

HB 1462 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1462**

AN ACT relative to election law complaints.

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COMMITTEE: Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of justices to create an election law complaint form and to investigate complaints alleging a voter has wrongfully voted by improperly claiming domicile in New Hampshire that are filed using such form and subject to certain restrictions.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 relative to election law complaints.

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

1 1 New Section; Election Complaints. Amend RSA 654 by inserting after section 1 the following  
2 new section:

3 654:1-a Complaints.

4 I.(a) The department of justice shall prepare and make available an election law complaint  
5 form for use by any person alleging that a voter has wrongfully voted by improperly claiming  
6 domicile in New Hampshire.

7 (b) The form shall be available at the department of justice and at the secretary of  
8 state's office and may also be made available online.

9 (c) No investigation under this section shall commence until a completed election law  
10 complaint form has been received by the department of justice.

11 II. Upon receipt of a properly completed election law complaint form, the attorney general  
12 may investigate the complaint within the bounds of this section.

13 III. In the course of an investigation under this section, the attorney general may ask the  
14 voter, or obtain by other lawful means, information about whether the voter:

15 (a) Has ever voted in a state other than New Hampshire after being approved to vote in  
16 New Hampshire;

17 (b) Has converted his or her New Hampshire domicile to a rental property and ceased  
18 spending more than de minimis time living in it;

19 (c) Has provided any false information at the time of being approved to vote; or

20 (d) Has engaged in civic activity in New Hampshire or in another state, and to what  
21 extent.

22 IV. In the course of an investigation under this section, the attorney general shall not ask  
23 the voter, or obtain by other means, information about any other aspects of the voter's private life,  
24 including but not limited to:

25 (a) The square footage of the voter's New Hampshire domicile compared to any other  
26 home owned elsewhere;

27 (b) Where the voter receives medical or mental health care;

28 (c) The amount of the voter's electricity or heating bill;

29 (d) The state or local jurisdictions in which the voter pays taxes;

30 (e) Talking to the voter's employees or tenants; or

31 (f) Talking to the voter's estranged family or friends.

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1           V. The department of justice may adopt rules under RSA 541-A as necessary to implement  
2 this section, including but not limited to the format of the complaint form and procedures for its  
3 submission and processing.

4           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.