2026 General Election

The following questions will be placed on the 2026 General Election ballot.

*Question Relating to **Constitutional Amendments** proposed by the 2026 General Court*

1. "Are you in favor of eliminating the office of register of probate by amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The county treasurers, county attorneys, sheriffs and registers of deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the state, provided nevertheless the legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing those officers; but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them. [Art.] 81. [Judges Not to Act as Counsel.] No judge shall be of counsel, act as advocate, or receive any fees as advocate or counsel, in any probate business which is pending, or may be brought into any court of probate in the county of which he or she is judge." *(Passed by the N.H. House 325 Yes 15 No; Passed by the Senate 23 Yes 1 No) CACR 13*

Yes	No

A Yes vote is for getting rid of the county office of Register of Probate.

A No vote keeps the county office of Register of Probate.

To pass, two-thirds of those voting on this question must vote Yes.

*(**Background**: A reorganization of the court system in 2011 gave the duties of the Register of Probate to the Circuit Court Probate Division. It left the Register of Probate with only ceremonial duties to preserve significant historical files.)*

Statutory Question required by HB 1300, Chapter 324, 2026

2. "Shall the *[name of municipality]* limit property tax growth for *[name(s) of school district(s) under RSA 32:5-i?*

If adopted for a two-year period: (1) the local property tax levy may not grow beyond the prior year's amount, adjusted for inflation and new construction; (2) SAU central office spending may not exceed 6 percent of total school district appropriations; and (3) bonded capital costs are excluded from both limits. These caps apply only to administrative operations of the SAU central office and do not affect classroom instruction, school-based services, or other municipal expenditures. These limits may be overridden as provided in RSA 32:5-i. Adoption requires a three-fifths (3/5) majority vote."

Yes	No

A Yes vote creates a cap on your town's property taxed share of public school expenses, in your town's school district(s) for the next two years. It also limits school central office spending to 6% of total school district spending.

A No vote leaves the public school budget in the hands of the local school board(s), to be presented at your town's annual meeting for voters to approve or reject, with no pre-set tax cap.

To pass, three-fifths vote of those voting on this question must vote Yes.

NOTE: If you choose not to vote on a question, that will not affect the outcome. Only the ballots with either Yes or No marked will be considered when determining the number of Yes votes needed to take effect.