

To the members of the Election Law committee:

My name is Andrew Harmon, and I am a resident of New Hampton, NH. I write in the strongest possible opposition to HB 1520, defining citizenship for the purposes of voting. As a life-long resident of the state of New Hampshire, I have voted as often as possible in both my current town of New Hampton, as well as when I lived in Keene, NH for eight and a half years while renting. This bill would force me to have to undergo an embarrassing ritual of swearing allegiance as despite having lived in the state for almost my entire life, I was born in Long Beach, California and moved to New Hampton when I was less than three years old as my mother had divorced and had friends in NH. This bill does not solve any problems related to voter fraud, nor does it help any of the students who would love to learn and possibly permanently live in this state. It instead imposes a drastically large expense upon the Secretary of State, which would have to be funded by general funds as even if he could use the Help America Vote Act funds he has available, it will not begin to cover the cost of this bill. In a year when the state is already struggling to cover the costs of its citizens, not to mention any number of public projects, it is beyond fiscally irresponsible to impose this legislation upon the citizenry who want nothing more than to participate legitimately in their rights and responsibilities as good members of their communities.

I urge the committee to please vote down this unnecessary legislation, and I am open to questions should the committee have them. I can be reached by email at andrewjharmon@gmail.com or by cell phone at (603) 992-4053.

Sincerely

Andrew Harmon, a concerned citizen