

SB 219-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **219-FN**

AN ACT requiring the secretary of state to enter into a membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center.

SPONSORS: Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Rep. Bay, Straf. 21; Rep. Wilhelm, Hills. 21; Rep. Ward, Rock. 27; Rep. Muirhead, Graf. 12

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the secretary of state to enter into a membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 New Section; Electronic Registration Information Center. Amend RSA 654 by inserting after
2 section 15 the following new section:

3 654:15-a Electronic Registration Information Center.

4 I. The secretary of state shall enter into a membership agreement with the Electronic
5 Registration Information Center to share voter information or data from the statewide centralized
6 voter registration database along with relevant voter information or data from the department of
7 motor vehicles, other state agencies, the secretary of state, and political subdivisions as necessary for
8 the purpose of comparing duplicate voter information with other states or groups of states. Such
9 agreement shall be effective no later than January 31, 2026, and the secretary of state shall ensure
10 that New Hampshire remains in good standing with the Electronic Registration Information Center.

11 II. The secretary of state shall ensure that any information or data shared between agencies
12 is protected by security processes and protocols and that any information or data that is of a
13 confidential nature remains confidential.

14 III. The secretary of state shall, consistent with membership requirements, receive
15 Electronic Registration Information Center reports for the purposes of comparing duplicate voter
16 information and refer credible cases of duplicative voting records consistent with suspected illegal
17 voting to the attorney general for appropriate investigation.

18 IV. The secretary of state shall, consistent with membership requirements, receive
19 Electronic Registration Information Center reports for the purposes of improving the accuracy of
20 voter registration data, for which data provides evidence of eligible or potentially eligible citizens
21 who are not registered to vote and initiate contact of each eligible or potentially eligible citizen and
22 supply information on how to register to vote.

23 V. Funding for the implementation of this section shall be provided by any federal funds
24 made available to the state for the purposes of election related expenses, including but not limited to
25 grants received pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

26 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**SB 219-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill provides funding through federal funds and/or HAVA Funds. It does not authorize any 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 Starting at \$25,000	Indeterminable Increase Starting at \$37,000	Indeterminable Increase Starting at \$37,000
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund, HAVA Fund, and/or Federal Funds			
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 the Secretary of State to enter into a membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center.

The Department of State indicates this bill mandates the Secretary of State to join Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), with an initial fee of \$25,000 and potential yearly costs ranging from \$37,000 to \$174,000. The fiscal impact regarding data security, staffing needs, and compliance is yet undetermined. Additionally, it mandates actions like receiving and processing reports on duplicate voter information and sending voter registration information, likely requiring an extra staff member. The specific financial implications, including staffing and mailing costs, remain uncertain. Moreover, ensuring compliance with federal funding rules, like the Help America Vote Act, might require additional general funds due to potential expenses resulting from this bill.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of State

[As this bill is identical to HB 1557, 2024 Session, we used the same information the agency provided at that time to prepare the above fiscal note]