

ELECTIONS

A. Qualifications of Voters and Elected Officers

i. Generally

[Vt. Const. Ch. I, Art. 8](#): “That **all elections** ought to be free and without corruption, and that **all voters**, having a sufficient, evident, common interest with, and attachment to the community, **have a right to elect officers, and be elected into office**, agreeably to the regulations made in this constitution.”

[Vt. Const. Ch. II, § 42](#):

“**Every person of the full age of eighteen years who is a citizen of the United States, having resided in this State for the period established by the General Assembly and who is of a quiet and peaceable behavior, and will take the following oath or affirmation, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a voter of this state:**

“You solemnly swear (or affirm) that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the State of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without fear or favor of any person.

“**Every person who will attain the full age of eighteen years by the date of the general election** who is a citizen of the United States, having resided in this State for the period established by the General Assembly and who is of a quiet and peaceable behavior, and will take the oath or affirmation set forth in this section, **shall be entitled to vote in the primary election.**”

ii. Specific Offices

a. Legislators

[Vt. Const. Ch. II, § 15](#): “No person shall be elected a Representative or a Senator until the person has resided in this State **two years, the last year of which** shall be in the legislative district for which the person is elected.”

b. Governor and Lieutenant Governor

[Vt. Const. Ch. II, § 23](#): “No person shall be eligible to the office of Governor or Lieutenant-Governor until the person shall have resided in this State **four years next preceding the day of election.**”

c. Treasurer

[Vt. Const. Ch. II, § 66](#): “. . . and except also that such person shall not be capable of being elected **Treasurer**, or Representative in Assembly, **until after two years' residence** . . .”