HB 415 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***415***

AN ACT making ballots cast in elections public documents.

SPONSORS: Rep. Panek, Hills. 1; Rep. Tenczar, Hills. 1; Rep. McCarter, Belk. 8; Rep. Mazur, Hills. 44; Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the secretary of state to make images of ballots cast in an election available to the public.

This bill also permits election ballots to be viewed pursuant to a right to know request.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT making ballots cast in elections public documents.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Sealing and Certifying Ballots. Amend RSA 659:95 to read as follows:

659:95 Sealing and Certifying Ballots.

[~~I.~~] Immediately after the ballots cast at a state election have been tabulated and the result has been announced and the return has been made, the moderator or the moderator's designee, in the presence of the selectmen or their designee, shall place the cast, canceled, and uncast ballots, including such ballots from any additional polling places, and further including the successfully challenged and rejected absentee ballots still contained in their envelopes, in the containers provided by the secretary of state as required by RSA 659:97 and shall seal such container with the sealer provided by the secretary of state as required by RSA 659:97. The moderator or the moderator's designee shall then enter in the appropriate blanks on such sealer on each container the number of cast, canceled, and uncast ballots in such container and shall endorse in the appropriate place on such sealer a certificate in substance as follows: Enclosed are the ballots from the state election in the town of _____ (or in ward _____ in the city of _____) held on _____, 20 ___, Box _____ of _____, to be preserved in accordance with RSA 33-A:3-a. The moderator and the selectmen or their designee shall sign their names in the appropriate blanks on the sealer.

[~~II. Ballots, including cast, cancelled, and uncast ballots and successfully challenged and rejected absentee ballots still contained in their envelopes, prepared or preserved in accordance with the election laws shall be exempt from the provisions of RSA 91-A. This exemption shall apply to any ballots or absentee voter affidavits prepared for or used in any election conducted by the state or any political subdivision, including federal elections.~~]

2 Delivery of Ballots to Town Clerk. Amend RSA 659:98 to read as follows:

659:98 Delivery of Ballots to Town Clerk. The moderator, or the moderator's designee, and the selectmen, or their designee, after they have sealed and certified the state election ballots as provided in RSA 659:95 and RSA 659:96, shall deliver the sealed containers to the town or city clerk, or to the clerk's designee, who shall in their presence enter in the appropriate place on each sealer the time of day and shall sign his or her name in the appropriate blank on the sealer. The clerk or the clerk's designee shall, without breaking the seals or otherwise changing the condition of the containers, deposit the containers in the town or city hall. Containers containing ballots and absentee balloting materials that have been sealed after an election according to instructions provided by the secretary of state shall be stored in a location under the direction of the clerk. A log

shall be maintained by the clerk specifying the location and the containers at the location. Once stored, the containers shall be accessible only to individuals working under the direction of the town clerk, as required for recounts, ***by a person filing a right to know request under RSA 91-A,*** or as necessary for the secretary of state to verify the container storage. When the containers are removed to allow for destruction of ballots in accordance with RSA 33-A:3-a, the destruction of the ballots and absentee balloting materials shall be the final entry in the log.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 28, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Election Law to which was referred HB 415,

AN ACT making ballots cast in elections public documents. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Ross Berry

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Election Law**
Bill Number:	**HB 415**
Title:	**making ballots cast in elections public documents.**
Date:	**February 28, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill creates a mechanism for the public to view cast ballots outside the recount setting. The committee did not like that it would be governed by provisions of RSA 91-A. There were also other concerns relating to costs, timing, and compliance. The committee believes other legislative opportunities exist to address this issue.

Vote 20-0.

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SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill #: HB415 Date: 2/21/23

Committee: Election Law

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 415

BILL TITLE: **making ballots cast in elections public documents.**

DATE: **February 21, 2023**

LOB ROOM: **306-308** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **1:02 p.m.**

Time Adjourned: **1:45 p.m.**

Committee Members: Reps. Berry, Grill, Prudhomme-O'Brien, Boehm, Qualey, Ankarberg, Burnham, Kennedy, Wherry, Wood, Lane, Ward, Hamer, Hamblet, Muirhead, Bay, Brennan and H. Howard

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Panek **Rep. Tenczar** **Rep. McCarter**
Rep. Mazur **Rep. Popovici-Muller**

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Acting Chair Boehm opened the public hearing.

Rep. Claudine Burnham* introduced the bill and spoke in support. She stated that an SOS report revealed over half of respondents had concerns regarding our elections and stated that making ballots public would be a way to address this. She said that there is no federal law making ballots public documents, and that previously, requests to view ballots have been denied, but that a recent court judgment had ruled that ballots cast in elections were subject to the "right to know" law. She said that every citizen is entitled to access to view ballots, not just candidates requesting a recount, and that being unable to view cast ballots makes it impossible for citizens to verify whether a ballot was cast lawfully. She acknowledged concerns that viewing ballots violates voter privacy, and that voters may feel pressured to sell their ballots for marketing, but stated that ballots are already visible to the public in recounts, and that technology can remove ballot markings. She referenced other states like Vermont and Arizona that currently allow public ballot access. She stated that this bill would make it possible for citizens to feel confident in our elections.

Rep. Ellen Read spoke in support of the bill. She stated that she has previously filed this bill in 2018 and 2019. She said that previously, ballots were accessible to the public under 91-A, and that current NH law requires ballots to be counted in public. She stated that the constitution requires election activities to be conducted in public and that the method by which public ballot access was removed is suspect because it was included in another bill as an amendment. She said that if we had access to ballots prior to the 2020 election, we may have seen less divisiveness surrounding the election because it is more difficult for conspiracy theories to grow when processes are completely transparent. She referenced previous language from her past bills, which allowed moderators to conduct audits of voting machines, allowed townspeople to request audits of voting machines prior to elections, and exempted ballots with identifiable markings to protect voter privacy. She said that the only argument she has heard against the bill was the concern around "buying" votes – if someone was offered money in exchange for voting a certain way. She stated that this argument was not valid because a voter could take a picture of their own ballot, and that it would not be practical for someone "buying" a vote to request access to ballots under 91-A.

Rep. Wherry asked if Rep. Read's previous bills had addressed issues related to counting of ballots rather than ballot images. Rep. Read said that her bills only addressed the images of the ballots, and stated that there are ways ballots can be viewed, such as during a recount. Rep. Wherry asked whether this provides for a recount rather than just access to the ballots. Rep. Read clarified that

this bill would only pertain to access to the ballots themselves.

