

**Political funding:** Clean Elections.

**1. Education**—I believe education decisions belong to the communities that have to decide what is best for their children. When communities put together their budgets they need to know what to plan on from the state and locally. Towns need to know that money meant for their schools will not be sent across the state, this would create instability in the education system and the local tax structure, it would be unfair to our children, and could lead to a system where money and influence will have more to do with a child's education than where they grow up. We need to work to create a public education system throughout our state that is fair and equal for all of our children.

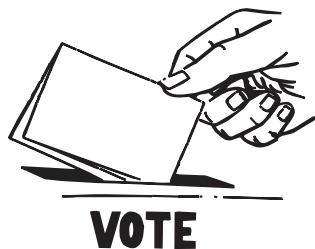
**2. Economic growth**—We need to make sure we support the jobs we have. The University of Maine works with paper companies to try and develop new products. We need cooperation like this statewide.

We need to allow the bonds that have already been approved by the people of Maine to go through and put people to work repairing and improving our infrastructure so that products that are made in Maine can be transported out. We need to work with the railroads to try and reduce transportation cost to ship the products manufactured in Maine.

**3. Public service**—I want to be a public servant because I want to make sure that when the legislature makes changes, they are fair for the people of Maine. I will be available and accessible by having my phone number and email address public. I will also visit towns and attend as many events as I can throughout the District.

**4. Bipartisanship**—Yes I am willing to work across the aisle to get things done that benefit the people of Maine. I will do this by listening and being open to new ideas. I believe people are elected to go to Augusta to serve the people of the state, not a particular party.

**5. Super PAC monies**—I think it was a bad decision and something needs to be done to change it. I certainly would work towards changing it so unlimited Super PAC money cannot be used in elections.



### Edward Youngblood

#### Republican, Brewer

**Political:** Senator, Maine State Senate, 2000-2004; Trustee, Brewer High School District, 10 years.

**Professional** Senior Vice President, Bangor Savings Bank, 1975-present; TSGT, Maine Air National Guard, 1961-1984; Accounting, Chester Kearney Company, 1970-1975; Computer Specialist, National Cash Register Company, 1961-1970.

**Education:** BS, Husson College, 1961; Graduate School of Banking, Fairfield University, Conn., 1983.

**Personal:** Married with two children, director of Friends of Fort Knox and Forum Franco Phone des Affaires.

**Political funding:** Clean Elections.



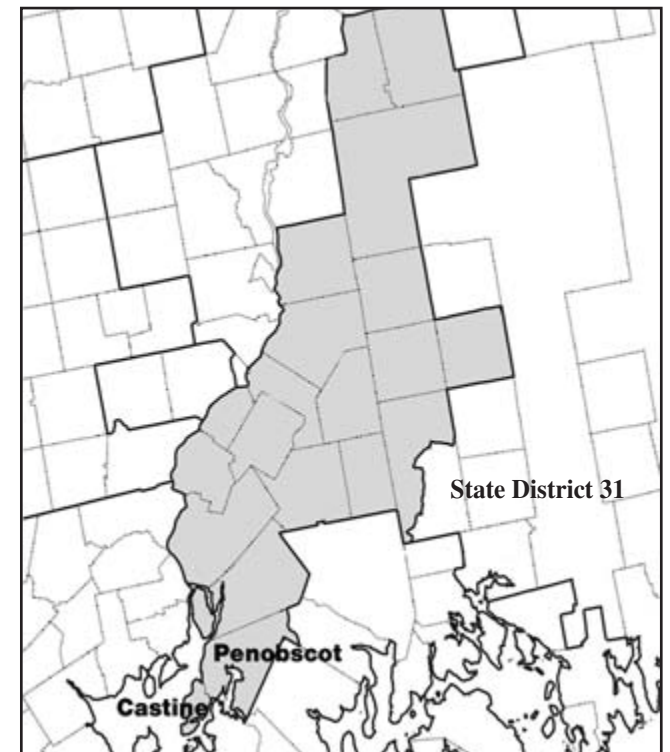
**1. Education**—Secondary education needs to provide more choices in technological education that gives students a skill that allows them to become members of our skilled workforce. An increase in school choice when programs of any type are not available or are inadequate. Student betterment must be the prime driver. The recent school consolidation efforts were over sold as a big money saver. Now we need to figure out how to make it work. This will take time, but it should allow for more effective and better qualified administration, increased and better programming for our youth, increased cooperation between communities, reduced cost of operations, and some level of savings.

