

**STANDING ORDER REQUIRING
PAPER FILING FOR ELECTION DAY
2026 EMERGENCY MATTERS**

The Maine Judicial Branch (MJB) is implementing the Maine eCourts system – including eFiling – statewide.¹ EFileMaine is a practical and efficient document submission system already in use in many courts throughout the state. However, because filings related to Election Day may be uniquely time-sensitive, to ensure timely processing, the MJB will require paper filing under the limited circumstances described below.

It is therefore ORDERED that any emergency Title 21-A filings related to Election Day 2026 filed between 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2026, and 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, **must be by paper**, unless otherwise ordered.²

It is further ORDERED that the Maine Rules of Electronic Court Systems are SUSPENDED to the extent necessary to give effect to this order.

Dated: 10/28/2026

_____/s/_____
Chief Justice Robert E. Mullen

Dated: 10/28/2026

_____/s/_____
Chief Judge Brent Davis

¹ Further information about the Maine eCourts system is available at <https://www.courts.maine.gov/ecourts/index.html>

² Any Election Day 2026 filings filed by eFile during this period may not be processed until the next business day after the election.