Rep. Brennan asked whether there is a timeframe in the bill within which someone can make a 91-A request. Rep. Read stated that there is not, and that there is also no time period required for the government to respond to 91-A requests. Rep. Brennan followed up to ask whether the bill would allow someone to make a 91-A request for ballots from a long time ago. Rep. Read confirmed that there is no time limit on 91-A and stated that the government is only obligated to provide records that it has.

Rep. Lane asked whether the current bill would provide access to the ballots themselves or just images of the ballots. Rep. Read said that the wording was inconsistent due to changes in technology, and that previously we did not have technology to view images of ballots. Rep. Lane asked whether providing images of ballots would be sufficient to meet 91-A requirements. Rep. Read stated that this would likely be sufficient, but recommended the bill be amended to clarify this.

Rep. Bay asked if there is a current law specifying how long ballots must be retained. Rep. Read stated that towns typically retain ballots for 3 years, but there is no specific language requiring how long images of ballots must be kept for. She recommended this be added as an amendment to "future-proof" the legislation.

Rep. Wherry asked whether there was a federal requirement for the retention of ballots and asked whether we should institute record-keeping requirements for ballot images. Rep. Read stated that she does think we should institute these requirements, and that this has not been implemented previously because of technological limitations.

Rep. Wood asked why previous bills were not passed. Rep. Read stated that previous committees were concerned with the possibility of votes being bought, but that this bill would not increase that risk. Rep. Wood followed up to ask Rep. Read to repeat the argument. Rep. Read restated that she previously has spoken in favor of this legislation for transparency, but that the previous Secretary of State had argued against it due to the possibility of a "bad actor" buying votes and then issuing a 91-A request to view the ballot and confirm it had been cast.

Rep. Bay asked if Rep. Read believes ballots can be stored indefinitely on the "Cloud." Rep. Read stated that there are always risks of servers being damaged, but that is why there needs to be redundancies built into the process to store multiple copies of a ballot image.

Dan Healey of the NH City and Town Clerks Association spoke in opposition to the bill. He stated that at the end of Election Night, boxes of ballots must be sealed with security tape and signed. He stated that the current law only allows the boxes to be re-opened with a court order and this bill does not address that. He said that larger communities may have 50-60 ballot boxes and because there is no time limit on requests, anyone could request to see any number of ballots. He also stated that there is no guidance provided in the bill outlining the process for requesting and viewing ballots. He said that our current election counting and recount processes include more guidance.

Rep. Wherry asked Mr. Healy if he has the same objections with requests to view ballot images rather than the ballots themselves. Mr. Healey said that this was not discussed, but that not every community would be able to afford high-powered scanners with imaging technology and that the bill still does not provide guidance for the process of scanning and viewing images, such as how soon after an election would clerks be able to re-open the boxes of ballots and scan them.

Rep. Brennan asked whether Mr. Healey thought this bill would create a heavy burden for town officials and employees. Mr. Healey said yes and said he was not sure how town officials would be able to transport ballots, particularly in larger communities.

Rep. Daniel Popovici-Muller, cosponsor, spoke in support of the bill. He stated that this is a transparency bill that seeks to increase confidence in how our government works. He said that this is not an unforeseen bill since this was previously codified into law, and that the intent of this bill is not to question election results but to show "how the sausage is made" and that good "restaurants" are happy to show how their food is prepared. Regarding procedural concerns, he referenced Rep. Read's previous bills, which included procedural language, and stated that people are also concerned when bills include too much procedural language. He said that he trusts the officials responsible for 91-A requests to be able to handle requests to view ballots, and that officials would be able to charge a reasonable cost for requests. He said that we have a duty to be open to our people and that this bill

should have the most bipartisan support of all bills he has presented to the committee.

Deputy Secretary of State Erin Hennessey spoke in opposition to the bill. She stated that for federal elections, election materials must be kept for 22 months, and 60 days for local elections, excluding pending litigation. She said that this bill would not just apply to ballots themselves but to ballot applications, envelopes, and all other materials included in an election. She stated that currently, boxes of ballots can only be opened as part of a recount with state supervision. She said that this legislation does not account for these processes and that if someone locally requests an election material box to be opened, the Secretary of State might need to go to the community and observe the process. She also stated that about half of NH towns do not have ballot-counting devices and that the bill without any amendments would not apply to scanned images, only the actual paper ballots. She said that non-ballot election materials would not be scanned. She stated that the Secretary of State's office takes voters' right to privacy seriously and that in cases where ballots are scanned or shared, their privacy may be violated, especially for voters with disabilities who must use machines to assist them, overseas voters, or voters who have signed their ballots. She said that she continues to be concerned about the possibility of someone committing voter fraud using the 91-A request system and that this has happened previously, causing the US to move to secret ballot systems to reduce instances of buying votes. She also stated that there is no fiscal note associated with the bill, but that the associated costs would be high. She said that ballot boxes are currently accessible under 91-A and that the process of accessing the boxes themselves is a time-consuming process. She said that a similar process for ballot access would also be time-consuming and expensive.

Rep. Prudhomme-O'Brien asked if Ms. Hennessey was aware of a similar public ballot access process in other states. Ms. Hennessey said that she did not know but would find out.

Rep. Bay asked whether Ms. Hennessey would consider the storage of ballot images to have a fiscal impact. Ms. Hennessey said yes, and that there would need to be a new process for scanning and storing images of election materials. Rep. Bay asked whether Ms. Hennessey had a recommendation for how long to store ballot images. Ms. Hennessey stated that ballot images would also be stored for 22 months along with election materials.

Rep. Burnham asked whether Ms. Hennessey could confirm whether new scanners could store ballot images. Ms. Hennessey confirmed that they could. Rep. Burnham asked who would pay for the new scanners. Ms. Hennessey stated that the towns and cities would be responsible for these costs.

Acting Chair Boehm read the entries on the blue sign-in sheet: 3 opposed.

Acting Chair Boehm adjourned the public hearing.

House Remote Testify

Election Law Committee Testify List for Bill HB415 on 2023-02-21

Support: 227 Oppose: 119 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Steel, Laura	Plainfield, NH lfsteel@verizon.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No
Richman, Susan	Durham, NH susan7richman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No
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Grossman, Kathy	Hollis, NH Kathy@grossmangizmos.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No
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HB 415

Thank you chair and members of the committee for your time today to hear testimony on HB415 – ballots as public record.

