


## NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 MAINE SENATE RACE

*Maine's US Senate & Congressional races (but not state races) will be conducted under new [Ranked Choice Voting rules](#). You can vote for your first-choice candidate while also ranking the remaining candidates in order of preference (second choice, third choice, etc.). The votes will be tabulated in rounds. If your first-choice candidate is eliminated in any given round, your second-choice vote will be counted in the next round, & so on, until one candidate wins.*

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<p>For Maine Gov &amp; mobile-friendly version, see <a href="http://www.guides.vote">www.guides.vote</a>. For more detailed information on candidate positions, visit their respective pages at <a href="http://votesmart.org">votesmart.org</a>.</p> <p>To volunteer, visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://ericbrakey.com">ericbrakey.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://angusformaine.com">angusformaine.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://ringelsteinformaine.com">ringelsteinformaine.com</a></li> </ul>			
<b>Abortion:</b> Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Ban. <a href="#">“No innocent life should ever be snuffed out by another.”</a>	Legal. <a href="#">Government should not “interfere in decisions... between a woman &amp; her healthcare provider.”</a>	Legal. Provide <a href="#">“full, publicly funded healthcare for women, including abortion.”</a>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Require political ads to disclose their largest funders? Position on <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited political donations from corporations & unions?	No position found. No position on <i>Citizens United</i> . Supported legislation to send <a href="#">Maine’s Clean Election Act back to the voters</a> .	<a href="#">Yes, including online ads.</a> Co-sponsored <a href="#">DISCLOSE Act</a> . <a href="#">Pass amendment to overturn Citizens United</a> .	<a href="#">Yes, including online ads.</a> <a href="#">Pass amendment to overturn Citizens United</a> .
<b>Climate Change:</b> Consider climate change a serious threat? Limit or tax production of greenhouse gases?	No position found.	Yes. <a href="#">“One of the greatest threats of our lifetime”</a> to both environment & national security. <a href="#">Keep Clean Power Plan restrictions on emissions</a> .	Yes. <a href="#">Curb emissions &amp; return to Paris Agreement</a> .
<b>Courts:</b> Support <a href="#">Judge Kavanaugh nomination</a> ? (before recent allegations)	Yes. <a href="#">“A brilliant legal mind with strong personal character.”</a>	No. Could <a href="#">“undo significant progress we’ve made over the past half-century.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Strongly opposes</a> . Asked <a href="#">King &amp; Susan Collins to vote “No.”</a>
<b>Economy:</b> Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	No. Says, <a href="#">“Government doesn’t create jobs, the free market creates jobs.”</a>	Yes. Says has <a href="#">protected “thousands of jobs”</a> at Bath Iron Works & helped <a href="#">bolster &amp; diversify ME forest economy</a> .	Yes. Lays out <a href="#">7-point plan to “reignite Maine’s economy,”</a> including spending for infrastructure & broadband.
<b>Economy:</b> Support President Trump’s imposition of tariffs on Chinese steel & other products?	No. <a href="#">“I don’t think tariffs are a good thing.”</a> <a href="#">Would push for real free trade</a> .	No. <a href="#">Could support tariffs on some imports, but not in the way Trump has done them</a> .	No position found.
<b>Education:</b> Help parents send their children to private schools with public money?	Yes. Supports <a href="#">tax credit for parents who opt out of the public education system</a> .	No. <a href="#">“Public schools are the idea at the heart of democracy.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Invest public funds in public schools, not voucher or privatization programs</a> .

