



# MAINE ELECTIONS 2022

Vote on Tuesday, November 8


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# Governor Candidates | JOB DESCRIPTION

## MAINE GOVERNOR

Term (years to serve): 4 years  
Salary: \$70,000



### Ranked Choice Voting

Currently, Maine voters do **NOT** use Ranked Choice Voting in a governor race during a general election.

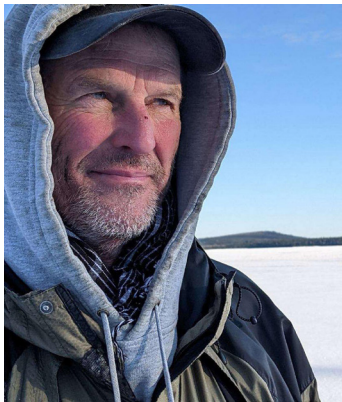
When you vote for a governor candidate on Tues., November 8, you will **NOT** use Ranked Choice Voting.

The Governor carries out the laws, chooses people to run government agencies, and nominates judges.

Governors can suggest new laws. They can veto bills that the Legislature passes. Veto means that the Governor wants to stop the bill from becoming a law. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Legislature can force the bill to become a law even if the governor vetoes the bill.

Governors are elected every four years. Voters can elect a Governor for two terms for a total of eight years. A person must be 30 years old to be Governor. Governors of Maine must be citizens of the United States for at least 15 years and living in Maine for at least five years.

**THE CANDIDATES:** There are three governor candidates on the Maine ballot. Your ballot will also have space for write-in candidates. Note: Candidates appear in this guide in the order in which they appear on the ballot, which is alphabetical order by last name.



SAM HUNKLER  
*Independent*

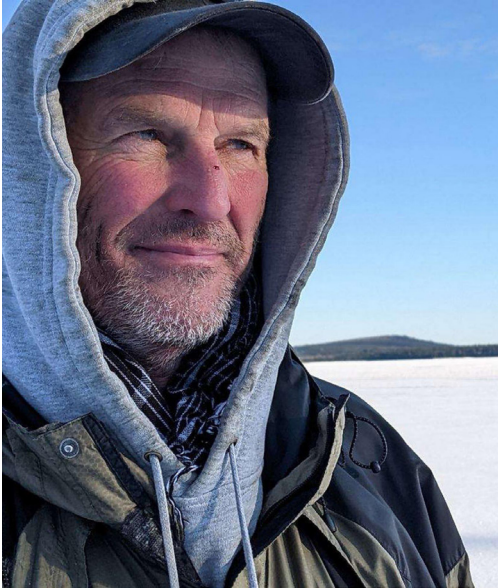


PAUL LEPAGE  
*Republican*



JANET MILLS  
*Democrat*

# Governor Election | SAM HUNKLER



## SAM HUNKLER

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### What are the most important challenges facing our state, and how do you propose to address them?

Children and their future. I have four children in their 30s and all of them are questioning whether they want to bring children into this world that was created for them. Children need food security. They need stable housing. They need a safe, nurturing environment free of neglect and trauma to thrive rather than simply survive. They need an education that is purposeful, practical, and relevant for their future. They need to have a climate that is compatible for themselves and all species on earth. I would address this by bringing young people into state government at high levels and have them begin to make the changes that are necessary for a brighter future.

### What will you do to support a vibrant economy across Maine and to address rising costs of living?

A vibrant economy starts by having vibrant citizens with the necessary skills and education to be part of the hive of society. We need laws and structure to encourage new businesses especially in rural areas that have been decimated by staple businesses closing and the subsequent "brain drain." We need to support resources at a community level to support family structure to enable a healthy work force.

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# Governor Election | PAUL LEPAGE



## PAUL LEPAGE

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### What are the most important challenges facing our state, and how do you propose to address them?

The most important challenge facing Maine right now is the high cost of living. Both the Biden and Mills' administrations have driven inflation through debt-fueled government spending. First, I would use some of the federal money that Maine received through the pandemic to support local farmers to grow more food here for Maine families. Second, 85% of our food is trucked into Maine, I would remove the tax on diesel, and tolls, during the winter months to reduce the cost associated with trucking this food into Maine. Lastly, I would set aside money so that heating oil companies can charge what they charged last year, and receive the difference from the state to provide widespread relief for Maine families to heat their homes this winter.

### What will you do to support a vibrant economy across Maine and to address rising costs of living?

It is imperative that Maine's next Governor promote good public policies that encourage a positive environment for job creation, not policies that kills jobs. A healthy economy with reduced government spending and red tape, with thriving small businesses will improve the quality of life for all Maine people. We need to reduce taxes, require able-bodied individuals to go back to work, and ensure our safety net is reserved for our truly vulnerable populations.

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# Governor Election | JANET MILLS



## JANET MILLS

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### What are the most important challenges facing our state, and how do you propose to address them?

