# NOTICE TO VOTERS

## BEFORE ELECTION DAY

### CHECKLIST POSTED:

By Friday, April 15, 2016 (or 30 days before the merger vote) the checklist must posted. Make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to the checklist. (Available online at http://www.sec.state.vt.us, click on Elections or from your village/town clerk.)

### REGISTER TO VOTE:

Deliver your application to the checklist to your Village/Town Clerk's office no later than **4:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, May 11, 2016** (or the first Wednesday before the vote), or mail to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline.

### EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

**You, or a family member on your behalf**, may request an early or absentee ballot from your Village/Town Clerk by telephone, mail or e-mail at any time up until 4:30 p.m. or closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the election, May 16, 2016.

You can also go to the Village/Town Clerk's office and vote your ballot while at the office. Or, you can pick up your ballot at the Village/Town Clerk's office and take it home to vote. **(You cannot pick up a ballot for your spouse or anyone else.)**

If you take your ballot or have a ballot sent to you, you must return the ballot to the Village/Town Clerk's office, or to the polling place, not later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request that a pair of justices of the peace deliver a ballot to you. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the justices. They must return the ballot to the Village/Town Clerk for you.

**SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED**: April 27, 2016 (At least 20 days before election).

## ON ELECTION DAY:

1. If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your village clerk and ask that it be put back on.
2. If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the village clerk, or other members of the board of civil authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.
3. If you are still not satisfied, you may take a brief written request to a superior court judge, who will rule on your request before the polls close that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE for more information.
4. If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.
5. If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW:**

1. Do not knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
2. Do not mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling place.
3. Do not display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc. within the building containing a polling place; however, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.
4. Do not solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.
5. Do not interfere with the progress of a voter going to and from the polling place. This includes not socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION**
**Call the Secretary of State's Office**
**1-800-439-VOTE (8683)**
**(Accessible by TDD)**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

Here is some basic information for you, the voter. If you have any questions after reading this, or at any time during the voting process, ask your village clerk or another election official.

### CHECK-IN

1. At the entrance checklist table, state your name, and if asked, your residence, in a clear, audible voice.
2. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

### ENTER

3. Enter within the guardrail, and an election official will hand you a ballot(s).
4. Take your ballot(s) to a vacant booth.

### MARK YOUR BALLOT

5. HOW TO MARK: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc." If you are voting in a town that uses voting machines, follow the instructions on the ballot and fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate(s). If you are unclear about the instructions, ask an election official to assist you.
6. WRITE-IN: To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and write the name, then fill in the oval.
7. MISTAKES or SPOILED BALLOTS: If you make a mistake in marking your ballot, you may give your spoiled ballot to an election official and receive another ballot to mark. You may request up to three new ballots.

### VOTE

8. In a town using voting machines, do not fold or bend your ballot. Simply insert your ballot into the slot on the voting machine.

### LEAVE

9. Leave the voting area by passing between the barriers.
10. Continue outside the polling place before beginning socializing or conversations that could disrupt other voters.

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