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HOUSE BILL ***1153***

AN ACT relative to absentee ballot requests.

SPONSORS: Rep. Torosian, Rock. 14; Rep. Gould, Hills. 7; Rep. Janigian, Rock. 8; Rep. Ankarberg, Straf. 10; Rep. Wuelper, Straf. 3; Rep. J. Smith, Carr. 5

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies that absentee ballots may not be mailed to absentee voters before an absentee ballot application has been received and approved.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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

1 Absentee Voting; Procedures. Amend RSA 657:12 to read as follows:

657:12 Provisions for General Election. Upon receipt of a properly executed application for an official absentee ballot for a general election, whether the form supplied by the secretary of state, the federal official post card form, or a written statement containing the information required by RSA 657:4, I, a town or city clerk shall forthwith ascertain if the applicant is on the checklist of the town or city. If the applicant is on the checklist, the clerk shall send the materials provided for in RSA 657:15 to the applicant and record the information pursuant to RSA 657:15; if not, the clerk shall refuse to certify as provided in RSA 657:16. An application may be transmitted by facsimile to a town or city clerk. ***Under no circumstances shall a town or city clerk mail an absentee ballot to any person unless and until such person has submitted an absentee ballot application and the town or city clerk has approved such application.***

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