**2. Economic growth**—Job growth in Maine has to come from small business. We need to work toward the creation of a larger skilled workforce, insure that government (local, state and federal) has a "what can I do for you to help make your business grow" attitude and then get out of the way.

**3. Public service**—This is a wonderful state and country that we live in. We're only here for a short period of time and we all have a responsibility to leave it a better place than we found it. I grew up in an environment that promoted involvement and volunteering. I served as your state senator from 2000 through 2004. I attended numerous selectmen's, council and school board meetings and held many town meetings in communities throughout the district and would plan to do this again. I am available daily by phone and Facebook.

**4. Bipartisanship**—I just received the OneMaine Endorsement as the candidate that demonstrated their dedication to working across the aisle to find solutions to Maine's greatest problems. OneMaine is a statewide organization created to provide a rallying point for people who believe that our politics needs to be more effective and less partisan and promote "Lets do what's best for Maine." Problems are created because of a lack of or poor communications. You start with a small committee (all legislative committees have 13 people), you do things as a committee not individually (you create committee bills not bills sponsored by individuals), you keep discussions on track, and you communicate and communicate.

**5. Super PAC monies**—In 2000 and 2002 and again in 2012 I have run for the Maine Senate as a Clean Election candidate, not because I felt I couldn't raise the necessary funds to run a competitive campaign but because I want to take big money out of politics. I want to be able to talk to corporate lobbyists (they are the best source of good information) and not feel in any way obligated to vote for their issue. I would, if given the chance, work to reverse the use of big money in elections.



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## House District 36

(Includes Brooklin, Deer Isle, Isle au Haut and Stonington)

### Walter Kumiega (incumbent)

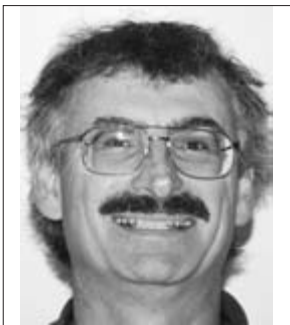
Democrat, Deer Isle

**Political:** Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, 2010-present; Member, Deer Isle Stonington School Committee; served on the board of Child and Family Opportunities; member of the Island Recreation Board.

**Professional:** Carpenter, self-employed.

**Personal:** Married, two teenage children.

**Political Funding:** Clean Elections.



**1. Education**—Pre-K to 12 (or beyond) public education is the foundation of our economy. Schools need to be more innovative to engage and educate all students so they are prepared to succeed in whatever post-secondary option they choose. If public schools step up and make the changes needed to serve students better, the debate over charter schools will be over. Charter schools will never solve the problem. All students deserve a great school, not just those that get into a charter or can afford private.

Last session the Legislature passed a law calling for another study of our funding formula, known as EPS. I hope that will lead to changes that treat small rural schools fairly.

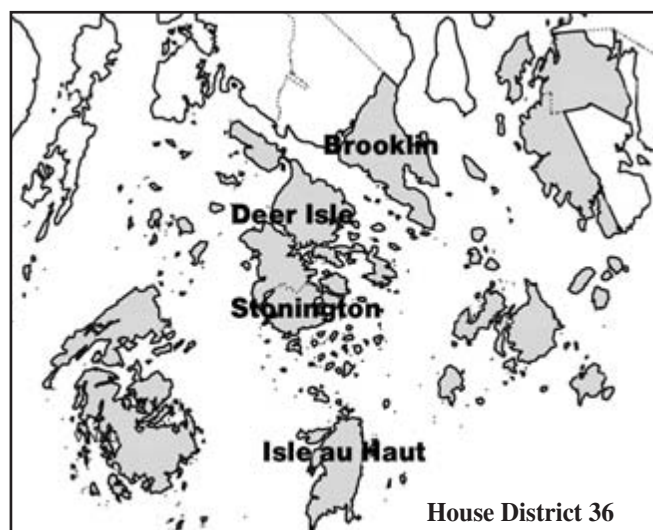
Maine's state colleges need to take a hard look at why it costs so much to get a degree. Like medical costs, college has far outpaced inflation and no one can explain why. State support is critical to keep tuition costs down, but our schools need to do their part.

