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HOUSE BILL **626**

AN ACT directing the secretary of state to implement a vulnerability disclosure program for certain election systems.

SPONSORS: Rep. McFarlane, Graf. 18; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17; Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16

COMMITTEE: Election Law

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the secretary of state to implement a vulnerability disclosure program for certain election systems.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Five

AN ACT directing the secretary of state to implement a vulnerability disclosure program for certain election systems.

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

1 200:1 Secretary of State; Chief Election Officer; Duty to Investigate System Vulnerabilities. Amend
2 RSA 652:23 to read as follows:

3 652:23 Chief Election Officer.

4 *I.* The secretary of state shall be the chief election officer for the state. The secretary of state
5 shall provide information regarding voter registration procedures and absentee ballot procedures for all
6 voters, including absent uniformed services voters, absent voters temporarily residing outside the United
7 States, and federal ballot only voters domiciled outside the United States. Instructional and informational
8 materials published by the secretary of state for clerks to provide such voters shall include information on
9 how to communicate electronically with election officials.

10 *II. Within 180 days of the effective date of this paragraph, the secretary of state shall implement*
11 *and operate a public vulnerability disclosure program which substantially meets or exceeds the*
12 *recommendations contained within the publication "Guide to Vulnerability Reporting for America's Election*
13 *Administrators" published by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the United States*
14 *Department of Homeland Security, to make it easier for security researchers and the general public to*
15 *report security vulnerabilities appropriately. The secretary shall work with the cybersecurity advisory*
16 *committee established in RSA 21-R:16.*

200.2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: July 15, 2025
Effective Date: July 15, 2025