MONTANA WOMEN VOTE
works to register and engage women at all levels of our democracy, including by casting their vote at the ballot box.

Montana Women Vote is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that doesn’t support or endorse political candidates. This guide provides the tools you need to make informed decisions about candidates, ballot measures, and other public policy proposals.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING

CAN SOMEONE HELP ME WHEN I GO TO VOTE?
Yes, you can bring a friend, relative, teacher, or parent, and can bring in notes, a voter guide, etc. You just can’t bring an employer. Don’t forget, you are allowed to bring your kids to the polls!

DO I NEED MY VOTER REGISTRATION CARD IN ORDER TO VOTE?
No. However, you do need a form of ID and your voter registration card is one form of ID that you can use. Other IDs that you can use include any current photo ID that shows your name (valid driver’s license, school ID, state ID, or tribal ID) or a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that shows your name and current address.

DO I HAVE TO VOTE FOR EVERY ITEM ON THE BALLOT?
No. You can choose not to vote for a candidate position or an initiative. Your ballot will still be valid even if you leave an item blank.

HOW DO I FIND OUT WHERE TO GO TO VOTE OR WHAT PRECINCT, DISTRICTS AND WARDS I AM VOTING FOR?
That information is on your voter registration card. If you do not have your card, you can call your local elections office for that information or check out the Secretary of State’s My Voter Page: https://app.mt.gov/voterinfo/.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH AND POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7AM UNTIL 8PM.

GET MORE INFO: You can check to see if you are registered, where you are registered, view a sample ballot, and track your absentee ballot at the Secretary of State’s website: https://app.mt.gov/voterinfo/ or by calling your local elections office.

VOTE ABSENTEE: If you have not signed up for an absentee ballot, but would like to vote early, you can do so in person at your local elections office.

Please note: If you are voting absentee remember that you need to vote the ballot that was mailed to you and that you will not be able to vote at the polls unless you bring your absentee ballot with you. If you lose your absentee ballot, you can get a replacement ballot at your County Elections Office or you can vote provisionally at your local polling place on Election Day.

VOTE EARLY: If you have not signed up for an absentee ballot, but would like to vote early, you can do so in-person at your local elections office. When you sign up for an absentee ballot between October 7th and November 3rd at noon, you can register and vote at the same time. Please note that some offices use an alternative location to do late and same-day voter registration and you should call your local office to double check the location.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 6TH: Close of regular voter registration and absentee ballots are mailed.

OCTOBER 7TH – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD AT NOON: Same-day voter registration opens; you must go to your County Elections office to register and vote.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD FROM NOON - 5PM: Your local Elections Office is closed in preparation for Election Day.

NOVEMBER 4TH: GENERAL ELECTION DAY! Most polls are open from 7am-8pm. If you have been issued an absentee ballot and not mailed it back yet, you will need to hand-deliver it to your County Elections Office or to any polling location.

The 2014 Voter Guide is also available online: www.montanawomenvote.org
Ballot issues appear at the very end of your ballot, but will still have a direct impact on the lives of women and families in Montana. So make sure you vote your ballot from top to bottom!

**MEDICAID EXPANSION**

This year, we do not get to vote on a Healthy Montana Initiative to expand Medicaid. But the fight to close the coverage gap for 70,000 Montanans isn’t over. More than 25,000 voters joined the fight by signing on to the initiative. This November you have another opportunity to make your voice heard - your vote will send a powerful message that it’s time to expand Medicaid and close the coverage gap.

* Why Montana Women Vote Supports Medicaid Expansion:
  * 70,000 low-income Montanans need health care, but most cannot afford it without expanding Montana’s Medicaid program.
  * Montana’s Medicaid program is good insurance. This Montana-run program is more than 40 years old, and costs less than other insurance programs while delivering quality service.
  * Medicaid expansion makes good financial sense. By accepting federal dollars to expand access to health care to over 70,000 Montanans, we can avoid the increased insurance premiums and other costs we all incur when those without insurance show up in our emergency rooms and provider offices.
  * Medicaid expansion will create 12,000 good-paying new jobs annually and give $1.4 billion boost to our economy. Because the state legislature has so far refused to expand Medicaid, Montana loses as much as $1.84 million in federal funds each day.

---

**US SENATE**

Represents Montana in the US Senate in Washington, D.C.

**Q** It is the role of government to make sure that safety-net programs are in place so those most in need don’t fall through the cracks.

- **AMANDA CURTIS (D)**
  - AGREE
  - DISAGREE
- **STEVE DAINES (R)**
  - DID NOT RESPOND
- **ROGER ROOTS (L)**
  - AGREE
  - **DISAGREE**

**Q** Do you support or oppose services and programs that give women access to health care, including comprehensive reproductive health care, regardless of ability to pay?

