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Amendment to HB 1306

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 New Section; Absentee Ballot Certificate. Amend RSA 657 by inserting after section 23 the  
4 following new section:

5 657:23-a Absentee Ballot Certificate.

6 I. The secretary of state shall prepare and distribute to each town or ward clerk 3 copies of  
7 the absentee ballot certificate. When the absentee ballots are counted, the moderator and clerk shall  
8 certify on the certificate the total number of absentee ballots received, as well as all counts required  
9 under paragraph II. One copy shall be retained by the moderator for his or her records; one copy  
10 shall be retained by the clerk for his or her records; and one copy shall be forwarded by the clerk to  
11 the secretary of state within 48 hours of the close of elections.

12 II. Absentee ballots shall be counted for the following:

- 13 (a) Total absentee ballots received by the clerk.  
14 (b) Total number of absentee ballots mailed/and delivered by the clerk.  
15 (c) Total number of absentee ballots spoiled before the opening of the polls.  
16 (d) Total number of absentee ballots emailed to UOCAVA voters.  
17 (e) Total number of absentee ballots remaining before the opening of the polls.  
18 (f) Total number of absentee ballots not returned by the voter.  
19 (g) Total number of absentee ballots issued on election day.  
20 (h) Total number of absentee ballots cast on election day.  
21 (i) Total number of absentee ballots rejected on election day.  
22 (j) Total number of absentee ballots used as official election day ballots.  
23 (k) Total number of absentee ballots remaining at the close of polls.