The secretary of state commissioned the Committee for Voter Confidence and testimony revealed that half of those who came forward had concerns about New Hampshire's elections. We need to take steps to improve this confidence level and one very important way of doing this is by creating election transparency. We have many people in New Hampshire who are concerned about our voting machines. With the results of the Windham Audit demonstrating issues that rendered incorrect results, many have become election sceptics and they have no way to lessen their concerns as voters cannot see the ballots that make up their elections.

Why is this? There are no federal laws that prohibit making ballots public information. Federal law leaves this up to the states to decide. So why does New Hampshire prevent access to ballots from 91A requests? Through research and records requests, it appears the legislation to exclude ballots came after recount results in Hampstead were overturned when a citizen requested to see the ballots in the late 80's. This was described in a public selectman's hearing in testimony during the Windham audit.

In 2003, a superior court judge ruled ballots were in fact part of 91A , so a request was made by then Deputy Secretary of State Scanlan and Bud Fitch, Assistant AG to add an amendment to HB 627. A memo authored by the pair requested the following:

" Add a new section to HB 627, exempting ballots used for elections from RSA 91-A. This proposed amendment is prompted by a recent Superior Court Order declaring that the ballots cast in an election are not exempt from the right-to-know law and requiring a town to provide a person making a 91-A demand to have access to all the ballots preserved from a recent town meeting. The integrity of ballots and the finality of election results requires that there be limited and highly controlled access to the ballots used for elections. The existing recount and recount appeal provisions provide adequate access to ballots under circumstances"

The logic behind the request is unfortunately flawed. EVERY citizen in New Hampshire has a right to election transparency- not just candidates who are the only eligible parties to request a recount – and for their race only. After this provision was made law, New Hampshire citizens lost their ability to validate election results making it impossible to tie reported results to votes cast. Citizens have no ability to insure the reported election results are in fact the will of the people without using ballots. This erodes voter confidence and worse, preventing access to ballots adds fuel to the fire that they are being withheld because of an agenda- not because this is good policy.

Concerns in the past have been raised that public ballot access violates voter privacy however all recounts make visible every ballot and privacy has never been an issue. Other concerns about public ballot access centered on voters "selling" or being coerced to use their ballot and marking it for future confirmation. However, technology would allow a simple photo to confirm a voter's ballot so no markings would be needed.

We recognize public access to ballots will need to be organized and balanced with the workloads of towns but we owe it to our voters to make this happen. Public access is done in other states today and most certainly can be done here in New Hampshire.

Vermont uses the identical voting machines and ballots as New Hampshire. They make their ballots available to the public. This is a great source of voter confidence for Vermont.

Arizona just passed bi-partisan legislation to make all ballot images available to the public by passing HB2560. They recognized that their citizens deserve to have confidence in the election results and one of the most important ways to do this is to make the results auditable through publically available ballot images.

We are asking this committee to restore access to ballots as part of public record for New Hampshire citizens- just like the bipartisan efforts just announced in Arizona have done. This is a bill for "we the people" — for everyone to be able to verify election results for themselves.

- Thank you

On behalf of Representative Panek,

Representative Claudine Burnham

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Thank you and God bless,

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Christine Swain

Witnessing the absolute mess of the 2020 and 2022 elections its clear that we need to clean up this process and allow the public, the People, to have transparent access.

Joanne Radziewicz

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Michael Foreman

This is the most important bill submitted so far this session. Ballots being public information gives the citizens of NH full transparency with our most sacred right that I swore an oath to uphold. I demand full accountability for elections.

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Penny Gendron

As a duly elected Supervisor of the Checklist in Alstead, I have serious concerns regarding election transparency throughout the State. In our town, the moderator has all registered Democrats hand counting ballots in the teams instead of having one from each party. There needs to be more oversight.

Thomas White

I support House Bill 415

No more excuses!!!

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Farish Lewis

We NEED absolute transparency in our Election Process. I demand full accounting for our NH elections with absolute transparency !!

Sharon Havens

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Laurie Pappas

The State of New Hampshire citizens deserve to have absolute transparency and faith regarding our voting process. Right now many citizens of our state and the country of the United States have no faith that our votes are accurately counted and are truly legal votes. You have the chance to help save our country and our state from socialism. I am asking for the future sake of our children and grandchildren that you pass this Election Bill. Thank you for your time and consideration

Barb Brennan

I register support for this bill.
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Diane Cooper

I want full transparency. I am in full support.

Cheryl White

We need full transparency in all aspects of our elections which we don't have currently.

Mary Walter

I support this bill.

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Carl Burr

I demand this bill to pass for election transparency and accountability.

Lisa Mathews

Please support this bill. We the citizens of NH deserve the right of transparency in our elections.

This right was taken from us due to a recount years ago that made the election administrators look bad and no longer wanted to deal with the annoyance of having recounts closely examined.

Although, the origin of the inability for citizens to see our ballots actually doesn't matter. We should have the right for that level of transparency when we deem it necessary. After all they are OUR elections.

E. Ruffell

??????Emergency Call to Action ??????

https://rumble.com/v2a780m-why-nh-ballots-arent-public-information-testimony.html

Everyone in NH needs to see this video and the testimony from Windham Town attorney Campbell.

After you watch and share this video with every NH citizen you know please go to this link to support HB415. Picture in the comments to show you all info needed to support HB415.

https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/remotetestimony/default.aspx

HB415 is THE MOST IMPORTANT bill submitted this session!!! Ballots being public information gives we the citizens of NH full transparency with our single most sacred right. NH lacks transparency. When former SoS Gardner spoke regarding ballot transparency he stated the reason why ballots shouldn't be public information is because someone could pay someone to vote for them. NOt his decision! OUR rebuttal was, "so we risk transparency to protect criminals since that is a criminal offense?"

I also want to remind you of this video when reading Gardners reason why ballots shouldn't be public information.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKQEQ7qHvgM

I/ we want to make change in NHs elections this year! HB415 needs to pass and fought for by you! Demand full accounting for your elections with absolute transparency!! Demand the legislature do their jobs and FOLLOW THEIR OATH OF OFFICE!!!

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION BILL THIS TERM!!!
I Demand it passes. We demand it passes. We have all done it before with SB43 , We will do it with this one. We are all Emailing the election law and your representatives now and tell them our opinion on why we the people demand they ALL FOLLOW THEIR OATH OF OFFICE, and do exactly what WE THE TAX PAYER AND WE THE NH CITIZENS demand you do your job, this needs to be passed now. Bottom line for transparency and we are a nation founded on transparency. we will hold you accountable and we will. NH Civil rights and NH Constitution. We will Take back complete control of our elections, it's bad enough we aren't allowed to see the source code to the machines because it's proprietary, bs! 34 years these have been paid for by we the tax payers. And we NEvEr approved these machines. We are taking our elections back through the ballots!!! We will and can do this.

