

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 5, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Election Law to which was referred
HB 151,**

**AN ACT relative to changes of registration of certain
voters after a primary election. Having considered the
same, report the same with the following resolution:**

RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Peter Torosian

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Election Law
Bill Number:	HB 151
Title:	relative to changes of registration of certain voters after a primary election.
Date:	March 5, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 19-1.

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Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Election Law

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Calendar HB 151 and 370

HB-151: ITL Vote 19/1 On Consent Calendar.

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to their own voter registration status. To require supervisors to do that work is beyond the scope of what should be their responsibilities.

Archived: Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:18:24 AM

From: [Bgriffinlo](#)

Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 12:49:19 PM

To: [Miriam Simmons](#)


Cc: [Peter Torosian](#); [Bgriffinlo](#)

Subject: reports

Response requested: No

Importance: Normal

Attachments:

[Calendar p 151 and 370.docx](#) 

Miriam

Here are two more

Thank you Peter

Barbara

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 151

BILL TITLE: relative to changes of registration of certain voters after a primary election.

DATE: March 5, 2021

LOB ROOM: Remote / Hybrid

MOTIONS: **ADOPT AMENDMENT # 2021- 0435h**

Moved by Rep. Torosian Seconded by Rep. W. MacDonald Vote: 10-10 FAILS

MOTIONS: **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Torosian Seconded by Rep. W. MacDonald Vote: 19-1

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Natalie Wells, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HB 151

BILL TITLE: Changes in Registration after a Primary Election

DATE: 3/5/21

LOB ROOM: 300

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of Amendment # _____
 Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)

Moved by Rep. P. Tirosoian Seconded by Rep. W. MacDonald Vote: 19; 1

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP OTP/A ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of Amendment # _____
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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: ___ YES ___ NO

Minority Report? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: Rep Natalie Wells
Rep Natalie Wells, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Election Law

Bill #: HB151 Motion: _____ AM #: 2021-0435 Exec Session Date: 3/5/21

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Griffin, Barbara J. Chairman		✓	
MacDonald, Wayne D. Vice Chairman	✓		
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine J.	✓		
Sweeney, Joe	✓		
Hayward, Peter T.	✓		
Mooney, Maureen C.	✓		
Torosian, Peter E.	✓		
Berry, Ross	✓		
Groen, Fenton	✓		
Qualey, James R.	✓		
Wells, Natalie J. Clerk	✓		
Cote, David E.		✓	
Ward, Gerald W.R.		✓	
Bergeron, Paul R.		✓	
Sandler, Catt		✓	
Hamer, Heidi M.		✓	
Lane, Connie B.		✓	
Freitas, Mary C.		✓	
Hamblet, Joan L.		✓	
Muirhead, Russell		✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	



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Lane, Connie B.	✓		
Freitas, Mary C.	✓		
Hamblet, Joan L.		✓	
Muirhead, Russell	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	19	1	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 151

BILL TITLE: relative to changes of registration of certain voters after a primary election.

DATE: February 17, 2021

LOB ROOM: LOB Hybrid **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 9:47 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:07 a.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. B. Griffin, W. MacDonald, Wells, Prudhomme-O'Brien, Sweeney, Hayward, Mooney, Torosian, Berry, Groen, Qualey, Cote, Ward, Bergeron, Sandler, Hamer, Lane, Freitas, Hamblet and Muirhead
(Espirett)

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Maggiore

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

***Representative Jim Maggiore, Rockingham 22, North Hampton.**

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Answer: Very good question. That process would require to go to the town clerk and register to maintain with that party.

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Answer: I didn't look for those stats, and to the question, I did not find those numbers, but I would be happy to find out and let you know.

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Answer: That Is the goal, the purpose, the intent that the supervisor of the checklist changes be made that day.

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T. Coleman: I am here as a resident of Amherst and an Independent voter. I support this bill.

As an undeclared voter, this makes it easier to not fill out the form. If one doesn't fill out the form and leaves, they have just joined a party.⁴

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Question: Representative Wayne MacDonald – How much responsibility of the voter to determine their party affiliation, voter or the clerks?

