



2026 New Hampshire Voter Guide

This year's elections will be key to whether New Hampshire finally lives up to its "Live Free or Die" motto. In the governor's race, legalization supporter Cinde Warmington and incumbent prohibitionist Kelly Ayotte are squaring off in a race ranked as a "Likely Republican" by Cook Political Report. Meanwhile, the state Senate race has several open and competitive seats that will be crucial to whether — and how — New Hampshire legalizes cannabis.

To help inform voters, MPP has created a voting guide where we ranked candidates' support for legalization and other further cannabis policy reforms from A+ to F. The voter guide includes information from their records, public comments, responses to Citizens Count's survey, and replies to our candidate survey.

You can find your New Hampshire state Senate and House district — along with everything else that will be on your ballot — [here](#). You can also find information on how and where to vote from the [N.H. Secretary of State website](#).

State Senate Candidates

In addition to compiling their records and public statements, we asked N.H. Senate and House of Representatives candidates these five questions:

1. Criminal records make it difficult to get a job, housing, and to otherwise achieve one's dreams. Many states are removing prior cannabis convictions from records to avoid ruining lives over a substance that is safer than alcohol. Do you support creating a state-initiated process to annul cannabis-related records?
2. Does the candidate support a state-initiated process to consider whether annulment or resentencing would be in the interests of justice for other cannabis offenses — and to annul those convictions or resentence those people to time served or another lesser sentence, if it is?
3. Does the candidate support allowing therapeutic cannabis patients to discreetly and securely cultivate a handful of cannabis plants for their own use?
4. Does the candidate support allowing adults 21 and older to discreetly and securely cultivate a handful of cannabis plants for their own use?
5. As part of legalization in New Hampshire, do you support prioritizing and integrating the therapeutic cannabis program, including by allowing alternative treatment centers (ATCs) to convert to also sell to adult-use consumers if they meet requirements and by allowing all adult-use stores to sell to patients tax-free if they meet requirements?

Every Senate seat is on the ballot. For each race, we listed the more supportive candidate first.

N.H. House Candidates

We conducted a candidate survey and voter guide on the 400-member N.H. House of Representatives. We have the responses of the 47 candidates who responded here. However, here

are some additional resources that can help inform your votes:

- You can find candidates for your New Hampshire district (along with the rest of your sample ballot) [here](#).
- You can look up candidates on [Citizens Count](#), which has its own survey that includes cannabis policy questions. They also track recent cannabis votes.
- You can also look at how incumbents voted on key bills here:
 - HB 1633, legalization. Roll calls on [April 11](#) and [June 13](#) — The April 11 vote was on the House version of the legalization bill. The June 13 roll call vote was on whether to remove the bill from the table to allow a vote and debate on the final language of the legalization bill, which included compromises to clear the Senate and avoid a veto.
 - [HB 1231](#), roll call on legalizing home cultivation for patients.

Offices

Governor

Cinde Warmington (D) — A

State of New Hampshire

[She recently stated that New Hampshire needs additional revenue streams](#) and legalizing cannabis should be a priority. “There is no reason why the citizens of New Hampshire should be driving across state borders to pay taxes to Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine to purchase a product that they obviously have stated that they want to have access to in our state,” she said. “We need to get that done.” She did not respond to the MPP candidate survey. (cindewarmington.com)

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Kelly Ayotte (R) — F

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The former U.S. senator and state AG opposes legalization. She worked to defeat medical cannabis and decriminalization. In 2026, she vetoed legislation that would have allowed medical cannabis cultivators to utilize greenhouses. Her veto was overridden by the legislature in August.

When WMUR asked Ayotte in 2024 if she would entertain legalization if she is elected governor, or if she is a firm “no,” she [said](#), “I don’t think legalizing marijuana is the right direction for our state. I don’t support legalizing marijuana in this state.”

In 2015, then-U.S. Sen. Ayotte lobbied NH state senators against modest decriminalization, [according to](#) prohibitionist Sen. Bill Gannon. Ayotte also opposed a tightly crafted medical cannabis bill in 2009.

Ayotte’s campaign failed to answer questions from MPP about whether she would veto a legalization bill, along with questions about her position on record-clearing and allowing home cultivation for patients or adult-use consumers. ([KellyForNH.com](https://www.kellyfornh.com))

Does Not Support Medical Cannabis

Does Not Support Reducing to Civil Fine

Does Not Support Legal Possession

Does Not Support Legal Market

Stephan Villee (I) — A

State of New Hampshire

In the Citizens Counts Issues Survey, Villee voiced his support for adult-use legalization via private stores. In his responses to the MPP candidate survey, he supports annul/expungement for previous cannabis offenses, the right for adults to home grow cannabis (he stated, “Not discreetly, but out loud if they want. No one should have to hide, feel shame, or be embarrassed to grow a plant.”).

Villee4NH.com

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