

HB 608-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

608-FN

AN ACT requiring moderators to inspect absentee ballot affidavits for full execution including use of a notary, election officer, or any person authorized by law to administer oaths.

SPONSORS: Rep. Panek, Hills. 1; Rep. Drago, Rock. 4; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17; Rep. Mazur, Hills. 44; Rep. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Sellers, Graf. 18; Rep. Sabourin, Rock. 30

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires moderators to inspect absentee ballot affidavits for full execution using a notary, election officer, or any person authorized by law to administer oaths.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

- 1 1 Absentee Ballot Envelope; Affidavit Required. RSA 659:50, I(b) is repealed and reenacted to
2 read as follows:
3 (b) The affidavit on the absentee ballot envelope is a fully executed legal affidavit that is
4 witnessed and signed by a notary, election officer, or any person authorized by law to administer
5 oaths, to verify the identity and signature of the voter, and
6 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 608-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 Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
<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 moderators to inspect absentee ballot affidavits for full execution using a notary, election officer, or any person authorized by law to administer oaths.

The Department of State indicates that the affidavit envelope would need to be redesigned in order to accommodate space for the notarization therefore increasing printing costs, outer envelope costs, and shipping costs. However, this increase in expenditures is indeterminable at this time.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of State