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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 283:1 Absentee Voting; Procedure for Absence; Religious Observance; and Disability and Overseas
2 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 the
6 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 information in
8 the statewide centralized voter registration database. If an electronic copy exists, it shall be provided
9 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 a
12 statewide list of absentee voter applicants, excluding voters who have presented to the supervisors of the
13 checklist valid protective orders pursuant to RSA 173-B from the secretary of state. Information on the
14 statewide absentee voter list shall be limited to voter name and address where registered, voter ID
15 number, voter's party, the type of election the absentee ballot was requested in, the date the absentee
16 ballot was requested, the date the absentee ballot was sent or handed to the voter, and the date that the
17 absentee ballot envelope was returned.

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

283:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 10, 2026
Effective Date: September 08, 2026