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J Grenier

Please support this bill, which provides transparency in elections. Both major parties, third parties and independent voters should want the ability to make sure all votes are accurate and traceable.

Thank you.

Ellen Moore

Privacy is important and who a person votes for is nobody else's business. In today's atmosphere, there could be hazards to one's well being if their vote is allowed to be made public.

James Biddle

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citizens of NH full transparency with our single most sacred right. We are a nation founded on transparency.

Patrick Lewis

We need election integrity!

Paul Punturieri

As a town and school district moderator, I find this bill to be concerning. Ballots are sealed and a quorum of selectmen along with the moderator an clerk sign off that the contents of the boxes are accurate as indicated. What will happen is that citizen activists will go to every clerk in NH and demand to review every ballot (thousands in some cases) and do some sort of unofficial recount that will do nothing but further the mistrust in our elections here in NH, which are extremely well run and accurate. What will be next? Carbon copy ballots? This is a misguided bill that seeks to undermine the integrity of election officials and should voted inexpedient to legislate.

Paula Pierce

Please pass HB415 - the Live Free or Die State can and must have transparency in our elections .

Jill Johnson

I support this bill and expect transparency for all voters votes. This is a legal matter because it is our Constitutional right.

Jeff Hurt

Ballot should be public property without that it’s like saying you were sworn into office under the constitution but don’t have to honor it we have the right to vote but not to see the results if questioned. Thank you

of course we want transparency, but this will only deter the vote count and not accomplish the transparency we might be looking for.

Nancy Hersey

Please support this bill! We need full accounting for our elections with absolute transparency!

Lisa Barr

HB 415 is critical to transparency and trust in our elections. Support HB 415.

Kelly Coleman

We deserve transparency!! End of story

Sonia Statires

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Gail Laker-Phelps

Kevin Edwards

Our elections need this transparency, we the people deserve to be able to question elections!
I believe this bill is a step in the right direction

Mary E Ruppert

I oppose HB 415. There has been no proven evidence of “widespread voter fraud” as claimed by election deniers. Actually, the opposite has been found; cases of election fraud have been committed by individuals. So, HB 415 is another case of trying to fix something that isn’t broken. However, HB 415 could break something - the integrity, sanctity and privacy of the voting booth. Please don’t allow unfettered access by anyone who files a right to know request to our voting booths. Oppose HB 415. Thank you.

Katherine Stroup

Our election ballots should only be handled by those town officials specifically trained and working at that election. Ballots should remain exempt from the public right to know. There is no important or necessary purpose for private individuals to handle any of our cast or rejected ballots, particularly if those ballots were to be in need of recount or in some other way challenged through the courts or otherwise. No one should touch those ballots. Doing so could challenge our election certifications, which in turn causes instability in our democratic process. Untrained people handled ballots for months in the crazy Arizona "audit" run by the untrained and unofficial. "Cyber Ninjas" following the 2020 election. It cost the state millions of dollars for no reason and put their election at risk. Following the 2020 election, people in the voter fraud conspiracy theory "Voter Integrity Group" went door to door in towns like Windham and Waterville Valley asking residents to tell them who they had voted for. This undermines our election security and is threatening to voters. Allowing ballots to be handled by members of the public for no reason is a danger to our election security and can cause voter suppression by making voters feel threatened, especially if these people access personal information to drive their intimidation. Allowing individual members of the public to handle ballots and make their own determination of what THEY think the mark on the page means would undermine our elections and open up every ballot to thousands of people's personal opinions. Our elections would never be certified. Allowing members of the public to access ballot envelopes is a violation of our rights as voters. No identifiable information regarding specific votes cast, rejected or absentee voter information should be available to members of the public. There have been challenges on rejected votes in the past, and there is a process for that in our court system. Our votes should be safe in order for us to maintain free and fair elections in our democratic republic. Any public access to identifiable information on ballots or envelopes or rejected ballots or envelopes could serve to put voters at risk for retaliation for their vote by employers, spouses, or even vigilante groups. Any damage to ballots, personal interpretation, or disinformation regarding what was on the ballots only serves to undermine our elections.

Ken Eyring

I strongly support this Bill so that anyone will be able to verify/validate the results of any election.

Jean Holden

I support the idea of making ballots accessable to the public. We need transparency on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jean Holden

Debra Walker

Ballots being public information gives we the citizens of NH full transparency with our single most sacred right. NH lacks transparency!

It could be used to target people

Laurie Moreno

I vote in opposition to Bill HB460.

Michelle Morgan

We need make sure our votes count! NH needs transparency. We the people want the ability to look up our votes.

Paul Doloroso

There is nothing more important in America then the freedom to vote. The American people have lost trust in our elected officials and demand free and fair elections. There is a million and 1 ways to "fix" the current state of America, but the simplest and most effective way is to allow "We the People" to fix it ourselves (by letting us vote properly). The founding fathers knew this, this is way the cornerstone of the USA is to allow an informed people to self-govern themselves, with individualism, and independence of any elite ruling power that is controlled by lobbyist. I support any bill that strengthens the right to vote, free, and fair.

Stephen Clough

I strongly support this bill to further strengthen our election process in New Hampshire. I'm tired of seeing the lack of transparency at all levels of government.

Carol Petrusewicz

Yes, all ballots should be available under right to know law. Thank you, Sponsors, for thinking of this. Right to know is exactly that, We the People have a right to know about every facet of elections. Elections are the foundation of our Republic. NH Government is derived from We the People, so should have access to this information.

Jayne OConnor

This bill should be voted down as it erodes our secret ballots and opens our ballots to anyone requesting them through New Hampshire's Right to Know law. It risks affecting our voting privacy, and people with poor intentions can delay certification of the vote seemingly forever. Inefficient, counterproductive, anti-privacy, anti-voting rights.

Melissa Ferreira

I am for ballots being public information. We must not allow corruption any longer. Let the people voice be heard and transparency in voting results.

Joseph Sylvester

I am appalled at what has transpired in 2020 and 2022 with Dominion machines that can be programmed, and the lack of election integrity in NH... This is the Live Free or Die state, and we are being overcome with globalist infiltrating our state. I still don't believe Maggie beat Kelly... bus loads from Mass coming up and registering same day, students in Durham doing the same thing... My wife and I will swear to our dying day that 2020 and 2022 had stolen positions. Our nation is in peril with the democrats and the republican swamp. I would vote for Nikki Haley over Chris Sununu if he runs... I'll take Chris over a democrat, but you are showing your Rino colors... May God and truth reign over NH and our land... let here be hand counting, and transparency in who is registering...

