



GOFFSTOWN VOTER INFORMATION

REGISTRATION, VOTING AND CHANGES

Registration: A prospective voter must fill out a Voter Registration form in the presence of the Town Clerk or a Checklist Supervisor. Registration may be done at the Town Hall (16 Main Street, Room 201), or at a polling place on Election Day. Photo identification with proof of date of birth and proof of residency is required. Example: a New Hampshire driver's license, with the Goffstown address imprinted on it. Without such imprinted address, a second proof of residency will be required (i.e. – utility bill, lease agreement). Anyone born outside of the United States must also bring proof of citizenship.

Polling Places: Goffstown has two polling districts. The checklist at each polling place will only have the names of those who are registered in that district. If you are unsure which district you should be voting in, please call the Town Clerk's office at 497-8990 ext. 107 or 109. For an alphabetic listing of Goffstown streets and their respective polling districts please go to the town web site at www.goffstown.com.

District 1 consists of those streets which begin at the Route 114/114A intersection west to the New Boston/Weare/Dunbarton town lines. Polling place – Goffstown Area High School, 27 Wallace Road.

District 5 consists of streets from the Route 114/114A intersection to the river and east to the Manchester town line. Polling place – Bartlett School, 689 Mast Road in Pinardville.

Address Changes: Address changes must be made in person and can be done at the polls on Election day. You will need to bring with you proof of your new domicile address.

If you are already registered to vote in Goffstown, and have moved within Goffstown, but, *did not change your voter registration address*, you will need to **vote at the polling place in which you reside**. A change of address registration form will need to be completed.

Party Changes: A change of political party must be made in person, by completing a new voter registration form. Undeclared (independent) voters will need to choose a political party ballot at a Primary Election. Only those voters who were registered as Undeclared (Independent) prior to voting in a Primary Election may change their party affiliation at the polls after casting their ballot on Election Day. All other party changes must be done in the presence of the Town Clerk or Checklist Supervisor, prior to the first day of the primary election candidate filing period (approximately 90 day prior to any primary election).

ABSENTEE VOTING

You may vote by mail using an Absentee Ballot only if on election day you will be unable to vote in person because you: (RSA 657:7)

- Unable to appear at any time during polling hours at my polling place because you will be working on election day or will otherwise be absent from the town or city where you are registered to vote, or
- Absent because of religious observance or physical disability

If you do not meet one of these requirements, then you may not vote by absentee ballot. If you are not eligible to vote by mail, please vote in person on Election Day at your polling place.

ABSENTEE VOTING (cont.)

Obtaining an Absentee Ballot: A request for an Absentee Ballot must be made in writing only and delivered to the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall. The request must include the voter's name, Goffstown address and address to which the ballot is to be mailed. Each voter requesting an absentee ballot must request his/her own ballot and must sign the request. Forms are also available at the Town Clerk's office or on the town web site at www.goffstown.com.

Primary Election Voting by Absentee Ballot: The voter must request an absentee ballot for the party in which that voter is registered. If registered as an Undeclared (Independent), the voter must specify which party ballot they desire, and will then be registered in that political party until he/she completes and signs a party change request form to return to Undeclared status.

Returning the Absentee Ballot: Make sure your vote counts. Be sure to follow the instructions included for marking your ballot. Place your completed ballot in the affidavit envelope and seal the affidavit envelope. Sign the appropriate affidavit printed on the outside of the envelope certifying under penalty of voting fraud, that you meet one of the above requirements. Place the affidavit envelope inside the return mailing envelope and place your return address in the upper left hand corner.

The absentee ballot must be mailed or delivered, by the voter, to the Town Clerk's in person. Mailed absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 5:00 pm on Election Day. Absentee ballots may be delivered in person, ***by the requesting voter only***, to be received by 5:00 pm on the day before the election or primary. Do not bring your ballots to the polling place on Election Day.

If you have any questions you may call the Town Clerk's office at 497-8990 Ext. 109.