

2026 Maine GOP Platform

Two hundred and six years ago, the people of Maine adopted a Constitution “to establish justice, ensure tranquility, provide for our mutual defense, promote our common welfare, and secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessings of liberty, acknowledging with grateful hearts the goodness of the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe in affording us an opportunity, so favorable to the design; and, imploring God’s aid and direction in its accomplishment.” Thirty-four years later, the Maine Republican Party formed to safeguard these principles for future generations. The Maine GOP welcomes people of various backgrounds who share these values.

We remain committed to preserving the blessings of liberty today, that our great State may fulfill its potential as a place of abundant opportunity and thriving communities. We therefore adopt this platform, which we dedicate to our military veterans, active and reserve service members, first responders, fire fighters, and law enforcement, to whom we are forever grateful.

I. Foundation – This platform embraces these principles and identifies actions to implement them.

1. We support, defend, and are committed to understanding the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Maine; they are the framework to which all legislation must adhere.
2. We support policies designed to help Maine workers, families, and businesses thrive by lowering tax burdens, reducing government regulations and mandates, promoting a vibrant private sector, and encouraging individual initiative.

In order to define the specific policies encompassed by these constitutional principles, be it resolved:

II. Rights – We have been endowed by our Creator with certain natural, inherent, and inalienable rights for the prosperity and protection of all generations. To maintain these rights, we therefore pledge to:

1. Defend every citizen’s right, as defined by the Maine and United States Constitutions, to freely exercise their religious beliefs, freely speak and associate, and to peacefully petition their government, without governmental infringement.
2. Protect the right of free press with cessation of undue bias.

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3. Defend the individual's right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Maine and United States Constitutions.
4. Protect ownership of private property, which is fundamental to liberty and prosperity.
5. Prevent discrimination against any individual, association, or business based on any system of social credit or environmental, social, and governance scoring, or the like.
6. Oppose any policy or agenda undermining individual accountability in favor of providing unequal protections or guarantees to any class, gender, or race.
7. Support local food rights.
8. Protect the right of individuals and groups in Maine from being compelled, in either a personal or professional capacity, to publicly endorse or directly participate in activities which conflict with their conscience or religious convictions.

III. Government – The role of government is to keep the peace, facilitate prosperity and preserve the common wealth. Government should serve the needs of a free people, not manage their lives and livelihoods. Government is most effective and least intrusive when its operation and supervision is closest to the reach of the people. Accountability, effectiveness, and frugality is paramount for all levels of government. To these ends, we pledge to:

1. Ensure that all state agencies and non-elected authorities are subordinate to and held accountable by Maine's Legislature.
2. Limit non-emergency executive orders to the administration of executive functions and require legislative approval for any extension of emergency orders.
3. Vigorously defend the powers reserved to the State of Maine by the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
4. Promote fiscal restraint by encouraging sound fiscal management – including instituting zero-based budgeting and requiring all government agencies to adhere to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) – and reducing spending at all levels of government to ensure fiscal stability, minimize debt, and minimize the burden of Maine taxes and mandated fees.

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5. Require that Maine's environmental laws, regulations, and policies be based upon proven science and verifiable facts, while also respecting the value of Maine's heritage – especially in farming, fishing, forestry, and recreation.
6. Oppose the federalization of Maine lands.
7. Ensure that municipal home rule is honored and respected by all branches of the state government.
8. Support amending the state constitution to provide equal representation of all 16 counties in the Maine Senate.

IV. Economy – Fair capitalism, a free-market system, and individual initiative encourage a prosperous economy, thereby benefiting Maine workers and families, we support:

1. Increasing domestic generation of reliable energy to make Maine more energy self-sufficient and make actual, unsubsidized energy costs affordable. The Maine government shall lift generating caps and other restrictions which arbitrarily target specific energy sources, especially hydroelectric and nuclear.
2. Promoting a welcoming business climate which supports and encourages the growth of private businesses.
3. Reducing burdensome occupational licensing requirements and regulations which place undue burdens on private enterprise.
4. Adopting comprehensive welfare reform, enabling and encouraging self-sufficiency while maintaining the safety net for Maine's most vulnerable citizens.
5. Enacting "Right to Work" laws to better stimulate economic growth.
6. Reducing the tax burden on Maine's people.
7. Promoting government efficiency and effectiveness in Maine by rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse.
8. Protecting the interests of American workers by requiring that employers in the State of Maine verify the identity of prospective employees and their eligibility to work in the United States.