Sandy Lish

Transparency in the election process is vital to secure integrity and honesty.

Andrew Lish

Transparency is an absolutely necessary component of providing election integrity.

Anthony Stanizzi

I SUPPORT this Bill. I hope that you will as well.

Jeffrey Oligny

Hiding documentation like ballots from the public is not the transparent govt that NH freedom was built on.

walter kisch

Stop screwing with our freedom !

Steven Early

We must have FULL TRANSPARENCY in every aspect of our elections. Saying that the ballots we cast are not public information is just plain wrong. We, as The People cast the ballots, and our votes elect the Representatives that serve us. Unless we have the ability ability to question results and access ballots to verify validity and lawfulness, we can have no full trust in elections. I urge you to pass HB415!

What is the cost of this? The Secretary of State, the Governor and my local election officials have no doubt that our elections are sounds. We have just heard that Fox News didn't believe there was election fraud in the 2020 election either they just broadcast lies about it.

Rita Bartell Drum

I support Election Integrity and I support HB 415

Edward Drum MD

I support Election Integrity and HB 415

Sally Bourbeau

I support this bill as I want fair and just elections with integrity. I feel this bill will do just that.

Matthew O'Mara

I support this bill, HB415, to define ballots as public documents, and to provide the means for the public to request access to view: all ballots, to include (by amendment if necessary): all ballot images (both pre- and post-adjudication), all ballot chain of custody receipts, all ballot printer manifests, all municipal ballot order requests, and all manifests which show and account for all ballots that are printed, all ballots that are used, all ballots that are not used, all ballots that are spoiled, all ballots that are cured, and all related documentation and that can be shown to cross-validate all of the above.

I also support the provision (by amendment if necessary) for funding to insure that the public's access, on request, to all election related documentation is provided free of charge.

Finally, I also support (by amendment if necessary) a version of said bill that would simply require a full public audit of all the above election related documentation, in all state and national elections, in a secure and nonpartisan manner, as a matter of NH statute.

Thank you.

This would be a logistical nightmare for any City or Town Clerk. The ballots are in a secure location which only the clerk can access and there are thousands of ballots and many many boxes. Transferring these to allow someone else to access would tie up the town clerk for many many hours. Just not a practical situation.

Michael Beauchesne

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Jennifer Watson

Given the events of the last several years, the public has lost confidence in the election process. This bill would allow citizens to examine the ballots for themselves to verify election results. If elections are already run cleanly, this will provide much needed confidence in the process and also serve as a deterrent to individuals who might be inclined to tamper with results.

Martha Jaquith

Please support this bill that defines ballots as public documents - and therefore enable anyone to be able to verify the results of any election by simply requesting to view the ballots. Thank you for supporting.
-Mrs Martha Jaquith

Dana Akers

I am a 62 yr old NH resident and graduated HS and college in NH. I have read the 3 page pdf of the submitted HB415 and support it. Transparency is needed to restore faith in our elections.

Deborah Cornish

Ballots are public documents and should be treated as such. Ballot integrity is of the utmost importance and will assist in deterring questionable results. Kind Regards, Deborah

Gerard Hyland

I support Hand counted ballots and removal of ballot counting machines

Brenda Hyland

Eliminate ballot machines and only hand count ballots. The machines can't be trusted.

Daniel Itse

Honorable Members of the House Committee on Election Law,
Ensuring that the integrity of the vote is vital to maintaining Liberty.. HB244 will ensure no double voting, and on the other hand, should he signature on the mail in ballot not be their, enable individuals to identify that their vote has been stolen.
Hon.. Daniel C. Itse
603-702-0381

Steve Thiboutot

It's important for the public to be confident their votes are accurate and counted accurately

Rene Archambault

I am submitting this testimony because I cannot appear in person. Several years ago, thanks to our ACLU, the NH Supreme Court ruled individuals can take photographs of their ballots and were free to do with them as the so choose up to and including posting them on line. In a victory for the first amendment, the First Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the law banning ballot selfies. It was a 22 page opinion where the court unequivocally concluded that the law violates free speech rights noting that the restrictiions on speech imposed by this amendment are antithetical. This became law on September 1st, 2014.

Now they want to try and backdoor the First Circuit Courts ruling with this proposed bill. This bill should not be given any consideration as its spirit intends to violate the free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment. There is no reason why "your " ballot must remain confidential except for nefarious reasons.

Respectfully,

Rene C. Archambault

David Kiley

This is an important bill. Part I Article 8 of the NH constitution requires these documents to be available for inspection if not unreasonable. SB 43 from 2021 was not a reasonable approach to inspection.

Any RSA that exists contrary to reasonable access to public records including ballots and election materials should be struck down.

Catherine Girata

Dear House Election Law Committee;

I urge you to vote yes on HB415. The designation that would define ballots as public documents is an important status in order to insure a strong transparent voting process. The people are are part of the process and anyone should be able to verify the results of any election by simply requesting to view the ballots.

Respectfully
Catherine Girata

Jeanine Baberadt

I am respectfully asking this committee to support this bill. It is common sense that ALL ballots are PUBLIC and therefore should be open to PUBLIC scrutiny when asked for. Thank you.

Sisan DeRoy

We need transparency. Please pass this bill for election confidence.

Patricia Cook

This bill will define ballots as public documents and therefore enable anyone to verify the results of the election by requesting to view the ballots

David Thalheimer

I support this effort to provide transparency and integrity to our elections.

Sally Staude

We MUST be able to verify valid ballots have been filled out!! Pass this critical bill so we can have confidence in the process!!!

Leane Garland

What happened to the right of privacy in voting? What is the purpose of a process that makes public an individual's voting choices?

Sara Smith

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Jon Lembo

The election process not secure end to end.
There is no transparency, faith or cooperation with the public.
It seems like there is a system wide stranglehold on our elections and our choices are not being carried out.

Claire Ketteler

I support this bill. Ballots should be public documents once dropped in the ballot box or sucked into the voting machine. As public documents they would be subject to right to know laws and could publicly be inspected with an appropriate request. This is only fair and makes voting more transparent. Thank you

Margaret Sweeney

Election integrity and transparency should be top priority for law makers and should be taken very seriously.

Kenneth Tassey

It is my hope that the goal of your committee is to resolve the people's discomfort toward the election process and to create an environment that fosters enthusiasm and excitement on election day. Making ballots easily accessible to any citizen of the State of New Hampshire will help toward achieving that end.