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<b>Elections:</b> Support nonpartisan redistricting to address charges of partisan <a href="#">gerrymandering</a> ?	No position found.	Yes. <a href="#">Supported bill requiring state independent redistricting commissions.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Create independent redistricting commissions.</a>
<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	No position found.	Yes. <a href="#">“Fundamental human right.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“People have the right to love who they want.”</a>
<b>Gun Control:</b> Support more restrictive gun control legislation? Restrict semi-automatic weapons?	No. Introduced <a href="#">bills to repeal Maine gun laws.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Expand background checks, ban bump stocks, limit magazine capacity.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Universal background checks &amp; ban assault weapons &amp; bump stocks.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Support or Repeal Affordable Care Act (ACA), known as Obamacare?	Repeal. <a href="#">“Look to free-market solutions.”</a>	Support. <a href="#">“Not perfect,”</a> but keep & strengthen.	Support. Then move to <a href="#">“Medicare For All.”</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Allow Planned Parenthood to receive public funds for non-abortion health services?	No. <a href="#">Introduced bill preventing this in Maine.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“97% of activities... have nothing to do with abortion.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Expand &amp; protect women’s reproductive rights.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Require people to work to receive Medicaid?	Yes. LePage’s push for this is a <a href="#">“tremendous step forward.”</a>	Protect vulnerable, but <a href="#">consider work programs if include enough support.</a>	No. <a href="#">Opposes making it harder to get healthcare.</a>
<b>Immigration:</b> Support “DACA” recipients, “Dreamers,” who grew up here after being brought here illegally?	Unclear on DACA. But says <a href="#">“We must put our citizens first.”</a>	Yes. Co-sponsored bill to create <a href="#">“a path to citizenship for Dreamers.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“Make all DREAMers citizens.”</a>
<b>Iran:</b> Support President Trump’s withdrawing from Iran nuclear treaty?	Wait & see. President <a href="#">“deserves some latitude in negotiations with Iran.”</a>	No. A <a href="#">“terrible geopolitical mistake.”</a> <a href="#">Strains relationships with key allies.</a>	No position on Iran deal. <a href="#">Favors diplomacy against potential nuclear threats.</a>
<b>Marijuana:</b> Legalize marijuana?	<a href="#">Yes.</a>	<a href="#">Yes.</a>	<a href="#">Yes.</a>
<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Raise federal minimum wage from current \$7.25/hr?	No. <a href="#">Will hurt the people it’s intended to help.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Has long supported Federal increase. Not yet backing \$15.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Increase to \$15/hour &amp; tie to inflation.</a>
<b>Net Neutrality:</b> Support requiring internet providers to provide equal access to all users?	No. Avoid <a href="#">“heavy-handed government controls.”</a>	Yes. Ending net neutrality will <a href="#">“deprive Americans of open &amp; equal access.”</a>	Yes. Create <a href="#">federal law protecting net neutrality.</a>
<b>Privatization:</b> Cut or privatize Social Security?	No position found.	<a href="#">Fight cuts to Medicare &amp; Social Security.</a>	<a href="#">Expand Social Security &amp; Medicare.</a>
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Likely no. <a href="#">Voted for bill allowing extra charges on solar power installations.</a>	Yes. Says, <a href="#">has supported “increased production of renewable energy sources”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“Divest from fossil fuels. 100% renewable energy by 2035.”</a>
<b>Student debt:</b> Refinance student loans at lower rates, by increasing taxes on high earners (Elizabeth Warren bill)?	No position found. <a href="#">Solution to student debt is teaching students real-world skills.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Voted for Warren bill.</a> Also supported legislation to <a href="#">simplify repayment.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Refinance student loans at lower rates.</a>
<b>Taxes:</b> Support <a href="#">President Trump’s tax cuts</a> ?	Yes. Calls them <a href="#">“pro-growth, pro-taxpayer &amp; pro-little guy.”</a>	No. <a href="#">“Unfunded tax cuts for the wealthy &amp; for corporations... their effects will be felt by every aspect of our society.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Tax cuts should go to those can use them the most: the middle class &amp; small business, not the wealthiest.</a>
<b>Voting Rights:</b> Support voting rules that prioritize preventing possibility of fraud, even if limit access?	Yes. Co-sponsored <a href="#">bill requiring government or college-issued photo ID.</a>	No. <a href="#">Co-sponsored voting rights bill also including automatic voter registration.</a>	No. Supports <a href="#">automatic voter registration, Election Day registration, &amp; fully restoring Voting Rights Act.</a>

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