

## League of Women Voters Explains Two Ballot Questions

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Two questions will be on the November 8 ballot statewide. The League of Women Voters New Hampshire, a non-partisan grassroots organization, offers this explanation to help voters understand the questions and decide how to vote. We do not take a position on either question.

### Question 1

The intent of this question is to amend the New Hampshire constitution to delete references to registers of probate, thus eliminating this county office.

The bill to put this on the ballot passed the House 294 to 43 and passed the Senate 21 to 3.

**Why this amendment is proposed:** In New Hampshire, prior to 2011, the Register of Probate offices in each county handled simple wills. But after 2011, when the New Hampshire state legislature approved a reorganization of the court system, many of the official duties of the Register of Probate office were stripped. After 2011, the primary job of the Register of Probate was to preserve files that have “the potential for historical significance.” – from Ballotpedia.org

To help voters understand the text of this question, League of Women Voters

has shown the references to Registers of Probate currently in the New Hampshire constitution as struck through. No struck-through phrases appear in the question on your ballot, which makes understanding the question harder than it needs to be. (By law, the question must be shown on the ballot as it will appear if passed.)

**Text of the question:** “Are you in favor of amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows:

“[Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, ~~Registers of Probate~~, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The county treasurers, ~~Registers of Probate~~, 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 ~~and Registers of Probate~~ Not to Act as Counsel.] No judge or Register of Probate shall be of counsel, act as advocate, or receive any fees as advocate or counsel, in any pro-

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Mental Health.

My platform is simple: To provide the residents of Merrimack County with the services they expect and deserve to feel safe. I plan to accomplish this goal through leadership, partnerships, and cooperation. I will be accountable to the residents and fully transparent. If elected, it will be an honor to serve as your Sheriff. Thank you for your support.

## Register of Probate Vote for one

**Scott Maltzie**  
**Republican Party**

My name is Scott Maltzie, and I am running for Merrimack County’s Register of Probate. This position affects everyone. It provides essential services to our citizens in assisting them when a loved one passes.



Even though the position is in our state’s constitution, in 2011 the legislature stripped it of its essential duties, which were passed to court clerks, and lowered it to simply filing historical documents. This leaves a large gap in services that help those in need to navigate the process at a time of grief that may be the most difficult in their lives. Now they want to kill the position altogether with a Constitutional Amendment on the ballot this November.

Therefore, I’m asking you to vote for me and to vote against the Amendment. I feel uniquely qualified to lead in this role as I have served for the past four and a half years as Chairman of the Merrimack County GOP. I have had the opportunity to build relationships with our legislative delegation which will help pass legislation to restore this position.

If elected, not only will I work to do that, but I will also use it as a platform to promote estate planning and financial management in order to help our citizens retire with dignity and lessen the burden on loved ones after they pass.

Please vote for Scott Maltzie for the Register of Probate, and vote “No” on Amendment 1.

## Merrimack County Commissioner Vote for one

**Stuart D. Trachy**  
**Republican Party**

As your Merrimack County Commissioner I am running for re-election, having been elected in November 2020.

I have long had an interest in county government. I was a student intern in the commissioner’s office, and have served as a New Hampshire state representative, Franklin’s youngest mayor, county treasurer, and a county commissioner.

I am retired after running my own business for many years. As a lifelong resident of Merrimack County, “neighbor” to Andover, I am fortunate to have many friends there. My wife and I are the proud parents of a son and grandson.

The current economic situation has posed many challenges to county government and its 800+ employees as we strive to provide the best quality care to the residents of the Merrimack County Nursing Home. Staffing shortages at the Nursing Home and the Department of Corrections, as well as at other county departments, remain a challenge. We are doing our best to recruit and retain well qualified employees.

The County Commissioners are currently drafting the 2023 county budget. Our goal is to continue the successful programs we are proud of, dealing with juveniles, the incarcerated, and those who need long-term care. For the past three years we have held the line on property tax increases, and we hope to continue that trend next year.

Please help me continue to work for you and your neighbors. I would appreciate your vote (at the bottom of the ballot) on November 8. Thank you.



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