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Lynne Williams

Lynne Williams (Democratic Party) is a member of the Maine House of Representatives, representing District 14. She assumed office on December 7, 2022. Her current term ends on December 4, 2024.

Williams (Democratic Party) ran for re-election to the Maine House of Representatives to represent District 14. She won in the general election on November 8, 2022.

Biography

Lynne Williams was born in Brooklyn, New York.[1][2] Williams graduated from Brooklyn College in Brooklyn, New York, in 1967. She earned a master's degree in psychology from Merrimack College in 1972, an M.A. in experimental psychology from City University of New York in 1975, a Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Southern California in 1980, and a J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law in 1998.[3][4] Williams' career experience includes working as an attorney[5] and a research assistant with the Social Science Research Institute.[6]

Committee assignments

This membership information was last updated in March 2021. Ballotpedia accepts weekly updates of committee membership. If you would like to send us an update, please contact us at info@ballotpedia.org.

2021-2022

Williams was assigned to the following committees:

- Transportation Committee

Sponsored legislation

The following table lists bills sponsored by this legislator. Bills are monitored by BillTrack50 and sorted by action history. The table may not be complete or comprehensive. To see all bills sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the title of the table.

Bills Sponsored By: Lynne Williams

HC LD153 - An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution
Current law requires that annual estimates of proposed county taxes and notices of public hearings on proposed county taxes must be sent to the clerk of each municipality in the county to be mailed or delivered in person and that proposed county ...
01/13/2021 - The bill was REFERRED to the Committee on STA...

HC LD201 - An Act to Make Permanent the Ability ...
This bill makes permanent the changes to the State law which are to be repealed March 30, 2025, allowing qualified co-primary retailers and qualified distilleries to sell liquor for off-premises consumption under certain ...

Elections

2022

See also: *Maine House of Representatives elections, 2022*

General election

General election for Maine House of Representatives District 14

Incumbent Lynne Williams (D) ran unopposed in the general election for Maine House of Representatives District 14 on November 8, 2022.

Candidate	Votes
✓ **Lynne Williams** (D)	5,576
Stephen Coolon (R)	1,651

Incumbents are bolded and underlined. Source
✓ candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey
Provided a campaign email address to Ballotpedia Candidate Connection

Total votes: 5,367

Democratic primary election

Democratic Primary for Maine House of Representatives District 14

Lynne Williams defeated Duncan Hoates in the Democratic primary on June 14, 2022.

Candidate	%	Total Votes	Transfer	Round eliminated
✓ **Lynne Williams**	100%	1,522	0	Advanced (1)

Incumbents are bolded and underlined. This results have been certified. Source
✓ candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey

Total votes: 1,522

Republican primary election

Republican Primary for Maine House of Representatives District 14

Stephen Coolon defeated Duncan Hoates in the Republican primary on June 14, 2022.

Candidate	%	Total Votes	Transfer	Round eliminated
Stephen Coolon	45%	307	0	Advanced (1)
Duncan Hoates	55%	192	0	1

There were no incumbents in this race. This results have been certified. Source
✓ candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey

Total votes: 499

2020

See also: *Maine House of Representatives elections, 2020*

General election

General election for Maine House of Representatives District 135

Lynne Williams defeated Timothy Oh (R) and Benjamin Meiklejohn (G) in the general election for Maine House of Representatives District 135 on November 3, 2020.

Candidate	%	Votes
✓ Lynne Williams (D)	68%	3,425
Timothy Oh (R)	32%	1,952
Benjamin Meiklejohn (G)	16%	822

There were no incumbents in this race. The results have been certified. Source
✓ candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey

Total votes: 6,199

Democratic primary election

Democratic Primary for Maine House of Representatives District 135

Lynne Williams defeated Timothy Oh in the Democratic primary on June 9, 2020.

Candidate	%	Total Votes	Transfer	Round eliminated
✓ Lynne Williams	100%	1,509	0	Advanced (1)

There were no incumbents in this race. The results have been certified. Source
✓ candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey

Total votes: 1,509

Withdrawn or disqualified candidates

- Sage Leshaw (D)

Republican primary election

Republican Primary for Maine House of Representatives District 135

Timothy Oh defeated Sage Leshaw in the Republican primary on June 9, 2020.

Candidate	%	Total Votes	Transfer	Round eliminated
✓ Timothy Oh	100%	630	0	Advanced (1)

There were no incumbents in this race. The results have been certified. Source
✓ candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey

Total votes: 630

Green primary election

Green Primary for Maine House of Representatives District 135

The following candidates advanced in the runoff-choice voting election Benjamin Meiklejohn (G) ran unopposed.