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ELECTION LAW PUBLIC HEARING

2/17/21

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House Remote Testify

Election Law Committee Testify List for Bill HB151 on 2021-02-17

<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>S</u>
Maggiore, Jim	jim.maggiore@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	2/
Burns, Bobbi	rburns@northhampton-nh.gov	An Elected Official	Myself & Susan Buchanan, Clerk/Tax Collector	Support	Yes (2m)	2/
Holland, Walter	vairworks@tellink.net	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2/
Fordey, Nicole	nikkif610@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
Murphy, Susan	sueconroymurphy@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
Lightfoot, Jean	JnLightfoot@comcast.net	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2/
Garvin, Candice	candieg@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
Larson, Ruth	ruthlarson@msn.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
Bruce, Susan	susanb.red@mac.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/
Moulton, Candace	candaceleighm@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
Frost, Sherry	sherry.frost@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2/
Tompkins, Joyce	jgtomp@wildblue.net	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2/
Murphy, Kevin	kmurphy443@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2/
christensen, lynn	lynnch98@yahoo.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2/
Lucas, Janet	janluca1953@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/
DeMark, Richard	demarknh114@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
Kudlik, Cindy	cindykudlik@protonmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2/
Hope, Lucinda	lmhope46@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
ARONSON, LAURA	laura@mlans.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
Mennella, Alexandra	amennella1@protonmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/
Hayden, Sam	hayden.sam@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
See, Alvin	absee@4Liberty.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/
Coleman, Tiani	txc@tianix.com	A Member of the Public	Myself and NH	Support	No	2/
Dodge, Corinne	corinnedodge@hotmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
Richards, Matthew	mricha711@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
Cape, Jared	jared.o.cape@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
Fedorchak, Gaye	gayevf@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/
Groetzinger, Tonda	groetzinger6@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/
Nichols, William	nichols@denison.edu	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/

Testimony

HB 151 - an act relative to changes of registration of certain voters after a primary election.

Testimony from Rep. Jim Maggiore

February 17, 2021

Members of the House Election Law committee I am Jim Maggiore representing Rockingham district 22, the Town of North Hampton. Thank you for the opportunity to introduce HB151, a bill that will amend NH RSA 654:34 such that the *registration of undeclared voters who register as members of a party at any primary shall be returned to undeclared registrations by the supervisors of the checklist after the close of polls on election day.* This amendment will simply undeclared voter registration for residents, moderators and the supervisors of the checklist. ***I urge the committee to move ought to pass on this bill.***

More than 42% of registered voters in New Hampshire are registered with the secretary of state's office as "undeclared." Declaring party affiliation as Republican, Democrat, or undeclared is very simple in New Hampshire. A resident completes a form at their town clerk's office prior to a date certain in their city or town registering their party affiliation. When registered undeclared voters vote in a state or presidential primary, they will be required to choose either a Republican or Democratic ballot at the polls. When registered undeclared voters vote on that particular party ballot in a state or presidential primary, they become a registered member of that party **unless they fill out a card or sign a list to return to undeclared status** with the supervisors of the checklist **before leaving the polling place.**

But what happens if a resident forgets to change their party affiliation back to undeclared? What happens if a resident wants to support a candidate only to discover at the polls that their own party affiliation is inconsistent with their candidate's? What happens if a resident insists they changed their affiliation back to undeclared the last time they voted in a primary, but the last one, two, three or more checklist has them listed as either Republican or Democrat instead?

In any of these cases the potential exists to have a resident who leaves the polls very angry without having voted, or we have a resident who leaves the polls very angry having voted on a ballot contrary to their intentions.

HB 151 - an act relative to changes of registration of certain voters after a primary election.

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February 17, 2021

If HB 151 passes to simply the registration of undeclared voters the supervisors of the checklist will return voter registration back to undeclared after the close of the polls *that day* within the comprehensive reconciliation of the official checklist.

Residents will retain their undeclared status without any extra paperwork for themselves, the supervisors of the checklists, the moderator, or the town clerk.