Each step that your committee takes toward greater access to the process is noble and good. If the members of the committee are indeed noble and good, please SUPPORT this bill and vote YES on SB415.

Susan Richman

The protocol for handling of ballots is very precise. Once lost or damaged, there is no ability to recover the results they contained. Allowing anyone access to cast ballots endangers the security of these unique and essential documents.

Anthony Ferrantello

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Renae Sevigny

I support this bill and believe that ballots should be public information, the citizens of NH should have transparency.

Christine Swain

Witnessing the absolute mess of the 2020 and 2022 elections its clear that we need to clean up this process and allow the public, the People, to have transparent access.

Joanne Radziewicz

Without full transparency in every aspect of our elections, and without The People's ability to question results and access ballots to verify validity and lawfulness, there can be no full trust in elections, and that's a BIG problem.

Michael Foreman

This is the most important bill submitted so far this session. Ballots being public information gives the citizens of NH full transparency with our most sacred right that I swore an oath to uphold. I demand full accountability for elections.

Kelly Arsenault

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Without full transparency in every aspect of our elections, and without The People's ability to question results and access ballots to verify validity and lawfulness, there can be no full trust in elections. Let's keep everyone honest and not give the election deniers more fuel.

Penny Gendron

As a duly elected Supervisor of the Checklist in Alstead, I have serious concerns regarding election transparency throughout the State. In our town, the moderator has all registered Democrats hand counting ballots in the teams instead of having one from each party. There needs to be more oversight.

Thomas White

I support House Bill 415

No more excuses!!!

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Farish Lewis

We NEED absolute transparency in our Election Process. I demand full accounting for our NH elections with absolute transparency !!

Sharon Havens

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Laurie Pappas

The State of New Hampshire citizens deserve to have absolute transparency and faith regarding our voting process. Right now many citizens of our state and the country of the United States have no faith that our votes are accurately counted and are truly legal votes. You have the chance to help save our country and our state from socialism. I am asking for the future sake of our children and grandchildren that you pass this Election Bill. Thank you for your time and consideration

Barb Brennan

I register support for this bill.
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Diane Cooper

I want full transparency. I am in full support.

Cheryl White

We need full transparency in all aspects of our elections which we don't have currently.

Mary Walter

I support this bill.

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Carl Burr

I demand this bill to pass for election transparency and accountability.

Lisa Mathews

Please support this bill. We the citizens of NH deserve the right of transparency in our elections.

This right was taken from us due to a recount years ago that made the election administrators look bad and no longer wanted to deal with the annoyance of having recounts closely examined.

Although, the origin of the inability for citizens to see our ballots actually doesn't matter. We should have the right for that level of transparency when we deem it necessary. After all they are OUR elections.

E. Ruffell

??????Emergency Call to Action ??????

https://rumble.com/v2a780m-why-nh-ballots-arent-public-information-testimony.html

Everyone in NH needs to see this video and the testimony from Windham Town attorney Campbell.

After you watch and share this video with every NH citizen you know please go to this link to support HB415. Picture in the comments to show you all info needed to support HB415.

https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/remotetestimony/default.aspx

HB415 is THE MOST IMPORTANT bill submitted this session!!! Ballots being public information gives we the citizens of NH full transparency with our single most sacred right. NH lacks transparency. When former SoS Gardner spoke regarding ballot transparency he stated the reason why ballots shouldn't be public information is because someone could pay someone to vote for them. NOt his decision! OUR rebuttal was, "so we risk transparency to protect criminals since that is a criminal offense?"

I also want to remind you of this video when reading Gardners reason why ballots shouldn't be public information.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKQEQ7qHvgM

I/ we want to make change in NHs elections this year! HB415 needs to pass and fought for by you! Demand full accounting for your elections with absolute transparency!! Demand the legislature do their jobs and FOLLOW THEIR OATH OF OFFICE!!!

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION BILL THIS TERM!!!
I Demand it passes. We demand it passes. We have all done it before with SB43 , We will do it with this one. We are all Emailing the election law and your representatives now and tell them our opinion on why we the people demand they ALL FOLLOW THEIR OATH OF OFFICE, and do exactly what WE THE TAX PAYER AND WE THE NH CITIZENS demand you do your job, this needs to be passed now. Bottom line for transparency and we are a nation founded on transparency. we will hold you accountable and we will. NH Civil rights and NH Constitution. We will Take back complete control of our elections, it's bad enough we aren't allowed to see the source code to the machines because it's proprietary, bs! 34 years these have been paid for by we the tax payers. And we NEvEr approved these machines. We are taking our elections back through the ballots!!! We will and can do this.

Email: houseelectionlawcommittee@leg.state.nh.us

J Grenier

Please support this bill, which provides transparency in elections. Both major parties, third parties and independent voters should want the ability to make sure all votes are accurate and traceable.

Thank you.

Ellen Moore

Privacy is important and who a person votes for is nobody else's business. In today's atmosphere, there could be hazards to one's well being if their vote is allowed to be made public.

James Biddle

Ballots being public information gives we the
citizens of NH full transparency with our single most sacred right. We are a nation founded on transparency.

Patrick Lewis

We need election integrity!

Paul Punturieri

As a town and school district moderator, I find this bill to be concerning. Ballots are sealed and a quorum of selectmen along with the moderator an clerk sign off that the contents of the boxes are accurate as indicated. What will happen is that citizen activists will go to every clerk in NH and demand to review every ballot (thousands in some cases) and do some sort of unofficial recount that will do nothing but further the mistrust in our elections here in NH, which are extremely well run and accurate. What will be next? Carbon copy ballots? This is a misguided bill that seeks to undermine the integrity of election officials and should voted inexpedient to legislate.

Paula Pierce

Please pass HB415 - the Live Free or Die State can and must have transparency in our elections .

Jill Johnson

I support this bill and expect transparency for all voters votes. This is a legal matter because it is our Constitutional right.

Jeff Hurt

Ballot should be public property without that it’s like saying you were sworn into office under the constitution but don’t have to honor it we have the right to vote but not to see the results if questioned. Thank you

of course we want transparency, but this will only deter the vote count and not accomplish the transparency we might be looking for.

Nancy Hersey

Please support this bill! We need full accounting for our elections with absolute transparency!

Lisa Barr

HB 415 is critical to transparency and trust in our elections. Support HB 415.

