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HB 154 - FINAL VERSION

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HOUSE BILL

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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

ANALYSIS

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

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

1 271:1 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 hand the ballot to the election official manning the ballot machine, who shall place the ballot
5 in the auxiliary compartment of the ballot counting device to be hand-counted by election officials after the
6 close of the polls.

271:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: August 01, 2025
Effective Date: September 30, 2025