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SENATE BILL **221**

AN ACT relative to the verification of the checklist.

SPONSORS: Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill changes the verification of the checklist from every 10 years to every 5 years.

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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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 relative to the verification of the checklist.

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

1 1 Voter Checklist. Amend RSA 654:39 to read as follows:

2 654:39 Verification Every [10] **5** Years.

3 I. In addition to any verification carried out[~~under the provisions of RSA 654:38~~], the
4 supervisors shall verify the checklist in [1981] **2026** and once every [10] **5** years thereafter.

5 II. Between April 1 and August 1 of [1981] **2026** and **every 5 years** thereafter [~~in each year~~
6 ~~ending with a one~~], the supervisors shall post notice of their sessions in 2 appropriate places one of
7 which shall be the town or city's Internet website, if such exists, and published at least twice in a
8 newspaper of general circulation and hold [sufficient] sessions **at least once a month** for
9 verification of the checklist as in their opinion will enable all eligible voters in said town or ward to
10 appear before them and register or reregister as the case may be. Whenever a person is
11 reregistered, his or her party designation, if any, on the checklist undergoing revision shall not be
12 changed except as provided in RSA 654:34.

13 III. Beginning[~~June~~] **April** 1 of such year, the supervisors shall review the checklist and
14 shall strike therefrom the names of all persons who have not registered or reregistered under
15 paragraphs I and IV; provided, that there shall not be stricken from said checklist the name of any
16 person duly qualified to vote unless such person, not less than 30 days prior to such action, shall
17 have been sent notice by the supervisors **or by the secretary of state** at his last known address of
18 his failure to reregister stating the procedure to be followed in order to reregister and have his name
19 retained on said checklist nor unless such person shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to
20 follow said procedure.

21 IV. For the purpose of this section, a person shall be deemed reregistered and need not
22 appear before the supervisors if:

23 (a) The person voted in any election within the 4 years immediately preceding a [10] **5**-
24 year verification; or

25 (b) The person has been added to the checklist [since] **in** the last [state general election]
26 **4 years**.

27 V. Upon completion of verification of the checklist, but in no event later than September 1,
28 the supervisors shall file with the secretary of state the following certificate: We, the supervisors of
29 the checklist (or registrars of voters) of the town (or ward _____) of _____, do hereby
30 certify that we have verified the checklist of registered voters in the town (or ward _____ of the
31 city) of _____, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 654:39.

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- 1 VI. In verifying the checklist in accordance with this section, the provisions of RSA 654:38,
- 2 IV and V shall apply.
- 3 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.