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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT requiring the presentation of a government-issued photographic means of identification in order to vote.

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COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the presentation of a government-issued photographic means of identification to vote.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT requiring the presentation of a government-issued photographic means of identification in order to vote.

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

1 20:1 Obtaining a Ballot. Amend RSA 659:13, II to read as follows:

2 II.(a) A valid photo identification shall show the name of the individual to whom the identification
3 was issued, and the name shall substantially conform to the name in the individual's voter registration
4 record; it also shall show a photograph of the individual to whom the identification was issued. The photo
5 identification shall also have an expiration date that has not been exceeded by a period of more than 5
6 years, except that a voter 65 years of age or older may use an otherwise qualified form of identification
7 without regard to expiration date~~], and except that student identification cards shall comply with the date~~
8 ~~requirements in subparagraph (5)].~~ The following forms of identification bearing a photograph of the voter
9 shall satisfy the identification requirements of paragraph I:

10 (1) A driver's license issued by any state or the federal government.

11 (2) An identification card issued under RSA 260:21, RSA 260:21-a, or RSA 260:21-b or a
12 nondriver's identification card issued by the motor vehicles division, department, agency, or office of any
13 other state.

14 (3) A United States armed services identification card.

15 (4) A United States passport or passcard.

16 ~~[(5) A valid student identification card if:~~

17 ~~(A) The card is issued by:~~

18 ~~(i) A college, university, or career school in New Hampshire and approved to~~
19 ~~operate or licensed to operate in New Hampshire.~~

20 ~~(ii) A public high school in New Hampshire.~~

21 ~~(iii) A nonpublic high school in New Hampshire accredited by a private school~~
22 ~~accrediting agency that is recognized by the department of education.~~

23 ~~(iv) Dartmouth College.~~

24 ~~(v) A college or university operated by the university system of New Hampshire~~
25 ~~or the community college system of New Hampshire.~~

26 ~~(B) The card has either an expiration date or an issuance date that has not been~~
27 ~~exceeded by a period of more than 5 years, except that, at all elections prior to September 1, 2018,~~

28 (b) ~~[The secretary of state shall post the lists of educational institutions provided by the~~
29 ~~commissioner of the department of education under RSA 21-N:4, VII on the department of state's website,~~
30 ~~and otherwise shall make such lists available to local election officials.~~

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1 ~~(e)~~] The secretary of state shall provide training for supervisors of the checklist on how the
2 nonpublic data in the statewide centralized voter registration database may be used to satisfy voter
3 identification requirements.

4 ~~(d)~~ **(c)** The secretary of state shall develop and make available an informational pamphlet
5 explaining the procedure established in RSA 260:21 for obtaining a picture identification card for voter
6 identification purposes only.

20:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: April 03, 2026
Effective Date: June 02, 2026