

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee

Jessica Bourque 271-2104

HB 281, requiring electronic voter checklists to be supplied in a sortable format.

Hearing Date: February 17, 2026

Time Opened: 9:33 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:37 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 requires electronic voter checklists to be supplied in a sortable format.

Sponsors:

Rep. Wherry

Rep. Wood

Who supports the bill: Rep. Robert Wherry, Alex de Geofroy, Cory Stone, Eric Pauer

Who opposes the bill: Lorraine Hansen, Corinne Gordon, Katie McLaughlin, Cara Cabral

Summary of testimony presented:

Rep. Bob Wherry, Prime Sponsor, Hillsborough-13

- This bill makes changes to RSA 657:15.
- The ability to access the list of absentee voter applicants is already provided by statute; however, people who have received the list have often been provided with lists in pdf format, which is not user-friendly or easily sortable for the purposes of reviewing the list.
- This bill also adds voter address information to target some campaign efforts and includes the address where an absentee ballot was sent if it was not received in person by the town clerk or if the address was different from the address provided on the voter registration.

Senator Gray suggested that Rep. Wherry consult with Rep. Hill (the primary sponsor of HB 158) about their respective bills.

Rep. Wherry said he will meet with Rep. Hill today.

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Date Hearing Report completed: February 18, 2026

