



Election Law

CACR 4

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Election Law Committee Members

Granite State Taxpayers (GST). Has the Mission to inform, educate and motivate New Hampshire taxpayers and to lobby the Legislature on their behalf.

Granite State Taxpayers has studied election law and advocated for improvements for nearly a decade.

Granite State Taxpayers Supports CACR 4

CACR 4: Providing that only citizens and residents of the state may vote in elections.

GST supports revising New Hampshire voter law to make our voting system simple to understand and execute, resistant to fraud, and available exclusively to those who are US citizens and bona fide residents of New Hampshire.

New Hampshire has allowed people to vote in-state who are residents of other states, a consequence of various interpretations of the meanings for residence and domicile for voting.

When people can vote here, but live in another state, we have **Representation without Taxation**.

While an out of state driver's license provides proof of identity, it also proves residency in another state and, for Motor Voter states, a near certainty of being a registered voter in that other state.

CACR 4 accords with the United States Supreme Court decision in DUNN v. BLUMSTEIN, March 21, 1972, which stated: "We have in the past noted approvingly that the States have the power to require that voters be bona fide residents of the relevant political subdivision."

On July 12, 2018, a NH Supreme Court Opinion on whether New Hampshire should continue to allow residents of other states to vote in New Hampshire elections stated "not only does New Hampshire have no such constitutional obligation but, quite the contrary, it has a compelling state interest not to do so." Subsequently, a US District Court agreed.

Requiring residency, and providing proof thereof, is the case in 49 other states and District of Columbia.

The changes to the NH Constitution proposed in CACR 4 will support statutes requiring residency and US citizenship for prospective New Hampshire and preclude potential lawsuits contesting such expectation.

Granite State Taxpayers recommends a vote FOR CACR 4.

Thank you for your attention and for your commitment to the citizens of New Hampshire.

Ray Chadwick, Board Member

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