I'm proud of our progress over the last 4 years, and we have much more to do. We will: -make housing & child care more affordable so young families can build a life here -make health care more affordable for people and businesses -invest in education, rebuild schools, and support teachers - and ensure parents and school boards are making the decisions -loosen the stranglehold of fossil fuel companies with a clean energy economy that creates jobs, cuts energy costs, and combats climate change -strengthen our workforce so Mainers have the skills to compete and contribute -bolster our forestry, farming, and fishing industries so they can provide good-paying jobs for years to come -ensure everyone who wants internet access gets it by the end of 2024 -continue to work in a bipartisan manner, solving problems by consensus, not conflict -protect the right to safe and legal abortion - because unlike the current Supreme Court, I do not believe a woman's rights are dispensable

### What will you do to support a vibrant economy across Maine and to address rising costs of living?

Under my leadership, Maine's economic growth has gone from near dead last to 11th best in the nation. Our unemployment rate has dropped to 3.1 percent, below the New England and national rates, and we have recovered nearly all the jobs lost during the pandemic. I am deeply concerned about rising costs due to global inflation, so I brought Democrats and Republicans together to pass a budget that returned money to Maine people via \$850 relief checks. For the average Maine family, that amounts to \$1,700 - one of the strongest relief measures of any state in the nation. Delivering relief in this way provides YOU with the freedom to decide for yourself how best to use the money, whether it be for groceries, gas, heating fuel, electricity, or other expenses. I will continue to use proven economic strategies that invest in our people and our communities to create more opportunities for all Maine families, no matter where they live. Because people are the foundation of our economy.

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# U.S. House Candidates | JOB DESCRIPTION

## UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

Term (years to serve): 2 years  
Salary: \$174,000



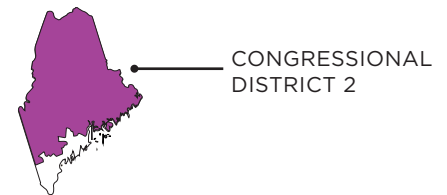
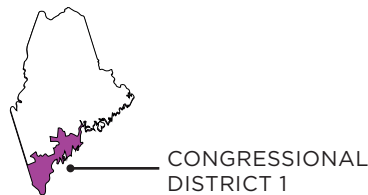
### Ranked Choice Voting

Maine voters will use Ranked Choice Voting to rank their preferred U.S. House candidates in the general election on Tuesday, November 8.

You do not have to rank all the candidates if you are certain of your top choice. See PAGES 8-9 for how to use Ranked Choice Voting. See PAGES 10-11 for sample ballots.

Members of the House of Representatives write and pass the nation's laws. They share this job with Senators. They research issues of national importance and hold public hearings. Bills that raise money for any government program start in the House and must also be passed by the Senate.

The United States is divided into 435 Congressional districts. The districts are based on the number of people in the state. Every state has at least one Member of the House of Representatives. Maine has two. All Members of the House are elected in even-numbered years. Voters can elect a Representative for as many terms as they choose. U.S. Representatives must be at least 25 years of age, a citizen of the United States for at least seven years, and inhabitants of the state in which they serve.



**THE CANDIDATES:** Two U.S. House candidates appear on the ballot for CD 1. Three U.S. House candidates appear on the ballot for CD 2. Your ballot will also have space for write-in candidates. Note: Candidates appear in this guide in the order in which they appear on the ballot, which is alphabetical order by last name.



CHELLIE PINGREE  
Congressional  
District 1



EDWIN THELANDER  
Congressional  
District 1



TIFFANY BOND  
Congressional  
District 2



JARED GOLDEN  
Congressional  
District 2



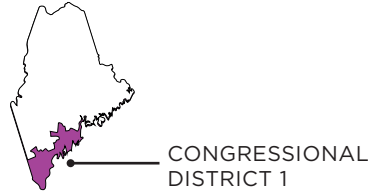
BRUCE POLIQUIN  
Congressional  
District 2

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# U.S. House District 1 | CHELLIE PINGREE



CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT 1

## CHELLIE PINGREE

**(D)** Democratic Party



### Ranked Choice Voting

If this candidate is your top choice, then you will fill in the bubble next to “1st Choice” on your ballot.

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### What are the most important challenges we’re facing, and how do you propose to address them?

I believe the most challenging issue we are facing as a country is the threat to our democracy from politicians and candidates who are seeking to undermine our electoral process. In order to protect our democracy, we need to pass legislation like H.R. 1, the For the People Act, that would support automatic voter registration, improves access to absentee voting and voting by mail, and enhances voting system security. This legislation also establishes independent redistricting commissions in states in order to draw new congressional districts and end partisan gerrymandering in federal elections, and creates a new public financing structure for federal campaigns powered by small donations. We have seen this work well in Maine.

### What will you do to support a vibrant economy and to address rising costs of living?

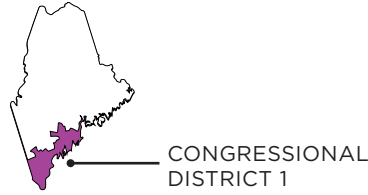
I have fought for my entire career to create an economy that works for everyone, not just those at the top. Increasing wages has been at the top of my list, from increasing the federal minimum wage for the first time since 2009 to strengthening the labor protections and the right to form a union. I’ve been proud to vote for landmark legislation to achieve both of those goals in the House of Representatives during this Congress.

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# U.S. House District 1 | EDWIN THELANDER



Candidate chose not to participate.

## EDWIN THELANDER

**(R)** Republican Party



### Ranked Choice Voting

If this candidate is your top choice, then you will fill in the bubble next to "1st Choice" on your ballot.

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