

Voter Guide for November Municipal General Election Ballot Questions

On November 5, 2019, Manchester voters will head to the polls to vote in the Non-Partisan Municipal General Election to decide which candidates will represent them at City Hall and across the city in various ward offices. Voters will then turn over their ballot and vote on three important questions. The first two questions are binding, meaning that they will go into effect upon passage. The third question is non-binding, meaning that the election results for this question will be used by elected officials as they discuss this matter (similar to conducting a poll) but officials are not obligated to adopt the specific provisions. These questions are as follows:

QUESTION 1: SHALL THE CITY OF MANCHESTER APPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER?

This question is a **binding** proposal to transfer the ward boundary descriptions from the City Charter to City Ordinances. Upon passage, this amendment would authorize the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to re-divide the city into twelve wards, by ordinance, in order to maintain equal population after the Federal census or for the purposes of relocating a polling location. This proposal requires a public hearing to allow for resident input prior to adoption of any ward boundary adjustments. This proposal will be effective upon passage.

QUESTION 2: SHALL THE CITY OF MANCHESTER ALLOW THE OPERATION OF SPORTS BOOK RETAIL LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF MANCHESTER?

This question is a **binding** proposal to allow sports wagering at authorized sports book retail locations in the city of Manchester. Upon passage, the New Hampshire Lottery Commission is authorized to select an agent or agents to operate sports book retail location(s) within the city of Manchester. The agent will have to follow all local zoning, permitting and licensing ordinances in order to operate within the city. For additional information, see the [NH Lottery Commission's Sports Betting FAQ](#).

QUESTION 3: ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF A STUDENT FROM EACH HIGH SCHOOL HAVING A SEAT ON THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER?

This is a **non-binding** proposal that asks the voters if they are in favor of having a student from each of the four high schools sit on the Board of School Committee as a non-voting member.