**2. Economic growth**—I think new and existing businesses should be treated equally. I would not want to tilt the field for a startup at the expense of a going concern. That said, I support funding organizations like Coastal Enterprises and Women Work and communities that provide business planning services. Efficiency Maine's energy cost reduction program can be a big help. And I am considering resubmitting a bond bill to establish a fund to help seafood processing and marketing ventures, possibly expanding it to include other maritime industries such as boat-building and marine construction. Land for Maine's Future's Working Waterfront program also helps shoreside businesses reduce costs and raise capital to reinvest in their operation and should be funded through a new bond.

**3. Public service**—I like helping people. In my professional career people come to me with problems such as a leaky roof or sagging floor. I assess the problem, propose solutions and help them decide how they want me to fix it. I try to approach public service the same way. I cannot wave a magic wand and make fuel prices lower or raise the boat price for lobster, but I can work with constituents and colleagues to move things in the right direction.

**4. Bipartisanship**—The best work done in the last session was done by both parties working together. I was proud to be a part of that. We did that by putting our constituents before our parties. Specifically I worked on a bipartisan subcommittee to write rules to keep the elver fishery in compliance with federal law and discourage poaching. I cosponsored a bill submitted by a Republican that extended teacher probationary contracts to three years, giving superintendents more time to make the critical decision about tenure.

**5. Super PAC monies**—The Citizens United decision you refer to is a terrible ruling that takes politics to a whole new level of negativity. The effects are already apparent on Maine airwaves and it is only September. I hope we can take steps at the state level to strengthen the Clean Elections program to minimize its effect on state legislative elections. I have already signed on to a letter in support of a constitutional amendment reversing Citizens United,



but given that Congress cannot pass spending bills I hold little hope for progress.

### Kim Strauss

Republican, Bass Harbor

**Political:** Served as selectman, on the planning board and on harbor committee.

**Professional:** Boatyard owner, runs nature cruises with son and captains a ferry boat to Frenchboro and Long Island. Previously ran a propeller repair shop, a grocery and hardware store, a bed and breakfast and rentals.

**Education:** Attended University of Texas, studied political science.

**Personal:** Married.

**Political funding:** Small donations, personal money.



**1. Education and 2. Economic growth**—As an example, my youngest son graduated from University of Maine with two engineering degrees, then got a masters in engineering from the same school, but couldn't find a job in Maine. He now works for a company in New Hampshire. I am not knowledgeable enough at this point to draw a picture of what an improved educational system would look like, but if there are no jobs for our young people, we are going to a lot of expense to create a better workforce for New Hampshire. Often the enemy of job creation is red tape and over regulation. Simple solutions could open opportunities. For instance, how much would it cost to add "crab and lobster" to a crab picking license? Right now that will cost you an additional \$600. Let's just make it free. This isn't by itself going to solve the glut of lobsters in early summer, or the lack of jobs in coastal Maine, but it would help and it wouldn't cost a dime.

**3. Public service and 4. Bipartisanship**—I want to represent the people of district 36 as the person who is informed on the fisheries, particularly the lobster fishery. This involves taking the time and making the effort to listen to fishermen about what they think about their fishery. I want to focus on this for a number of reasons, but the fact that this district lands as much as one-third of the lobsters in Maine, that there are hundreds of fishermen, thousands including family members, and all of us if you include the economic impact on this area that are dependent on this fishery makes this the thread that binds us all together. I will work with anyone, from any party, from anywhere, that will help with any measure that can deliver a higher price per pound to fishermen. That is and will be my focus.

**5. Super PAC monies**—The question of Super Pac monies and the 2010 Supreme Court ruling will have to be left to someone else. I'll be the lobster guy.

## House District 37

(Includes Blue Hill, Brooksville, Castine, Penobscot, Sedgwick and Surry)

### Ralph Chapman (incumbent)

Democrat, Brooksville

**Political:** Representative, Maine State House of Representatives District 37, 2010-present, Member, Brooksville Budget & Advisory Committee, six years. Executive Committee member, Liberty School; president of Peninsula Area Team for Health; former member of Maine Technology Institute's Environmental Sector board.

