Only 42% of eligible Bates students voted in the 2012 Presidential Election!
Only 18% of eligible Bates students voted in the 2014 Mid-Term Elections!

To vote in your home state, register and request and return an absentee ballot by state deadlines. To vote in Maine, register and vote, on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at the Lewiston Armory, next to LMS.

States and races that are up for grabs! Votes that count the most!

Presidential Race (http://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/2016-election-forecast/)
AZ, CO, CT, DE, FL, IA, ME, MI, MN, NC, NH, NM, NV, OH, PA, SD, VA.

US Senate (http://nyti.ms/2bhFFok)
AZ, FL, IL, IN, MO, NC, NH, NV, OH, PA.

US House of Representatives (http://cookpolitical.com/house/charts/race-ratings)
AZ-01, AZ-02, CA-07, CA-10, CA-21, CA-25, CO-03, CO-06, FL-07, FL-13, FL-18, IA-01, IA-03, IL-10, ME-02, MI-01, MI-07, MN-02, MN-03, MN-08, NE-02, NH-01, NJ-05, NV-03, NV-04, NY-01, NY-03, NY-19, NY-22, NY-23, NY-24, PA-08, TX-23, UT-04, VA-10, WI-08

State Legislatures (https://ballotpedia.org/State_legislative_battleground_chambers,_2016)
CO, IA, KY, ME, MI, MN, NV, NH, NM, NY, WA, WV, WI.

IN, MO, MT, NH, NC, VT, WA, WV.

State-Wide Ballot Initiative (https://ballotpedia.org/2016_ballot_measures)
Marijuana access: AZ, AK, CA, FL, MA, ME, MT, NV
Minimum wage: CO, ME, SD, WA
Healthcare (various topics): CA, CO, NV, WA
Gun Control: CA, ME, NV, WA

More information on these websites!

Non-partisan information on registering and voting in Maine and ballot and referendum issues
League of Women Voters (www.lwvme.org/elections.html)
Maine Secretary of State (www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/voterguide.html)

Non-partisan information on presidential candidate stances and Supreme Court appointments
(www.campuselect.org/nonpartisan-candidate-guide-for-2016-us-presidential-race.html)
(www.campuselect.org/the-supreme-court-and-the-election.html)

Non-partisan information about 3rd party candidates and voting

Survey statements from state legislative candidates (information will be available in coming weeks)
(www.sunjournal.com)

Information will be posted on the Harward Center website as it is available
(http://www.bates.edu/harward/election-engagement/)

Maine Sample Ballots (Your ballot may be different based on your ward and congressional district)
General Ballot (http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6773)
Referendum Ballot (http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6772)

State of Maine Referendum Questions
**Question 1: Citizen’s Initiative: Legalization and taxation of recreational marijuana**

Do you want to allow the possession and use of marijuana under state law by persons who are at least 21 years of age, and allow the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?

**Question 2: Citizen’s Initiative: Increases funding for public schools through the establishment of a 3% tax on individuals with incomes over $200,000**

Do you want to add a 3% tax on individual Maine taxable income above $200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten through 12th grade public education?

**Question 3: Citizen’s Initiative: Closes loopholes on gun background checks**

Do you want to require background checks prior to the sale or transfer of firearms between individuals not licensed as firearms dealers, with failure to do so punishable by law, and with some exceptions for family members, hunting, self-defense, lawful competitions, and shooting range activity?

**Question 4: Citizen’s Initiative: Increases the state minimum wage**

Do you want to raise the minimum hourly wage of $7.50 to $9 in 2017, with annual $1 increases up to $12 in 2020, and annual cost-of-living increases thereafter; and do you want to raise the direct wage for service workers who receive tips from half the minimum wage to $5 in 2017, with annual $1 increases until it reaches the adjusted minimum wage?

**Question 5: Citizen’s Initiative: Establishes rank choice voting in Maine for U.S. Senate, Congress, Governor, State Senate and State Representative**

Do you want to allow voters to rank their choices of candidates in elections for U.S. Senate, Congress, Governor, State Senate, and State Representative, and to have ballots counted at the state level in multiple rounds in which last-place candidates are eliminated until a candidate wins by majority?

**Question 6: Bond Issue: Borrows money for transportation infrastructure**

Do you favor a $100,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities, equipment and property acquisition related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated $137,000,000 in federal and other funds?

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