

State and Local information

November 2023 Referendum Election ballot order of questions announced

The order of questions on the November 2023 Referendum Election ballot has been determined through a public lottery held by Secretary of State Shenna Bellows and Deputy Secretary of State for Corporations, Elections and Commissions Julie Flynn Thursday morning.

A video of the lottery is available to view on the Department's [Facebook page](#).

Under [Maine law](#), initiated measures must be listed before constitutional amendments. Within each grouping, questions must be arranged in a random order determined by a selection process conducted in public. All questions must be given sequential numbers.

Below is the order of the initiatives as they will appear on the ballot:

QUESTION 1: An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing. *Do you want to bar some quasi-governmental entities and all consumer-owned electric utilities from taking on more than \$1 billion in debt unless they get statewide voter approval?*

QUESTION 2: An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution. *Do you want to ban foreign governments and entities that they own, control, or influence from making campaign contributions or financing communications for or against candidates or ballot questions?*

QUESTION 3: An Act to Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility. *Do you want to create a new power company governed by an elected board to acquire and operate existing for-profit electricity transmission and distribution facilities in Maine?*

QUESTION 4: An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair. *Do you want to require vehicle manufacturers to standardize on-board diagnostic systems and provide remote access to those systems and mechanical data to owners and independent repair facilities?*

QUESTION 5: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions. *Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to change the time period for judicial review of the validity of written petitions from within 100 days from the date of filing to within 100 business days from the date of filing of a written petition in the office of the Secretary of State, with an exception for petitions filed within 30 calendar days before or after a general election?*

QUESTION 6: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require All Provisions in the Constitution to Be Included in the Official Printing. *Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to require that all of the provisions of the Constitution be included in the official printed copies of the Constitution prepared by the Secretary of State?*

QUESTION 7: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law. *Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to remove a provision requiring a circulator of a citizen's initiative or people's veto petition to be a resident of Maine and a registered voter in Maine, requirements that have been ruled unconstitutional in federal court?*

QUESTION 8: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors. *Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to remove a provision prohibiting a person under guardianship for reasons of mental illness from voting for Governor, Senators and Representatives, which the United States District Court for the District of Maine found violates the United States Constitution and federal law?*

Ballot questions for citizen initiated bills are written by the Secretary in accordance with a process set forth in state law, which includes a public comment period. Please see these earlier releases for information about the final wordings (in the order that they will appear on the ballot): [LD 1772](#), [LD 1610](#), [LD 1611](#), [LD 1677](#). Ballot questions for constitutional amendments are drafted through the legislative process and included in the bill's text (in the order that they will appear on the ballot): [LD 1012](#), [LD 78](#), [LD 1477](#), [LD 1653](#).

Local

1. (Local option question as per Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A § 123.2): Shall this Municipality authorize the State to permit the sale of spirits for off-premises consumption on days other than Sunday?