Kelly Coleman

We deserve transparency!! End of story

Sonia Statires

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Gail Laker-Phelps

Kevin Edwards

Our elections need this transparency, we the people deserve to be able to question elections!
I believe this bill is a step in the right direction

Mary E Ruppert

I oppose HB 415. There has been no proven evidence of “widespread voter fraud” as claimed by election deniers. Actually, the opposite has been found; cases of election fraud have been committed by individuals. So, HB 415 is another case of trying to fix something that isn’t broken. However, HB 415 could break something - the integrity, sanctity and privacy of the voting booth. Please don’t allow unfettered access by anyone who files a right to know request to our voting booths. Oppose HB 415. Thank you.

Katherine Stroup

Our election ballots should only be handled by those town officials specifically trained and working at that election. Ballots should remain exempt from the public right to know. There is no important or necessary purpose for private individuals to handle any of our cast or rejected ballots, particularly if those ballots were to be in need of recount or in some other way challenged through the courts or otherwise. No one should touch those ballots. Doing so could challenge our election certifications, which in turn causes instability in our democratic process. Untrained people handled ballots for months in the crazy Arizona "audit" run by the untrained and unofficial. "Cyber Ninjas" following the 2020 election. It cost the state millions of dollars for no reason and put their election at risk. Following the 2020 election, people in the voter fraud conspiracy theory "Voter Integrity Group" went door to door in towns like Windham and Waterville Valley asking residents to tell them who they had voted for. This undermines our election security and is threatening to voters. Allowing ballots to be handled by members of the public for no reason is a danger to our election security and can cause voter suppression by making voters feel threatened, especially if these people access personal information to drive their intimidation. Allowing individual members of the public to handle ballots and make their own determination of what THEY think the mark on the page means would undermine our elections and open up every ballot to thousands of people's personal opinions. Our elections would never be certified. Allowing members of the public to access ballot envelopes is a violation of our rights as voters. No identifiable information regarding specific votes cast, rejected or absentee voter information should be available to members of the public. There have been challenges on rejected votes in the past, and there is a process for that in our court system. Our votes should be safe in order for us to maintain free and fair elections in our democratic republic. Any public access to identifiable information on ballots or envelopes or rejected ballots or envelopes could serve to put voters at risk for retaliation for their vote by employers, spouses, or even vigilante groups. Any damage to ballots, personal interpretation, or disinformation regarding what was on the ballots only serves to undermine our elections.

Ken Eyring

I strongly support this Bill so that anyone will be able to verify/validate the results of any election.

Jean Holden

I support the idea of making ballots accessable to the public. We need transparency on this matter.
Sincerely,
Jean Holden

Debra Walker

Ballots being public information gives we the citizens of NH full transparency with our single most sacred right. NH lacks transparency!

It could be used to target people

Laurie Moreno

I vote in opposition to Bill HB460.

Michelle Morgan

We need make sure our votes count! NH needs transparency. We the people want the ability to look up our votes.

Paul Doloroso

There is nothing more important in America then the freedom to vote. The American people have lost trust in our elected officials and demand free and fair elections. There is a million and 1 ways to "fix" the current state of America, but the simplest and most effective way is to allow "We the People" to fix it ourselves (by letting us vote properly). The founding fathers knew this, this is way the cornerstone of the USA is to allow an informed people to self-govern themselves, with individualism, and independence of any elite ruling power that is controlled by lobbyist. I support any bill that strengthens the right to vote, free, and fair.

Stephen Clough

I strongly support this bill to further strengthen our election process in New Hampshire. I'm tired of seeing the lack of transparency at all levels of government.

Carol Petrusewicz

Yes, all ballots should be available under right to know law. Thank you, Sponsors, for thinking of this. Right to know is exactly that, We the People have a right to know about every facet of elections. Elections are the foundation of our Republic. NH Government is derived from We the People, so should have access to this information.

Jayne OConnor

This bill should be voted down as it erodes our secret ballots and opens our ballots to anyone requesting them through New Hampshire's Right to Know law. It risks affecting our voting privacy, and people with poor intentions can delay certification of the vote seemingly forever. Inefficient, counterproductive, anti-privacy, anti-voting rights.

Melissa Ferreira

I am for ballots being public information. We must not allow corruption any longer. Let the people voice be heard and transparency in voting results.

Joseph Sylvester

I am appalled at what has transpired in 2020 and 2022 with Dominion machines that can be programmed, and the lack of election integrity in NH... This is the Live Free or Die state, and we are being overcome with globalist infiltrating our state. I still don't believe Maggie beat Kelly... bus loads from Mass coming up and registering same day, students in Durham doing the same thing... My wife and I will swear to our dying day that 2020 and 2022 had stolen positions. Our nation is in peril with the democrats and the republican swamp. I would vote for Nikki Haley over Chris Sununu if he runs... I'll take Chris over a democrat, but you are showing your Rino colors... May God and truth reign over NH and our land... let here be hand counting, and transparency in who is registering...

Sandy Lish

Transparency in the election process is vital to secure integrity and honesty.

Andrew Lish

Transparency is an absolutely necessary component of providing election integrity.

Anthony Stanizzi

I SUPPORT this Bill. I hope that you will as well.

Jeffrey Oligny

Hiding documentation like ballots from the public is not the transparent govt that NH freedom was built on.

walter kisch

Stop screwing with our freedom !

Steven Early

We must have FULL TRANSPARENCY in every aspect of our elections. Saying that the ballots we cast are not public information is just plain wrong. We, as The People cast the ballots, and our votes elect the Representatives that serve us. Unless we have the ability ability to question results and access ballots to verify validity and lawfulness, we can have no full trust in elections. I urge you to pass HB415!

What is the cost of this? The Secretary of State, the Governor and my local election officials have no doubt that our elections are sounds. We have just heard that Fox News didn't believe there was election fraud in the 2020 election either they just broadcast lies about it.

Rita Bartell Drum

I support Election Integrity and I support HB 415

Edward Drum MD

I support Election Integrity and HB 415

Sally Bourbeau

I support this bill as I want fair and just elections with integrity. I feel this bill will do just that.

Matthew O'Mara

I support this bill, HB415, to define ballots as public documents, and to provide the means for the public to request access to view: all ballots, to include (by amendment if necessary): all ballot images (both pre- and post-adjudication), all ballot chain of custody receipts, all ballot printer manifests, all municipal ballot order requests, and all manifests which show and account for all ballots that are printed, all ballots that are used, all ballots that are not used, all ballots that are spoiled, all ballots that are cured, and all related documentation and that can be shown to cross-validate all of the above.

I also support the provision (by amendment if necessary) for funding to insure that the public's access, on request, to all election related documentation is provided free of charge.

