

HB 308-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

308-FN

AN ACT requiring the election checklist to have a column to annotate if a non-New Hampshire issued form of identification is provided to vote.

SPONSORS: Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the election checklist to have a column to annotate if a non-New Hampshire issued form of identification is provided 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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT requiring the election checklist to have a column to annotate if a non-New Hampshire issued form of identification is provided to vote.

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

1 1 Preparing Checklist; New Column. 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 checklists shall have a column for supervisors to annotate if a voter provides a***
19 ***non-New Hampshire issued form of photo identification and what state or other form of***
20 ***identification was presented.***

21 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 308-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires that voter checklists have a column for supervisors to annotate if a voter provides a non-New Hampshire issued form of photo identification and what state or other form of identification was presented.

The Department of State indicates that ballot clerks are the ones who mark the checklist, not supervisors. Additionally, they will need clarification from the legislature regarding what additional details should be captured in this field and depending on those details, system changes may be required. Therefore the Department is unable to determine the fiscal impact that this bill will have on state expenditures.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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