V. Education is a cornerstone to building a prosperous future.

Therefore, we support:

1. Restoring Maine's colleges and universities as marketplaces of ideas where any individual's political and religious beliefs may be expressed, and where Constitutional rights shall be respected.
2. Improving academic opportunities by increasing school choice.
3. Strengthening local control in education in accordance with the Maine Constitution.
4. Guaranteeing to parents both the right and the responsibility to direct their children's education.
5. Requiring school districts to make their curricula easily accessible to the public and to allow parents or guardians to opt their children out of any content or activity which violates their ethical or religious beliefs
6. That Maine's public educational institutions must enforce federal Title IX, designating sports participation by sex (male, female, co-ed) and protecting single-sex private spaces (bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, etc.).
7. Restoring the Civil Rights Team Project to its original non-partisan, non-discriminatory purpose.

VI. Family – Strong, healthy, and stable families are the foundation for a stable society. The physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, and sexual health of our pre-teen, teenage, and young adult children are paramount to societal well-being. Therefore, the government must not interfere, but rather support and protect the integrity and rights of the family. To that end, we pledge ourselves to:

1. Recognizing that parents and legal guardians are the most capable and responsible agents for making decisions in the best interest of their minor children, including medical, disciplinary, and educational decisions.
2. Enacting a Parental Bill of Rights.
3. Supporting faith-based family resources, including adoption and unexpected pregnancy services.
4. Supporting the family by encouraging the birth and adoption of children, their care and support.
5. Prohibiting school district personnel, and other publicly funded employees working within a school system, from withholding, or encouraging a

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student to withhold, from a parent or legal guardian, any information regarding school-provided or sanctioned healthcare services, identity changes, or group activities involving a student.

6. Ensuring that the State's child-welfare services protect vulnerable Maine children in their care, including cooperating with faith-based foster care organizations, while promoting family preservation when appropriate.
7. Prohibiting public-school curricula in pre-K through 12 which teaches or otherwise promotes notional genders other than those of male and female, while accepting those who exhibit physical intersex traits from birth.
8. Prohibiting the use of public funds to promote or otherwise encourage the use of hormone replacement therapy, surgical gender reassignment, social-transitioning practices, or other gender-conversion techniques on adolescents or pre-adolescent children.
9. Recognizing the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.
10. Barring the state from compelling private individuals and organizations to participate in, perform, or otherwise sanctify civil ceremonies with religious significance – most especially marriage – when the civil ceremony is contrary to their religious beliefs.
11. Upholding the sanctity of human life – from conception to natural death – and opposing the use of taxpayer funds for abortions or activities that run counter to the sanctity of human life.

VII. In addition, Maine Republicans pledge to promote the following public policies:

1. Supporting English as the official language of the State of Maine and the United States.
2. Addressing Maine's drug crisis through a combination of law enforcement efforts and partnerships with private sector organizations to address addiction and promote effective rehabilitation for the individual.
3. Securing all U.S. borders by supporting the enforcement of all federal immigration laws by state and local government entities, including rejecting blanket amnesty for and expediting the expulsion of illegal aliens.
4. Banning the use of Sharia law in the state of Maine.

VIII. Election Integrity – The legitimacy of America's Constitutional Republic rests on the government deriving its just powers from the consent of the people. Fair and honest elections remain

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essential to preserving that consent and sustaining public trust in the system. To that end we support:

1. Requiring Photo ID for all forms of in-person and absentee voting.
2. Requiring documented proof of citizenship when registering to vote.
3. Requiring regular maintenance and updating of voter rolls securely in-house using all available resources including the USCIS SAVE search system and withdrawal from the Election Registration Information Center (ERIC)..
4. Requiring full transparency of all election processes and records by ensuring they are open to meaningful public observation and scrutiny.
5. Repealing ranked-choice voting.
6. Withdrawal from the National Popular Vote Compact and the continued use of the Electoral College as defined in Article II Section 1 of the US Constitution.

Because the blessings of liberty can only be preserved by an eternally vigilant people, it is incumbent upon all of us to remain involved in the American experience of self-governance. Those of us who have united behind the Republican banner invite you to join us in this task and support Republican candidates.

May God bless America and may God bless the great state of Maine.