If you vote HB 151 ought to pass, we will streamline the voter registration process for residents and officials alike. We will maintain the integrity of our elections. And we will protect the right of every resident qualified to vote to exercise their sacred responsibility.

Thank you and I will be happy to take questions.

Respectfully submitted.

Rep. Jim Maggiore

Rockingham District 22, North Hampton

E. jim.maggiore@leg.state.nh.us

P. 603-556-0073

This testimony is from both Susan Buchanan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, North Hampton and me, Town Moderator. Ms. Buchanan has been working as a clerk for over 25 years. I've been a moderator in both North Hampton and previously Hampton Falls.

One of the few things that make a voter irate is requesting a ballot at a primary and discovering that they are associated with a particular party rather than being listed as undeclared. Individuals who register as undeclared fully expect to remain so. Even those who correctly follow the process to return to undeclared, see it as unnecessary bureaucracy.

It's difficult and time consuming to prove to someone that they failed to complete the paperwork to return themselves to undeclared – and at times, we've made the error. It's unnecessarily burdensome to expect people to remember to go through this process and time consuming for clerks and supervisors of the checklist to manage it. When asked the purpose, I can't justify why the state puts this requirement on the voter.

In the end, voters are disenfranchised. We get small enough numbers at primaries. Voters who come out to vote in a primary are committed to the candidates for which they want to vote. When faced with not being able to vote for their candidates, they are left with the choice of not voting at all or voting on a ticket where they have no interest in the outcome.

It always saddens me to see a voter who has taken the time to vote in a primary walk out in disgust without voting.

Removing the requirement for undeclared voters to return to undeclared, streamlines the process, minimizes mistakes, and most importantly ensures the voter's wishes are respected.

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:45:12 AM

From: [STEVEN BURNS](#)

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 3:56:57 PM

To: ~House Election Law Committee

Cc: jmaggiore@northhampton-nh.gov; Sue Buchanan; rburns@northhampton-nh.gov

Subject: House Bill 151 Testimony

Importance: Normal

Attachments:

[Testimony HB 151.docx](#) 

Please see attached testimony for HB 151.

Thank you.

Bobbi Burns

Moderator, North Hampton

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:45:12 AM
From: [jay.hildreth](#)
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 5:29:41 PM
To: ~House Election Law Committee
Subject: Pass 551-FN Windham fraud can never happen again
Importance: Normal


To House Election Committee.

I urge you to bring bill 551-FN to a vote. The Windham fraud incident can never happen again anywhere in New Hampshire

BR,

Jay Hildreth
15 Walnut Hill Rd.
Derry, NH

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:45:13 AM
From: [Jim Maggiore](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:12:34 PM
To: ~House Election Law Committee
Subject: Testimony for HB 151 - registration of undeclared voters
Importance: Normal
Attachments:
[HB 151 testimony Feb 17 2021.docx](#) 

Members of the House Election Law Committee.

Attached please find my testimony for HB 151, registration of undeclared voters, that I will present tomorrow at 9:45.

Regards.
Rep. Jim Maggiore
Rockingham District 22, North Hampton
E. jim.maggiore@leg.state.nh.us
P. 603-556-0073

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:45:13 AM
From: [Corinne Dodge](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:12:45 AM
To: [~House Election Law Committee](#)
Subject: HB151
Importance: Normal

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Members of the House Election Law Committee:

As an Undeclared voter, I strongly support HB 151, to protect my voter status. This bill is clearly bipartisan, and I ask you to support it also.

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:45:13 AM
From: [Matthew Richards](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:29:36 AM
To: [~House Election Law Committee](#)
Subject: Please support HB 151
Importance: Normal

Dear Election Law Chairman and Committee Members,

I am writing to request that you support HB 151, which would return undeclared voters to undeclared after voting in a primary.

