

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee

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SB 660, relative to photo identification cards issued solely for the purpose of voting.

Hearing Date: February 10, 2026

Time Opened: 9:30 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:36 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gray, Lang, Rochefort, Perkins Kwoka and Long

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill amends where a person may obtain a photo identification card voucher form to exempt them from the voter identification card fee.

Sponsors:

Sen. Gray

Who supports the bill: Senator James Gray, Rep. Robert Wherry, Daniel Richardson, Leo Plante

Who opposes the bill: Katie McLaughlin, Stephanie Moore, Sarah McGraw-Small, Suzanna Derynioski

Summary of testimony presented:

Senator Gray, Prime Sponsor

- This bill was at the request of the Secretary of State (SOS).
- It contains a couple of minor changes to the RSA 260:21, V:
 - The Secretary of State's Office does not issue the document that exempts you from the fee; the towns do, so they are crossed out on line 8 of the bill.
 - On line 28 of the bill, it is updated to "presented proof of domicile" instead of "is listed on the voter checklist" because individuals registering to vote will not be listed on the checklist.

Senator Perkins Kwoka stated that this change removes the SOS from the ID application process and asked if this is considered having to show additional proof of domicile? What if the individual is already registered to vote, do they have to provide proof again?

Senator Gray said that even when you vote, you must still prove domicile. We don't want the city clerk in Berlin certifying voters in Peterborough.

Senator Lang clarified, explaining that because we now have voter ID, even if you're on the checklist, you still need to show identification. This bill still allows you to get a current ID by visiting the town, filling out a form, and then going to the Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain the card.

Senator Gray mentioned that now, anyone needing a birth certificate or other vital records can get them from the SOS at no cost.