

SB 489 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL        **489**

AN ACT            requiring the address column to be the first column on the voter checklist.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Rep. Sirois, Hills. 32; Rep. Barbour, Hills. 35

COMMITTEE:      Election Law and Municipal Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the address column to be the first column on the voter checklist.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT requiring the address column to be the first column on the voter checklist.

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

- 1 1 Preparing the Checklist; Order of Columns. Amend RSA 654:25 to read as follows:  
2 654:25 Preparing Checklist. The secretary of state shall issue and distribute guidelines for the  
3 content, composition, and style of checklists and for the maintenance of data related to checklists by  
4 which the supervisors of the checklist shall compile and correct the checklist. Such guidelines shall  
5 specify the information which will be maintained and updated by the supervisors. The secretary  
6 shall establish standard forms and procedures for the use of the supervisors for the maintenance of  
7 such information. The information to be maintained and updated shall include the full name,  
8 domicile address, mailing address, and party affiliation, if any, of each voter on the checklist and  
9 such other information as the secretary requires. Every checklist used at any election shall at a  
10 minimum contain the full name, domicile address, mailing address, and party affiliation, if any, of  
11 each voter on the checklist. The paper checklists used by ballot clerks on election day need not  
12 include mailing addresses. The name and address of a voter shall not appear on the checklist at the  
13 request of the voter if the voter presents to the supervisors of the checklist a valid protective order  
14 pursuant to RSA 173-B. The name, domicile address, and mailing address, if different, of such a  
15 voter shall be maintained on a separate list of voters, which shall be nonpublic and not subject to  
16 RSA 91-A. If it is necessary to establish such a nonpublic list, the public checklist shall be marked  
17 at the end with a notation of the number of voters whose names are maintained on the nonpublic  
18 list. ***The initial column on the checklist shall be the address of the voter and shall be***  
19 ***alphabetized by street name.***  
20 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.