

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred **HB 1541-FN**

AN ACT

requiring the secretary of state to provide all voting precincts with secure containers for storing ballots.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-1313s

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For the Committee

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