

HB 288 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **288**

AN ACT requires that absentee ballots be requested at least 6 months prior to any election for which the absentee ballot is requested.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. Burnham, Straf. 2; Rep. Wood, Merr. 13

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires that absentee ballots be requested at least 6 months prior to any election for which the absentee ballot is requested.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Elections; Absentee Voting; Procedure by Applicant. Amend RSA 657:6 to read as
2 follows:

3 657:6 Procedure by Applicant. An application form for an absentee ballot shall be mailed or
4 delivered to any person who applies therefor to the secretary of state or to any town or city clerk. It
5 shall be filled out by the applicant and sent to the clerk of the town or city in which he or she desires
6 to vote. Alternatively, a person may apply for an official absentee ballot by sending to said clerk a
7 written statement containing the information required by RSA 657:4, I or by the federal official post
8 card form. ***Application forms shall be received or postmarked within 6 months of the***
9 ***election for which the absentee ballot is being requested. Any application received or***
10 ***postmarked prior to the 6-month period shall not be accepted by the secretary of state or***
11 ***any town or city clerk.***

12 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.