



HB323

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Election Law Committee Members

My name is Ray Chadwick, a Member of the Board of *Granite State Taxpayers (GST)*.

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

The election strategy that has the least opportunity for fraud is one where:

- individuals themselves, in person, go to a polling place, and
- they show proof of identity, age and residence in New Hampshire in order to vote, and
- if not previously presented, they show proof of citizenship

Granite State Taxpayers Supports HB323

This bill requires the presentation of a government-issued photographic means of identification to vote and requires that only a New Hampshire Driver License will suffice for voter identification, with certain exceptions.

If the voter has been on the checklist for fewer than 63 days, a driver's license issued by any state, provided that if a place last registered to vote was recorded on the voter registration, then the state of issuance of the driver's license shall correspond to said place.

This will limit access to voting in New Hampshire by persons from other states, except, for a period of time, for those relocating to NH.

The expectation that people wishing to vote in New Hampshire present a New Hampshire driver license should not be problematic since a person who establishes a bona fide residency in the state, as required in order to vote here, is obliged under RSA 263:35 "upon the establishment of a bona fide residency in this state, shall have a maximum of 60 days from the date his or her residency was established to obtain a driver's license issued by the state of New Hampshire."

So New Hampshire statute requires anyone who is moving to New Hampshire to get a New Hampshire driver license within 60 days of establishing residency. This bill allows such a person to use the license of their prior state for a similar period of time, and only a New Hampshire driver license (or non-driver identification card) thereafter.

Granite State Taxpayers recommends a vote FOR HB323.

Thank you for your attention and your work on behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire.

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