Election laws in New Hampshire are subject to constant change as enacted by our NH Legislators.

The information provided on the www.Goffstown.com website, by the Goffstown Town Clerk, is in an attempt to provide some basic election information for residents. To obtain the most up-to-date Election information please visit http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx.

Links to Frequently asked questions may be found on www.Goffstown.com. Then select the icons Government and Elections. The heading “Town Meeting, Election and Voter Information” will provide many links to click, connecting directly to frequently asked questions. Supporting information will be provided by the Secretary of State’s website or Town and Committee pages within the Town website. Below are some example of Election related links:

Information & Documents

- 2019 Calendar Dates for Local Officials (SB2)
- Voter ID Law, RSA 659:13 - Explanatory Document
- Political Sign Reminder
- Street Listings for Voting District
- Click Here for Absentee Ballot requests and other Forms
- 656:5-a Order of Candidate Names on Ballots
- 669:7 Incompatibility of Offices
- 669:19 Nominations (Amended Eff. 7/8/11)
- 673:7, I Planning Board Members Serving on Other Local Boards. (Amended Eff. 8/13/11)
- Check the Status of your absentee ballot.
- What party am I registered as?
- Which poll do I vote at?
- Declaration of Candidacy
- Petitioned Article - 39:3

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. If you are registering at the Town Clerk’s Office 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. If you are registering at the polls on Election Day please refer to the most recent voter registration requirements as detailed on the New Hampshire Secretary of State’s website.

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.

**Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**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.

**Name Changes:** Please bring legal documents providing proof of name change.

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**

Please refer to the New Hampshire Secretary of State’s website to verify your eligibility to request an absentee ballot.

**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 by hand, mail or facsimile (603-497-5710). 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 may 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, delivered by a spouse, parent, sibling or child must sign a declaration declaring their eligibility to return the absentee ballot on behalf of their family member. The individual returning the absentee ballot to the Town Clerk will be required to produce Government issued photo ID or be personally identified by the Town Clerk in accordance with RSA 657:17 Procedure by Voter eff. Aug. 25, 2015.
If you have any questions you may call the Town Clerk’s office by phoning 497-8990 Ext. 109, emailing CBall@GoffstownNH.gov or faxing 603-497-5710.

Note: You may not register to vote at the Town or School Deliberative Sessions.