

HB 154 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **154**

AN ACT enabling voters to request to have their ballots hand-counted.

SPONSORS: Rep. See, Merr. 26; Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. Wood, Merr. 13; Rep. Cambrils, Merr. 4; Rep. Devoid, Merr. 1

COMMITTEE: Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill enables voters to request to have their ballots hand-counted.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 enabling voters to request to have their ballots hand-counted.

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

1           1 New Paragraph; Right to Have Ballot Hand-Counted. Amend RSA 656:42 by inserting after  
2 paragraph XI the following new paragraph:

3           XII. Any voter may request to have his or her ballot hand-counted and the voter shall be  
4 instructed to place his or her ballot in the auxiliary compartment of the ballot counting device to be  
5 hand counted by election officials after the close of the polls.

6           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.