

PLEASE PASS HB1306.

In the last 3 New Hampshire General Elections, 981,854 Absentee Ballots were printed. Absentee Ballots printed represent 29% of our total ballots. No formal certification on the number of Absentee Ballots received is required by current NH RSA and most towns do not even casually keep it on file. **Yes, just under 1 million untracked and uncertified ballots were issued by the state.**

~ 563,458 Absentee Ballots for the same 3 elections were printed but were left unaccounted for or reconciled at the end of the election. This can only be estimated using 91A for printing orders and the SoS formal ballots cast reporting! This number eclipses the total variance of our top federal races in the last 3 elections between winners and losers by 75%.

This is a large hole in the NH election process and a major vulnerability. Why does New Hampshire fail to certify or reconcile its Absentee Ballots and limits this to General Ballots? All ballots must be treated like cash. It has been argued our Absentee process is a closed system but errors, bad actors, and corruption can and have pierced closed systems if left unchecked. No one would tolerate a bank reconciling only 71% of its deposits. We should not tolerate this by excluding NH Absentee Ballots from reconciliation. Please review exhibits A-C to see the details. For election integrity in NH, we MUST pass HB1306.

Thank you, Brenda Towne Stratham 603-327-7336

EXHIBIT A:

Actual Absentee Ballots Used Per NH SoS official reporting Vs Ballots printed and sent to the municipalities per 91A invoice and order details.

2020	BALLOTS PRINTED		
	REGULAR	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
ACCUVOTE	514,081	482,850	996,931
HandCount	48,040	48,040	96,080
TOTAL BALLOTS PRINTED	562,121	530,890	1,093,011

Ballots Used	554,282	260,217	814,499
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Absentee Ballots Unreconciled	7,839	270,673	278,512
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There were ~ 260217 un reconciled absentee ballots in the 2020 election representing 33% of all ballots printed. How can we believe our elections are secure when 33% of our ballots are untracked? The presidential race was awarded by 52,277 votes.

***Ballots used from the NH SOS election results data & Information from 91A SoS ballot Allocation reconciliation document

2022	BALLOTS PRINTED***		
	REGULAR	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
ACCUVOTE	899,894	238,974	1,138,868
HandCount	88,900	26,530	115,430
TOTAL BALLOTS PRINTED	988,794	265,504	1,254,298

Ballots Used	568,276	58,655	626,931
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Absentee Ballots Unreconciled	420,518	206,849	627,367
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There were 206849 un reconciled absentee ballots in the 2022 Mid Term election representing 16% of all ballots cast Congress race determined by 25,162 in District 1 & 36,057 for District 2

*** Information from 91A Evans Printing Invoice provided by SoS

2024	BALLOTS PRINTED***		
	REGULAR	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
ACCUVOTE	808,550	165,350	973,900
HandCount	89,060	20,110	109,170
TOTAL BALLOTS PRINTED	897,610	185,460	1,083,070

Ballots Used	731,944	99,524	831,468
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Absentee Ballots Unreconcile	165,666	85,936	251,602
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There were 85,936 un reconciled absentee ballots in the 2024 General election representing 8% of all ballots cast. The presidential Race was determined by less than 23,000 votes.

*** Information from 91A by SoS' s order allocation for each town

Source documents are available upon request: Btowne@protonmail.com

EXHIBIT B:

NH PRE-ELECTION CERTIFICATE showing NO Absentee Ballots are required to be recorded in quantity or certified

No requirements to certify the number of Absentee Ballots at the beginning or the end of our elections.



**PRE-ELECTION CERTIFICATE
2024 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION**

Part I - Counting Ballots

This is to certify that in accordance with RSA 658:31-32, the ballots received by the clerk have been examined and counted and we find that the total number of OFFICIAL BALLOTS (excluding Absentee Ballots and ballots used to test electronic ballot counting devices) is:

Total Democratic: _____ Total Republican: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____ Counted

and that all are for the use of the town or city ward of: _____.

Attest: Moderator: _____ **Date:** _____

Clerk: _____ **Date:** _____

Part II - Electronic Ballot Counting Devices

For towns using electronic ballot counting devices, per RSA 656:42, the moderator's and clerk's signatures below certify that on election day "prior to placing the electronic ballot counting device or any memory device into service in an election, the moderator and the clerk shall certify that there is evidence that pre-election testing was conducted on each electronic ballot counting device and each memory device in the town or city clerk's possession, and that these ballot counting devices and memory devices have passed the test. Additionally, that all electronic ballot counting device seals are present, all seals have been maintained intact, and that any seals which have been broken in accordance with this section

EXHIBIT C:

POST ELECTION CERTIFICATE:

NH POST ELECTION CERTIFICATE- Page 2 BALLOT RECONCILIATION

C.1 BALLOTS CAST (INVENTORY METHOD)	
Number of Official Election Day Ballots, excluding test ballots (from Moderator's Pre-Election Certificate)	Absentee Ballots excluded
SUBTRACT Spoiled (cancelled) Official Election Day Ballots	- _____
SUBTRACT Uncast (not used) Official Election Day Ballots	- _____
ADD Photocopied CAST as Official Election Day Ballots	+ _____
ADD Absentee Ballots CAST as Official Election Day Ballots	+ _____
Total Ballots Cast by ELECTION DAY voters	_____
	+ _____
Total Absentee Ballots Cast which were counted. Use the SVRS "Absentee Ballot List," the report of absentee voter applicants (including UOCAVA voters). Start with the SVRS "Grand Total Count" of absentee ballots in the "Date Envelope Returned" column on the last page of the "Absentee Ballot List," PLUS absentee ballots received on election day by US Mail or by delivery agent to the Clerk, for which the clerk must hand write the date of the election as the "Date Envelope Returned" on the "Absentee Ballot List," PLUS any curbside absentee ballots cast, for which the clerk must hand write the voter's name, address, party, Voter ID number, and the date of the election as the dates "Requested," "Mailed," and "Returned" on the "Absentee Ballot List," MINUS rejected absentee ballots, for which the moderator must note on the "Absentee Ballot List" "rejected" and the reason for the rejection.	_____
Total Number of Ballots Cast (Using Inventory)	= _____
(Total Election Day Ballots Cast Plus Absentee Ballots Cast)	

TODAY, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO RECONCILE ABSENTEE BALLOTS