

HB 281 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL **281**

AN ACT requiring electronic voter checklists to be supplied in a sortable format.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. Wood, Merr. 13

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires electronic voter checklists to be supplied in a sortable format.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT requiring electronic voter checklists to be supplied in a sortable format.

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

1 1 Absentee Voting; Procedure for Absence; Religious Observance; and Disability
2 and Overseas Voting. Amend RSA 657:15, II - III-a to read as follows:

3 II. Candidates whose names appear on the ballot and persons bearing notarized requests or
4 copies of notarized requests from candidates whose names appear on the ballot may obtain a list of
5 absentee voter applicants from the clerk, excluding voters who have presented to the supervisors of
6 the checklist valid protective orders pursuant to RSA 173-B. If requested this list shall be supplied
7 electronically ***in a sortable spreadsheet or comma-separated values (CSV) format*** from the
8 information in the statewide centralized voter registration database. If an electronic copy exists, it
9 shall be provided without charge in accordance with RSA 91-A.

10 III. Candidates whose names appear on the ballot for statewide office and persons bearing a
11 notarized request from candidates whose names appear on the ballot for statewide office may obtain
12 a statewide list of absentee voter applicants, excluding voters who have presented to the supervisors
13 of the checklist valid protective orders pursuant to RSA 173-B from the secretary of state.
14 Information on the statewide absentee voter list shall be limited to voter name and address where
15 registered, voter ID number, voter's party, the type of election the absentee ballot was requested in,
16 the date the absentee ballot was requested, the date the absentee ballot was sent or handed to the
17 voter, and the date that the absentee ballot envelope was returned. ***If the absentee ballot was
18 sent to an address different from the voter's address where he or she registered, then the
19 address where the absentee ballot was sent shall also be included.***

20 III-a. Political parties and persons bearing notarized requests from political parties may
21 obtain a statewide list of absentee voter applicants, excluding voters who have presented to the
22 supervisors of the checklist valid protective orders pursuant to RSA 173-B from the secretary of
23 state. Information on the statewide absentee voter list shall be limited to voter name, voter ID
24 number, ***voter address***, the date the absentee ballot was requested, and the date that the ballot was
25 returned.

26 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.