**Professional:** Former research scientist in energy, energy efficiency, and renewable energy for 30 years. Educator, entrepreneur, proposal manager.

**Education:** BS, Applied Physics, Tufts University.

**Personal:** Active with New Surry Theatre; pianist, kayaker. Married, five children.

**Political funding:** Clean Elections.



**1. Education**—Public education is a vitally important function of government since it enables a competitive economy and provides the essentials for a functioning democracy. In the long term, public education will have to encompass very early ages through grade sixteen and include meaningful adult education.

Currently, we have problems with adapting to changing students' needs, coordinating across multiple, but separate, educational institutions, and updating out-dated curricula and teaching methods. Many students' needs are not being met while higher education costs climb at a rate greater than inflation. While many

sincere efforts for reform have been attempted, top-down mandated changes have largely been disastrous.

I am an author of an initiative (the Bridge Year) to coordinate and restructure high school to college transition education now being tried in a pilot program involving four public education institutions: a high school, a technical high school, a community college and a university. Students, currently triple-enrolled in the first three, can expect their Associates Degree (obtained one year after their normal high school graduation date) credits to transfer to the University if they choose to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Two additional educational areas I hope to advance are: early childhood education enhancement and teacher training program improvement. Specific topics needing attention in the next legislative term include quality control of online learning programs and funding formula revision. I favor shifting educational costs from the towns to the state at the level of 55 percent as mandated by Maine referendum voters in June 2004.

**2. Economic growth**—Small business vitality is important to Maine because most employees in Maine work in small businesses, and small businesses are the incubators of new job opportunities.

The largest cost increase for businesses comes from rapidly rising health insurance costs, which forces employers to reduce employees' health benefits by paying a smaller fraction of the premiums or substituting plans with higher deductibles or reduced coverage. Any combination of these cost-containment strategies necessarily shifts the health-care costs directly to employees. Without further choices, the business may have to reduce its workforce, the opposite of what we desire.

We must reduce our health-care costs to provide relief to small businesses. It is not sufficient to shift costs from the young to the old, from the urban areas to the rural areas, or from workers in low risk occupations to those in high risk occupations. These cost shifts, enacted during the most recent legislative session (under Republican control) have been particularly hurtful to businesses in our area. Instead, I advocate reducing health-care costs through a universal single payer system (such as an expanded Medicare-like system).

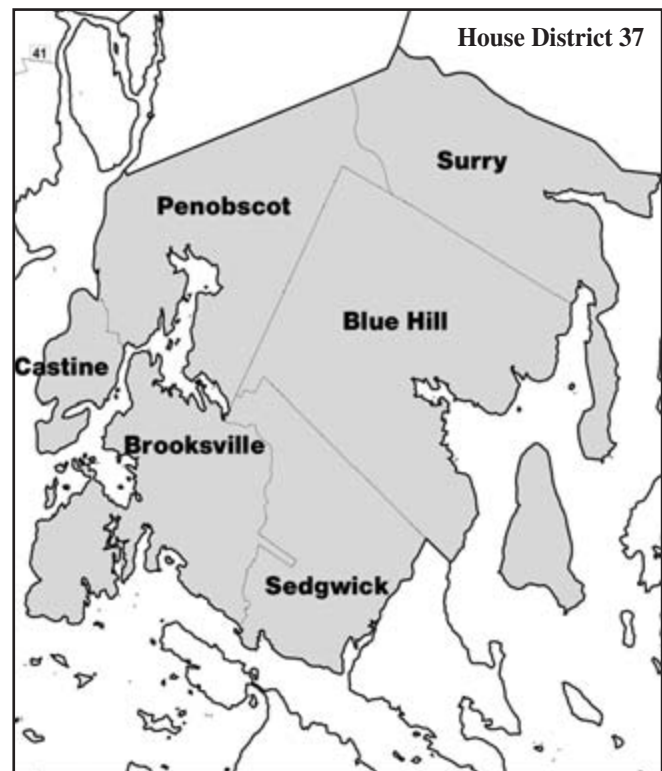
We can help small businesses further by aligning public education programs to the skills needed by present and future employers. A skilled workforce is a powerful magnet for attracting businesses. I support enhancing technical education throughout our public education system including the Maine Maritime Academy.