Candidate	%	Total Votes	Transfer	Round eliminated
✓ Benjamin Meiklejohn	100%	49	0	Advanced (1)

There were no incumbents in this race. The results have been certified. Source
✓ candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey

Total votes: 49

2010

See also: *Maine State Senate elections, 2010*

Williams was defeated by Republican candidate Brian Langley in the November 2 general election. Democrat incumbent Dennis Damon was not eligible for re-election.[7]

In the June 8th primary election, Williams ran unopposed.[8]

Maine State Senate, District 28 - Green Primary (2010)

Candidates	Votes	Percent
✓ Lynne Williams	316	100%

Campaign themes

2022

Ballotpedia survey responses

See also: *Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection*

Lynne Williams did not complete Ballotpedia's 2022 Candidate Connection survey.

2020

CANDIDATE CONNECTION

Lynne Williams completed Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection survey in 2020. The survey questions appear in bold and are followed by Williams' responses. Candidates are asked three required questions for this survey, but they may answer additional optional questions as well.

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- **Who are you? Tell us about yourself.**
- **Please list below 3 key messages of your campaign. What are the main points you want voters to remember about your goals for your time in office?**
- **What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about?**
- **Is there a book, essay, film, or something else you would recommend to someone who wants to understand your political philosophy?**
- **What legacy would you like to have?**
- **What is the first historical event that happened in your lifetime that you remember? How old were you at the time?**
- **What was the last song that got stuck in your head?**
- **Every state besides Nebraska has two legislative chambers. What do you consider the most important differences between the legislative chambers in your state?**
- **Do you believe that it's beneficial for state legislators to have previous experience in government or politics?**
- **What do you perceive to be your state's greatest challenge over the next decade?**
- **What do you believe is the ideal relationship between the governor and the state legislature?**
- **Do you believe it's beneficial to build relationships with other legislators? Please explain your answer.**
- **What process do you favor for redistricting?**
- **If you are not a current legislator, are there certain committees that you would want to be a part of?**
- **If you are not currently a member of your party's leadership in the legislature, would you be interested in joining the leadership? If so, in what role?**
- **Is there a particular legislator, past or present, whom you want to model yourself after?**
- **Are you interested in running for a different political office (for example, the U.S. Congress or governor) in the future?**
- **Both sitting legislators and candidates for office hear many personal stories from the residents of their district. Is there a story that you've heard that you feel particularly touching, memorable, or impactful?**

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2010

On her campaign website, Williams outlines these 20 key values as her main priorities:[9]

- **Grassroots Democracy** - "We will also work to create new forms of political organizations which expand the process of participatory democracy by directly including citizens in the decision-making process."
- **Social Justice** and **Equal Opportunity** - "All persons should have the rights and opportunity to benefit equally from the resources afforded us by society and the environment."
- **Ecological Wisdom** - "Human societies must operate with the understanding that we are part of nature, not separate from nature. We must maintain an ecological balance and live within the ecological and resource limits of our bioregion and the planet."
- **Non-Violence** - "It is essential that we develop alternatives to society's current patterns of violence. We will work to demilitarize, and eliminate weapons of mass destruction, without being naive about the intentions of other governments. We recognize the need for self-defense and the defense of others who are in helpless situations."
- **Decentralization** - "Decision-making should as much as possible, remain at the individual and local level, while institutions at higher levels are protected by all citizens."
- **Community based economics** and **economic justice** - "Local communities must look to economic development that promotes protection of the environment and workers' rights; broad citizen participation in planning; and enhancement of our 'quality of life.'"
- **Feminism** and **gender equality** - "We have inherited a social system based on male domination of politics and economics. We call for the replacement of the cultural ethics of domination and control with more cooperative ethics and practices that honor the contributions of women and gender."
- **Respect for diversity** - "Neighborhood life is important to value cultural ethnic, racial, sexual, religious and spiritual diversity, and promote the development of mutual understanding across these lines."
- **Personal and global responsibility** - "We encourage individuals to act to improve their personal well-being and, at the same time, to enhance ecological balance and social harmony."
- **Future focus and sustainability** - "Our actions and policies should be motivated by long-term goals. We seek to protect valuable natural resources, safely disposing of or "unmaking" all waste we create, while developing a sustainable economics that does not depend on continual expansion for survival."

Scorecards

See also: *State legislative scorecards* and *State legislative scorecards in Maine*

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Ballotpedia's goal is to inform voters about the legislator's political positions. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each report should be considered on its own merits. For example, an advocacy group's scorecard may assess a legislator's voting record on one issue while a state newspaper's scorecard may evaluate the voting record in its entirety.

Ballotpedia's is the process of developing an encyclopedic list of published scorecards. Some states have a limited number of available scorecards or scorecards produced only by select groups. It is Ballotpedia's goal to incorporate all available scorecards regardless of ideology or number.

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Lynn Copeland (D)	2022-Present	
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Brian Hubbell (D)	2020-2022	

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