Vermont

- **Chief election official:** Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas, elected in 2022 for a two-year term
- **Who runs elections locally:** Town Clerk, Board of Civil Authority
- **Number of jurisdictions:** 247
- **State website:** [www.sos.vermont.gov/elections/](http://www.sos.vermont.gov/elections/)

### ELECTION POLICY

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### VOTING

- **Voter ID for in-person voting:** ID not required if presented at the time of registration
- **Early in-person voting:** 45 days before Election Day
- **Vote centers:** Not used
- **No-excuse absentee voting:** Permitted; ballots are mailed to all registered voters for general elections
- **Mails ballots to all registered voters (aka “mostly mail elections”):** Ballots are mailed to all registered voters for general elections only
- **Deadline for absentee/mail ballot return:** Close of polls on Election Day
- **Laws governing who can return a voted ballot:** Not specified
- **Ballot drop boxes:** Permits drop boxes on municipal property
- **Ballot cure process:** Ballot cure process offered statewide
- **When absentee/mail ballot processing begins:** 30 days before Election Day
- **Electronic ballot return:** Not permitted

### OTHER

- **Pre-election audits (logic and accuracy testing):** Uses pre-election audits
- **Post-election tabulation audits:** Uses post-election audits
- **State primary type:** Open

*Other states accept ballots postmarked by Election Day.*

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