

The NAMME National Board and Regional Directors encourage all NAMME members to vote in 2018 elections. It is equally important to vote in Primary and Run-off elections. Further, we encourage our members to advocate with their families, students and colleagues to vote in all 2018 elections. Voting for all Americans is a recently acquired constitutional right¹ with added responsibilities for the descendants of those who fought and died for this right.

Rationale/Background:

During regular presidential election years as much as 40% of eligible voters do not vote. Data for the 2016 presidential election show that only 58% of eligible voters actually voted, with those votes almost equally distributed between the two presidential candidates.

During “mid-term” elections, as much as 60% of eligible voters do not vote. In the 2018 mid-term election, these are the elected positions:

- **House of Representatives:** Members are elected every two years. All four hundred thirty-five (435) seats are up for re-election or replacement.
- **Senate:** One third of the Senate is up for re-election or replacement every two years. Thirty-three (33) of the 100 seats in the Senate being contested in regular elections and two seats are being contested in special elections.

2018 Primary and Run-off Elections by State are:

<i>STATE</i>	<i>STATE PRIMARY RUNOFF DATE</i>				
<i>Alabama</i>	<i>June 5 July 17</i>	<i>Maine</i>	June 12	<i>Ohio</i>	May 8
<i>Alaska</i>	Aug. 21	<i>Maryland</i>	June 26	<i>Oklahoma</i>	June 26 Aug. 28
<i>Arizona</i>	Aug. 28	<i>Massachusetts</i>	Sept. 4	<i>Oregon</i>	May 15
<i>Arkansas</i>	May 22 June 19	<i>Michigan</i>	Aug. 7	<i>Pennsylvania</i>	May 15
<i>California</i>	June 5	<i>Minnesota</i>	Aug. 14	<i>Rhode Island</i>	Sept. 12
<i>Colorado</i>	June 26	<i>Mississippi</i>	June 5 June 26		(Wednesday)
<i>Connecticut</i>	Aug. 14	<i>Missouri</i>	Aug. 7	<i>South Carolina</i>	June 12 June 26
<i>Delaware</i>	Sept. 6	<i>Montana</i>	June 5	<i>South Dakota</i>	June 5
<i>Florida</i>	Aug. 28	<i>Nebraska</i>	May 15	<i>Tennessee</i>	Aug. 2 (Thursday)
<i>Georgia</i>	May 22 July 24	<i>Nevada</i>	June 12	<i>Texas</i>	Mar 6 May 22
<i>Hawaii</i>	Aug. 11 (Saturday)	<i>New</i>	Sept. 11	<i>Utah</i>	June 26
<i>Idaho</i>	May 15	<i>Hampshire</i>		<i>Vermont</i>	Aug. 14
<i>Illinois</i>	March 20	<i>New Jersey</i>	June 5	<i>Virginia</i>	June 12
<i>Indiana</i>	May 8	<i>New Mexico</i>	June 5	<i>Washington</i>	Aug. 7
<i>Iowa</i>	June 5	<i>New York</i>	Sept. 13	<i>West Virginia</i>	May 8
<i>Kansas</i>	Aug. 7		(Thursday) **	<i>Wisconsin</i>	Aug. 14
<i>Kentucky</i>	May 22	<i>North Carolina</i>	May 8	<i>Wyoming</i>	Aug. 21
<i>Louisiana</i>	Nov. 6 Dec. 8*	<i>North Dakota</i>	June 12		

¹ Voter Rights Act of 1965 <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/voting-rights-act>