Finally, I also support (by amendment if necessary) a version of said bill that would simply require a full public audit of all the above election related documentation, in all state and national elections, in a secure and nonpartisan manner, as a matter of NH statute.

Thank you.

This would be a logistical nightmare for any City or Town Clerk. The ballots are in a secure location which only the clerk can access and there are thousands of ballots and many many boxes. Transferring these to allow someone else to access would tie up the town clerk for many many hours. Just not a practical situation.

Michael Beauchesne

In my opinion, HB415 is THE MOST IMPORTANT bill submitted this session!!! Ballots being public information gives we the citizens of NH full transparency with our single most sacred right - the right to VOTE. NH lacks transparency. We need full accounting for our elections with absolute transparency!!I am in complete support for bill HB415 and every law abiding citizen in the state should be too!

Jennifer Watson

Given the events of the last several years, the public has lost confidence in the election process. This bill would allow citizens to examine the ballots for themselves to verify election results. If elections are already run cleanly, this will provide much needed confidence in the process and also serve as a deterrent to individuals who might be inclined to tamper with results.

Martha Jaquith

Please support this bill that defines ballots as public documents - and therefore enable anyone to be able to verify the results of any election by simply requesting to view the ballots. Thank you for supporting.
-Mrs Martha Jaquith

Dana Akers

I am a 62 yr old NH resident and graduated HS and college in NH. I have read the 3 page pdf of the submitted HB415 and support it. Transparency is needed to restore faith in our elections.

Deborah Cornish

Ballots are public documents and should be treated as such. Ballot integrity is of the utmost importance and will assist in deterring questionable results. Kind Regards, Deborah

Gerard Hyland

I support Hand counted ballots and removal of ballot counting machines

Brenda Hyland

Eliminate ballot machines and only hand count ballots. The machines can't be trusted.

Daniel Itse

Honorable Members of the House Committee on Election Law,
Ensuring that the integrity of the vote is vital to maintaining Liberty.. HB244 will ensure no double voting, and on the other hand, should he signature on the mail in ballot not be their, enable individuals to identify that their vote has been stolen.
Hon.. Daniel C. Itse
603-702-0381

Steve Thiboutot

It's important for the public to be confident their votes are accurate and counted accurately

Rene Archambault

I am submitting this testimony because I cannot appear in person. Several years ago, thanks to our ACLU, the NH Supreme Court ruled individuals can take photographs of their ballots and were free to do with them as the so choose up to and including posting them on line. In a victory for the first amendment, the First Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the law banning ballot selfies. It was a 22 page opinion where the court unequivocally concluded that the law violates free speech rights noting that the restrictiions on speech imposed by this amendment are antithetical. This became law on September 1st, 2014.

Now they want to try and backdoor the First Circuit Courts ruling with this proposed bill. This bill should not be given any consideration as its spirit intends to violate the free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment. There is no reason why "your " ballot must remain confidential except for nefarious reasons.

Respectfully,

Rene C. Archambault

David Kiley

This is an important bill. Part I Article 8 of the NH constitution requires these documents to be available for inspection if not unreasonable. SB 43 from 2021 was not a reasonable approach to inspection.

Any RSA that exists contrary to reasonable access to public records including ballots and election materials should be struck down.

Catherine Girata

Dear House Election Law Committee;

I urge you to vote yes on HB415. The designation that would define ballots as public documents is an important status in order to insure a strong transparent voting process. The people are are part of the process and anyone should be able to verify the results of any election by simply requesting to view the ballots.

Respectfully
Catherine Girata

Jeanine Baberadt

I am respectfully asking this committee to support this bill. It is common sense that ALL ballots are PUBLIC and therefore should be open to PUBLIC scrutiny when asked for. Thank you.

Sisan DeRoy

We need transparency. Please pass this bill for election confidence.

Patricia Cook

This bill will define ballots as public documents and therefore enable anyone to verify the results of the election by requesting to view the ballots

David Thalheimer

I support this effort to provide transparency and integrity to our elections.

Sally Staude

We MUST be able to verify valid ballots have been filled out!! Pass this critical bill so we can have confidence in the process!!!

Leane Garland

What happened to the right of privacy in voting? What is the purpose of a process that makes public an individual's voting choices?

Sara Smith

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Jon Lembo

The election process not secure end to end.
There is no transparency, faith or cooperation with the public.
It seems like there is a system wide stranglehold on our elections and our choices are not being carried out.

Claire Ketteler

I support this bill. Ballots should be public documents once dropped in the ballot box or sucked into the voting machine. As public documents they would be subject to right to know laws and could publicly be inspected with an appropriate request. This is only fair and makes voting more transparent. Thank you

Margaret Sweeney

Election integrity and transparency should be top priority for law makers and should be taken very seriously.

Kenneth Tassey

It is my hope that the goal of your committee is to resolve the people's discomfort toward the election process and to create an environment that fosters enthusiasm and excitement on election day. Making ballots easily accessible to any citizen of the State of New Hampshire will help toward achieving that end.

Each step that your committee takes toward greater access to the process is noble and good. If the members of the committee are indeed noble and good, please SUPPORT this bill and vote YES on SB415.

Susan Richman

The protocol for handling of ballots is very precise. Once lost or damaged, there is no ability to recover the results they contained. Allowing anyone access to cast ballots endangers the security of these unique and essential documents.

Anthony Ferrantello

HB415 would define ballots as public documents - and therefore enable anyone to be able to verify the results of any election by simply requesting to view the ballots.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 415

BILL TITLE: making ballots cast in elections public documents.

DATE: February 28, 2023

LOB ROOM: 306-308

MOTIONS: **OUGHT TO PASS**

Moved by Rep. Wherry | Seconded by Rep. Kennedy | Vote: 0-20

MOTIONS: **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Moved by Rep. Wherry | Seconded by Rep. Kennedy | AM Vote: 1-19

Amendment # 2023-0703h

Moved by Rep. Wherry | Seconded by Rep. Kennedy | Vote: 1-19

MOTIONS: **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Berry | Seconded by Rep. Muirhead | Vote: 20-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Jessica Grill, Clerk

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Kennedy, Stephen J.		X	
Wherry, Robert J		X	
Wood, Clayton D		X	
Lane, Connie Boyles		X	
Ward, Gerald W.R.		X	
Lamer, Heidi M.		X	
Lamblet, Joan L.		X	
Muirhead, Russell		X	
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Brennan, Angela		X	
Grill, Jessica		X	
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TOTAL VOTE:	20	0	

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