Finally, I support increased investments in research and development to support entrepreneurial activity that will spawn new businesses.

**3. Public service**—My continuing intent is to bring the skills of science and data analysis to bear on problems of public policy. For me, politics is not enjoyable, but my being useful in solving problems for the public benefit is. A scientific approach (collecting data, scrutinizing assumptions, applying logic, attaching meaning to statistical analyses, and communicating results) can be helpful to the process of public policy formation.

If voters return me to the legislature for another term, I will continue to represent all of us, and therefore need to be mindful of all of our needs, not only those of my supporters. The primary lesson I learned in the past two years of service to our community is a heightened awareness of the importance of communicating with those with whom we disagree.

I have been particularly active on several non-partisan efforts: education reform issues, local foods issues, and lobster processing issues. I have also worked on more politically charged (though not completely partisan) issues involving energy, energy efficiency, and metal mining.



# Candidates

# Voter Primer

Most importantly, because I feel that good government can only come from active participation by those governed, I have tried to help our citizenry understand the legislative processes in my attempt to encourage their further involvement.

With the continued community service provided by the Penobscot Bay Press, I hope to publish another four dozen informative columns. I continue to get inquiries by both email ([chapmanHD37@gmail.com](mailto:chapmanHD37@gmail.com)) and telephone (326-0899) and hope that constituents will not shy away from contacting me.

**4. Bipartisanship**—Essential to a well-functioning government is the ability to work with people who have a wide variety of viewpoints, including those with whom one disagrees. My ability to work “across the aisle” in the last session was particularly evident in my work with the Senate chairman of the Education Committee and the House chairman of the Energy Committee.

The organization OneMaine ([onemaine.com](http://onemaine.com)) has endorsed my candidacy. This organization is particularly concerned with the ability of elected officials to work together and not let partisanship interfere with doing the people’s business in the best way possible.

We can learn from what is known about bullying and apply it to the way we conduct ourselves in public life: it is the responsibility of the bystanders and observers to call out the inappropriateness of the bullying behavior and not leave that task to the victims. For this reason, I have made numerous calls to my colleagues (and fellow Democrats) to express my dismay when their behavior crosses the line of appropriateness. I hope that others will do the same because no one benefits from extreme divisiveness while working on solutions for us all.

For those interested in voting records, I defied my party’s “leadership” on the first vote I took (and many times thereafter) and am proud to have cast a deciding vote on a very partisan issue in which I voted with the other party. Sheep-like followership does not play a useful role in the formation of good public policy.

**5. Super PAC monies**—Democracy should work on the basis of votes, not dollars. The Supreme Court, in Citizens United versus Federal Election Commission, ruled (5-4) that corporations have the right to spend unlimited money on elections. In so doing, the court enabled the formation of “super political action committees” (super-PACs) and removed restrictions on corporations designated by the IRS as 501-c-4 non-profits. The majority on the court ignored the argument that unfettered expenditures could drown out individual’s speech, and in essence ruled that corporate speech should be afforded greater protection than human speech.

Because political advertising works (especially when negative) and because now, due to the court ruling, it cannot be limited, we can expect much more of it in elections at all levels. More insidious than super-PACs are the 501-c-4s that do not have to disclose their donors.

Public officials are limited in their ability to hold slanderers accountable and, therefore, political advertising does not have to be truthful. Fortunately, within our community, common decency is still common. Unfortunately, we have no control over outsiders’ advertising, even in local races.

Will our elections, and therefore our government be bought by unnamed (even foreign) sources through the new freedoms afforded corporations that can spend as much as they want and not be accountable to truth? The seriousness of the consequences demand that we all stand firmly in opposition to the court’s ruling. I believe that removing “corporate personhood” through a Constitutional amendment is probably the best approach to fixing this problem.

