

November 8, 2016 Ballot Information

On the November Ballot from the Secretary of the State's website as of 10/6/2016, the current list of nominees are:

Presidential Electors for – Vote for One term 01/20/2017 - 01/20/2021

Democratic Clinton and Kaine
Republican Trump and Pence
Libertarian Johnson and Weld
Green Stein and Baraka

United States Senator – Vote for One term 01/03/2017 – 01/03/2023

Democratic Richard Blumenthal
Republican Dan Carter
Working Families Richard Blumenthal
Libertarian Richard Lion
Green Jeffrey Russell
Independent blank currently – Court case is unresolved as two different candidates were proposed

US Representative in Congress – 1st District. Vote for One term 01/03/2017 – 01/03/2019

Democratic John B. Larson
Republican Matthew M. Corey
Working Families John B. Larson
Green S. Michael DeRosa

CT State Senate – 7th District. Vote for One term 01/04/2017 – 01/09/2019

Democratic Annie Hornish
Republican John A. Kissel
Working Families Annie Hornish
Independent John A. Kissel

CT State Senate – 8th District. Vote for One term 01/04/2017 – 01/09/2019

Democratic David Pena
Republican Kevin D. Witkos
Independent Kevin D. Witkos

For State Representative – 62nd District. Vote for One term 01/04/2017 – 01/09/2019

Republican Bill Simanski

For Registrar of Voters – Granby. Vote for One term 01/04/2017 – 01/06/2021

Democratic Laura A. Wolfe
Republican Paul R. Willis

Please note that ballot has not been officially established as yet, changes are anticipated. No questions will be on the ballot this year, so the ballot will be one sided.

Poll Workers are Urgently Needed

This is an historic election year with an unprecedented upsurge in new voter registrations. New poll workers are needed for data entry, for helping at Town Hall and working at the polls in the Community Gym where over 6000 voters are anticipated during the day – over 400 voters per hour. The Registrar’s office is actively recruiting new workers and has set up an extensive list of options for training to try to make it easier to participate. There will be morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend classes. In September a bulk email/sign up genius went out with when and where training will be held for the first seven classes this fall. Five more options will be offered soon – only one class is required to participate as an official poll worker. Pollworkers can be volunteers or paid, and must be 16 years or older. If you would like to be added to the list or if you did not receive the poll worker information and signups - please e-mail the registrars at: vr.granby.ct@gmail.com

Three Types of Ballots

Absentee Ballots:

Absentee Ballots are handled through the Town Clerk’s office, and represent a complete ballot, identical to the ballots used by voters on Election Day. Connecticut has specific guidelines for the use of Absentee ballots; essentially the voter must testify on their Absentee ballot application that they have a reason for not voting at the polls. The form is available at Town Hall or on the web at www.sots.ct.gov. Send in an application for your absentee ballot at least one month before the election and mail your completed ballot immediately after you receive your ballot to ensure your vote will be counted. If you can come to the Town Hall, you can complete the process in person after October 7th. Any ballots received by the Town Clerk after November 8th are not counted.

Provisional Ballots:

Per the Help America Vote Act, provisional ballots will again be available for FEDERAL offices, not state or local offices. Provisional ballots are issued to new voters who have NEVER shown an ID and to voters who insist they are registered but do not appear on the voter lists. The registrars have 6 days to find evidence that either the new voter provided ID at registration or the unregistered voter was removed from the list incorrectly. Provisional ballots are counted only in the event of a close election, where a recount is mandated by a judge.

Presidential Ballots:

For voters to vote only for office of President/Vice President IF they have moved out of state and are not eligible to vote in their new state. The Town Clerk also handles this ballot. To receive a Presidential ballot, the voter must testify that they are not eligible to vote otherwise. With the introduction of Election Day Registration, it is no longer an option for residents to choose to not be registered if they wish to vote for President.

Register Now to Vote in November

Same day registration, passed by the legislature, became effective January 1, 2013 and so this is the very first Presidential Election. To use this Election Day Registration option, eligible US Citizens must provide proof of identity AND residency. The Registrars strongly recommend going online to register, as the data entry and crosstown check can be a lengthy process on Election Day. Voters need to be aware that voter registration is NON-transferable. If you move, you must register in your new town and make sure you receive a letter of confirmation within two weeks prior to the election. Call the Registrars office or e-mail, if you did not receive confirmation. Currently there is a SEVEN day registration deadline, whether it is done online, mail-in or in person voter. There are a few cut off exceptions, for brand new residents (within the last week before the election), handicapped and military. Please review the calendar below for these deadlines.

Online voter registration is available for new voters or to make changes 24 hours a day – 7 days a week at: voterregistration.ct.gov

Voter Registration can be verified 24/7 at: www.dir.ct.gov/sots/lookup.aspx

Calendar Review:

Friday, Oct 7	Absentee Ballots are available from the Town Clerk (for completed applications)
Saturday, Oct 22	Special Saturday Voter Registration Session from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Registrar of Voters Office in Granby Town Hall
Tuesday, Nov 1	Post mark deadline for a Mail In Registration is seven days before Election
Tuesday, Nov 1	Last Day to Register Online to vote in November Presidential Election
Tuesday, Nov 1	Last Day to Register In Person to vote in November Presidential Election. Special Voter Registration Session from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Registrar of Voters Office in Granby Town Hall.
Wednesday, Nov 2	Filing of Certified Voter Registry List with the Town Clerk
Monday, Nov 7	Last chance to Register In Person if Military, Brand New Resident, Citizenship or Just Turned 18 since November 1st to vote in November Presidential Election. Special Voter Registration Session from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Registrar of Voters Office in Granby Town Hall.
Tuesday, Nov 8	Presidential Election – Polls Open 6:00 am to 8:00 pm; Granby Memorial High School Community Gym, 315 Salmon Brook Street
Tuesday, Nov 8	Election Day Registration to vote in Presidential Election at Registrars of Voters office in Granby Town Hall. Must provide proof of residency and identify.

Feel free to stop by to register to vote, to determine your voting district or to make corrections in person at the Registrars' Office in the Town Hall every Wednesday, (our regular office hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm). Please note that voter registration forms are also available at town halls, libraries, DMV offices, and online at the Secretary of State's website: www.sots.ct.gov

Questions? Please feel free to contact the registrars, Laura Wolfe and Paul Willis, our office phone number/voice mail is # 860-844-5322 and our e-mail address is: vr.granby.ct@gmail.com