

HB 1062 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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HOUSE BILL **1062**

AN ACT authorizing the secretary of state to conduct random audits of the citizenship qualification of registered voters.

SPONSORS: Rep. Lynn, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the secretary of state to conduct random audits of the citizen qualification of registered voters.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 authorizing the secretary of state to conduct random audits of the citizenship qualification of registered voters.

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

1 1 New Section; Random Citizenship Audits. Amend RSA 654 by inserting after section 45 the
2 following new section:

3 654:45-a Random Citizenship Audits.

4 I. In addition to reviewing records contained in state databases, the secretary of state may
5 conduct audits of the citizenship qualifications of registered voters who submitted a qualified voter
6 affidavit as proof of citizenship.

7 II. The secretary of state shall ensure a random, statistically sound audit of such voters and
8 publish a public report of the findings of that audit.

9 III. Where the citizenship of a voter is confirmed through either the use of available state
10 sources or an investigation supporting the audit, such confirmation shall be noted in the statewide
11 voter registration database, and that voter shall not be subject to further audit of his or her
12 citizenship.

13 IV. If the audits reveal information of any potential non-citizens on the checklist, such
14 information shall be submitted to the attorney general for further review and appropriate action.

15 V. To carry out paragraph I of this section, the secretary of state may use data regarding
16 individual voters with persons or entities that are not agencies of the state only if the secretary and
17 the person or entity enter into a legally binding agreement that:

18 (a) Permits retention of the data only as long as necessary to carry out the purpose of
19 the sharing or for one year, whichever is shorter;

20 (b) Prohibits further sharing or disclosure of the data without written authorization by
21 the secretary;

22 (c) Requires minimum reasonable security measures to protect the data from
23 unauthorized access; and

24 (d) Provides the state with ownership of, and direct control over, the data unless
25 otherwise required by state or federal law.

26 VI. The secretary of state shall permanently destroy all data gathered under this section
27 that relates to an identifiable individual whose citizenship is confirmed by an audit upon such
28 confirmation and whose citizenship is not so confirmed when the matter is finally resolved.

29 2 Repeal. RSA 654:45-a, relative to random citizenship audits, is repealed.

30 3 Effective Date.

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- 1 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2029.
- 2 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.