## Sherman Hutchins Republican, Penobscot

**Political:** Selectman for Penobscot, 11 years, nine years as chairman; Representative, Maine legislature, 1988-90; Member of Hancock County Planning Commission, 16 years; member of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee of Hancock and Washington County, three years; President of George Stevens Academy Alumni Association, seven years; moderator for area towns, 25 years.



**Professional:** Building and grounds manager, Wilson Museum; Owner of S.H. Hutchins Construction; Draftsman in Engineering Department for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft of Connecticut.

**Education:** George Stevens Academy, 1965; Southern Maine Technical College, 1967; various classes at UMaine in history and real estate.

**Personal:** Photography, hunting, fishing. Married, children.

**Political funding:** Traditionally funded.

**1. Education**—Our children, first, need to be children. They will spend most of their lives as adults, so it is important to allow time for children in their early development to be nurtured and

loved in an atmosphere that is not hurried.

Maine educators, schools, and communities should be encouraged and rewarded for excellence. Excellence begins with setting goals and being willing to listen, share and collaborate with others who have similar goals and who have expertise and skills to help implement the plan. The foundational goals should be to instill in each student a love for learning, to provide them with the tools and skills for life-long learning, and to encourage them to be productive and responsible adults. No one size fits all—that is true for the expectations of an individual, a school or a community. How a student learns, which school is the best fit for him or her, and what direction the student takes after school will not be the same for every student. How one school meets the needs of its students will not be the same as another school. What works for one community doesn’t work for another. There needs to be flexibility in the system and available choices. I have seen excellence in public schools as well as private schools. Education doesn’t have to happen in a traditional classroom setting; I am especially impressed with what can be done with alternate methods of education such as charter schools and home schooling. With the increasing costs for transportation, it might be advantageous to consider the possibilities of increasing the use of available online courses.

Maine’s Education Commissioner Steve Bowen’s fresh approach to education is encouraging, and I anticipate higher standards, more competition, and collaboration. Penobscot is proud to have its “hometown boy” Commissioner Bowen at the helm.

As an excellent example in secondary education, I recommend the standards of the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine. The MMA education provides employers with qualified graduates ready to enter into the workforce. In a Sept. 15th article in the *Bangor Daily News*, Professor Charles Colgan wrote that the Maine Maritime Academy is sixth among the top 50 colleges in the nation that are placing graduates in these jobs. In another BDN article, dated September 21, the Maine Manufacturers’ Alliance reports hundreds of jobs available in the state. If we continue to focus on reducing the cost of doing business in Maine, encourage more technical school education while still embracing traditional higher learning, we will be able to put more Maine students to work here at home.

**2. Economic growth**—Our administration and all elected officials need to champion predictable conditions and regulations for business startups and expansions. Streamlining the process for permitting and licensing will send a message that Maine is open for business. Governor LePage’s administration and the Republican-led legislature deserve credit for moving in that direction. For decades Maine has moved away from a good balance between business and regulation. Environmental regulations are important, however, the bureaucracy has become burdensome. There is change being made and our elected leaders need to continue to work toward a business-friendly state—ready to supply a workforce and ready for a pro-growth economy. We need to give businesses the assurance that they can predict costs, can comply with regulations, and can expect a profit. This won’t take decades but it will take dedication.

It is critical that we turn the economy around! “Moody’s Investors Service” in the September 21 *Bangor Daily News*, reports that it will downgrade the U.S. next year if Congress doesn’t turn the economy around and lower the national debt. A poor economy and sky-rocketing national debt will lead to higher interest rates for everyone and a crippling unemployment rate.

With my generation retiring by the thousands every day, we are pressed to control government spending and to work toward a pro-growth economy that will put people back to work. In these difficult times, I have decided not to retire, but to “re-fire.” I want to work toward making Maine affordable and putting Maine back to work. As President Ronald Reagan said, “If not us, who, and if not now, when?”

**3. Public service**—There are many ways to help in the community where you live. I feel honored to have had the privilege to serve my community in a number of areas. I served as a selectman for Penobscot for eleven years (nine years as chairman); a member of Hancock County Planning Commission for sixteen years, Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (Hancock-Washington County) for three years, and the 114th Legislature; President of George Stevens Academy Alumni Association for seven years, and moderator for several towns in the last 25 years. I also enjoy history and enjoy being a part of the Penobscot Historical Society.

