

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 21-A: ELECTIONS**  
**Chapter 9: CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS**

**§626. POLLING TIMES**

The following provisions apply to polling times at any election. [1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

**1. Opening time flexible.** The polls must be opened no earlier than 6 a.m. and no later than 8 a.m. on election day, except that in municipalities with a population of less than 500, the polls must be opened no later than 10:00 a.m. The municipal officers of each municipality shall determine the time of opening the polls within these limits.

[ 2015, c. 447, §16 (AMD) .]

**2. Closing time fixed.** The polls must be closed at 8 p.m. on election day, except in municipalities of population less than 100 which may close the polls after all registered voters have voted.

A. The warden shall give all voters present at the voting place at closing time the opportunity to vote. Any person who arrives at the voting place after the time for closing the polls has passed may not vote. [1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

[ 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW); 1985, c. 277, (AMD) .]

**3. Polling times in election notice.** The municipal clerk shall state the times of opening and closing the polls in the notice of the election.

[ 1997, c. 436, §89 (AMD) .]

SECTION HISTORY

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