

HB 158 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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HOUSE BILL **158**

AN ACT requiring the secretary of state to review absentee ballot data biennially, forward certain requests to the election law unit for review, and make a report to the general court.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. Bernardy, Rock. 36; Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 25; Rep. Verville, Rock. 2; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. S. Boyd, Merr. 10; Rep. T. Walsh, Merr. 10; Rep. Sheehan, Hills. 43; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. McConkey, Dist 3

COMMITTEE: Election Law

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the secretary of state to review absentee ballot data biennially, forward certain requests to the election law unit for review, and make a report to the general court.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Addresses Receiving Multiple Absentee Ballots. Amend RSA 657:15 by inserting
2 after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

3 I-a. The secretary of state shall review absentee ballot data after each general election to
4 identify absentee ballot requests that should be forwarded to the department of justice, election law
5 unit for an investigative review. This review shall include requests by multiple voters that are sent
6 to a common address. The secretary shall provide the committees of jurisdiction a report of the
7 number and category of requests forwarded for investigative review.

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.