- **AMANDA CURTIS (D)**
  - SUPPORT
  - OPPOSE
- **STEVE DAINES (R)**
  - DID NOT RESPOND
- **ROGER ROOTS (L)**
  - **SUPPORT
  - OPPOSE**

**Q** Do you support equality for all families - including the right to marry, raise children, and access jobs and housing without discrimination?

- **AMANDA CURTIS (D)**
  - **YES
  - NO**
- **STEVE DAINES (R)**
  - DID NOT RESPOND
- **ROGER ROOTS (L)**
  - **YES
  - NO**

**US REPRESENTATIVE**

Represents Montana in the US House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.

**Q** It is the role of government to make sure that safety-net programs are in place so those most in need don’t fall through the cracks.

- **JOHN LEWIS (D)**
  - **AGREE
  - DISAGREE**
- **RYAN ZINKE (R)**
  - DID NOT RESPOND
- **MIKE FELLOWS (L)**
  - Did not respond

**Q** Do you support or oppose services and programs that give women access to health care, including comprehensive reproductive health care, regardless of ability to pay?

- **JOHN LEWIS (D)**
  - **SUPPORT
  - OPPOSE**
- **RYAN ZINKE (R)**
  - DID NOT RESPOND
- **MIKE FELLOWS (L)**
  - DID NOT RESPOND

**Q** Do you support equality for all families - including the right to marry, raise children, and access jobs and housing without discrimination?

- **JOHN LEWIS (D)**
  - **YES
  - NO**
- **RYAN ZINKE (R)**
  - DID NOT RESPOND
- **MIKE FELLOWS (L)**
  - Did not respond

---

**MEASURE**

**WHAT IT DOES**

**WHAT WE THINK**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MEASURE</th>
<th>WHAT IT DOES</th>
<th>WHAT WE THINK</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| LR 126  | Would end late voter registration on the Friday before Election Day and eliminate Election Day registration. | - It would place unfair hurdles in front of tens of thousands of qualified Montana citizens’ freedom to use late and same-day registration.  
- Late and same-day voter registration is essential to ensuring access to the polls for returned military veterans, seniors, single parents, the disabled, and those who have recently moved. | **NO** |
MONTANA SUPREME COURT JUSTICES (1):
The Montana Supreme Court is the highest court in the state, with one Chief Justice and six Justices. Decisions made by the Court affect Montana law.

Q It is the role of government to make sure that safety-net programs are in place so those most in need don’t fall through the cracks.
JIM RICE  YES  NO
W. DAVID HERBERT  YES  NO

Q Do you support increasing state funding for domestic and sexual violence intervention and prevention, including an increased focus on the issue of violence against Native women and other marginalized groups?
JIM RICE  SUPPORT  OPPOSE
W. DAVID HERBERT  SUPPORT  OPPOSE

MONTANA SUPREME COURT JUSTICES (2):
The Montana Supreme Court is the highest court in the state, with one Chief Justice and six Justices. Decisions made by the Court affect Montana law.

Q It is the role of government to make sure that safety-net programs are in place so those most in need don’t fall through the cracks.
MIKE WHEAT  YES  NO
W. DAVID HERBERT  SUPPORT  OPPOSE

Q Do you support increasing state funding for domestic and sexual violence intervention and prevention, including an increased focus on the issue of violence against Native women and other marginalized groups?
MIKE WHEAT  SUPPORT  OPPOSE
LAWRENCE VANDYKE  DID NOT RESPOND

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5
Public Service Commissioners regulate utilities in Montana.

Q Do you support or oppose programs to provide aid to low-income families who cannot afford to pay utility bills?
TRAVIS KAVULLA (R)  DID NOT RESPOND

Q Do you support programs intended to improve the energy efficiency of our housing stock for low-income Montanans through improvements such as insulation, windows, efficient heat, etc.?
TRAVIS KAVULLA (R)  DID NOT RESPOND

DID NOT RESPOND

Q Do you support programs intended to improve the energy efficiency of our housing stock for low-income Montanans through improvements such as insulation, windows, efficient heat, etc.?
GALEN HOLLENBAUGH (D)  YES  NO
BRADLEY JOHNSON (R)  DID NOT RESPOND

THE CANDIDATE IN MY DISTRICT DIDN’T RESPOND:
MWV works to get responses from all candidates in the races that we cover, but sometimes candidates don’t respond. You can still use the questions from this voter guide to ask candidates where they stand on issues that impact women and families in Montana.

Call them on the phone, send them an email, or ask them questions when they knock on your door. They want to represent you so ask them where they stand.

Paid for by Montana Women Vote. Sarah Howell, Treasurer. 725 W. Alder St. #21, Missoula, MT 59802.
ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, NOV. 4TH

This guide provides the tools you need to make informed decisions about candidates, ballot measures, and other public policy proposals. Share it with your friends, family, and coworkers to start a conversation about what the election means for our families. When you vote, you aren’t just picking a candidate or a policy, you’re casting a vote for yourself, your future, and your family.