**4. Bipartisanship**—One of my hobbies is photography. As a former legislator I often took pictures of things we were doing around the state and shared these pictures with other House and Senate members, regardless of party. It made a good chance to exchange ideas and to build a working relationship. I sought opportunities to lunch with Democrats to discuss issues affecting people in Maine. Anyone who knows me knows that I can boldly express my views, but will always listen to the opposing side.

**5. Super PAC monies**—As long as the first amendment remains intact it will be difficult to stop corporations, unions, and private citizens from speaking out on issues and candidates. It costs a lot of money to reach large numbers of people. When

Kellogg Corp. wants to introduce a new brand of cereal to the country it costs 100 million dollars, or more, just for advertisement—without the issue of an opponent. Freedom is guaranteed under our Constitution, and it is an integral part of the DNA of Americans. This freedom was realized by our ancestors as they arrived in their new land. My aim is to ensure that future generations enjoy this same freedom provided for in the Constitution and continue to be proud Americans who honor their country and feel privileged to be a part of the electoral process.

## Hancock County officials

### Hancock County Commissioner, District 1

**Steven Joy**

**Republican incumbent/unopposed, Ellsworth**

**Professional:** Hancock County Commissioner, 2010-present, Ellsworth Planning Board, six years; owner, Katsiaticas Real Estate Agency.

**Education:** Master’s degree.

**Personal:** Born May 7, 1953.

### Register of Probate

**Bonnie Cousins**

**Republican incumbent/unopposed, Ellsworth**

**Political:** Register of probate.

**Professional:** Receptionist/secretary in Women’s Center at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital.

**Personal:** Member, Board of Directors of Union Congregational Church; teaches Sunday school.

*Editor’s note: Where noted, information was compiled from nonpartisan, nonprofit votesmart.org. Sources for candidates not so noted include official candidate or party websites, interviews and press releases, to the extent that information was available.*

## Polling hours/clerk hours

**Polling hours for each town are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the Tuesday, November 6, election. Voting locations are noted for each town. Town clerks have absentee ballots available for those who want them; clerks’ hours and contact information is noted.**

**Blue Hill:** Voting at town office, upstairs. Town Clerk Etta Perkins and Registrar of Voters Lucy Sisco, 374-2281. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Brooklin:** Voting at fire house, 25 Bay Rd. Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters Jeannine Hardy, 359-8394. Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 1-5 p.m.

**Brooksville:** Voting at Town House. Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters Amber Bakeman, 326-4518. Office hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Thursday, 6-8 p.m.

**Castine:** Voting at Emerson Hall. Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters Susan Macomber, 326-4502. Office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Deer Isle:** Voting at Town Hall. Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters Becky Knowlton, 348-6060. Office hours: Monday through Friday except Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Thursday 4-7 p.m.

**Isle au Haut:** Voting at Revere Memorial Hall. Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters Susan MacDonald, 335-5577.

**Penobscot:** Voting at the school. Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters Mary Ellen Gross, 326-4364. Office hours: Monday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m.; Tuesday 4-8 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.

**Sedgwick:** Voting at Sedgwick Town House, 574 North Sedgwick Rd. Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters Cynthia Reilly, 359-2275 or 326-9012. Office hours: Wednesday 1:30-6 p.m. and Thursday 2:30-5:30 p.m., at home Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Stonington:** Voting at Town Hall, second floor. Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters Lucy Bradshaw, 367-2351. Office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Surry:** Voting at fire station. Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters Angela Smith, 667-5912. Office hours: Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots are available at your town hall or office. You can pick one up and take it home or fill one out in the office.

According to the Secretary of State, you do not need a reason to vote by absentee ballot and you can go to your town office to vote in person.

If you do not want to or are unable to come to the polls and want someone outside your immediate family to handle the absentee ballot for you, you must make a written request for that specific person to pick up and hand-deliver the ballot to you. Only this person may handle the absentee ballot. Ballots cast in this way must be witnessed by a notary public, a municipal clerk, a clerk of courts, or two other witnesses.

Absentee ballots are available by request through Thursday, November 1. Be sure to check your town office’s open days and hours if you wish to vote absentee, as some offices are open only on select days.