I would like to share my experience with you. I have been an undeclared voter in NH for the past 11 years. Every time I have voted in a primary for one of the parties, I have signed a slip that would return me to an undeclared voter after voting. However, on more than one occasion, I have signed a slip that would return me to an undeclared voter while voting, and I later found out my request was not followed through with. At least two times, I have followed up with the city clerk's office a few months after the election, only to find out that I am still registered as a member of the party whose primary I voted in, despite signing a slip that would return me to undeclared. I have had to go into the clerk's office each time and sign another form to return me to undeclared.

I feel like if this process was much more automatic and streamlined, fewer people would be caught off guard.

Thank you,
Matthew Richards
883 Dix Street
Manchester, NH 03103

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:45:13 AM
From: [John Raby](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:17:52 AM
To: [~House Election Law Committee](#)
Subject: HB 151
Importance: Normal

Dear Friends:

I'll be brief. Please support this bill. It would be a great service to independent voters like myself.

With thanks for your attention, I am

Yours truly,

John Raby

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:45:13 AM
From: [William Nichols](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:33:01 AM
To: [~House Election Law Committee](#)
Subject: HB 151
Importance: Normal

I write to tell you of my strong support for HB 151, which will make voting simpler and therefore more accessible for independent voters.

William Nichols
603-277-9355
6 Wyeth Farm Circle
West Lebanon, NH 03784

Bill as
Introduced

HB 151 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0111

11/08

HOUSE BILL **151**

AN ACT relative to changes of registration of certain voters after a primary election.

SPONSORS: Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 22

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the registration of undeclared voters who register as members of a party at any primary shall be returned to undeclared registrations by the supervisors of the checklist after the close of the polls on election day.

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 One

AN ACT relative to changes of registration of certain voters after a primary election.

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

1 1 Voters and Checklists; Change of Registration. Amend RSA 654:34 to read as follows:

2 654:34 Change of Registration.

3 I. Change of registration of a voter whose party membership has been previously registered.

4 (a) Any legal voter whose party membership has been registered may change such
5 registration by appearing in person before the supervisors of the checklist for his *or her* town or
6 ward any time they meet, except as prohibited by paragraph IV, and stating to them under oath or
7 affirmation, if required, that:

8 (1) He *or she* intends to affiliate with and generally supports the candidates of the
9 party with which he *or she* offers to register, in which case he *or she* shall be registered as a
10 member of such party; or

11 (2) He *or she* does not wish to be registered as a member of any party, in which case
12 his *or her* party designation shall be removed from the checklist.

13 (b) He *or she* may also change such registration at any primary, upon making oath or
14 affirmation to the same effect, but he *or she* shall not be permitted in such case to vote the ballot of
15 any party at such primary.

16 II. Change of registration of a voter who has been registered as an undeclared voter.

17 (a) Any legal voter who has been registered as an undeclared voter may register as a
18 member of the party of the voter's choice by appearing before the supervisors of the checklist for the
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20 under oath or affirmation, if required, that the voter intends to affiliate with and generally supports
21 the candidates of the party with which the voter offers to register, in which case the voter shall be
22 registered as a member of such party.

23 (b) A voter may also register as a member of a party at any primary by requesting to be
24 registered as a member and voting the ballot of the party of the voter's choice. ~~[A voter may also~~
25 ~~register once again as an undeclared voter after voting in a primary as a registered member of a~~
26 ~~party by returning the card or signing the list of undeclared voters from the statewide centralized~~
27 ~~voter registration database provided for in paragraph V. If cards are used, the voter shall return the~~
28 ~~card to the person at the polls designated by the town or city clerk to accept the card. All such cards~~
29 ~~and lists shall be in the possession of the supervisors of the checklist at the close of the polls on~~
30 ~~election day.] **Supervisors of the checklist will return the voter's registration to undeclared**~~
31 **after the close of the polls on election day.**

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1 III. Notwithstanding any provision of paragraphs I and II to the contrary, no person who
2 has voted in a primary may thereafter on the day of said primary change the person's party
3 registration~~], unless, prior to voting in the primary, the person was registered as an undeclared~~
4 ~~voter, in which case the person may once again register as an undeclared voter, as provided in~~
5 ~~subparagraph II(b)].~~

6 IV. No person, who is already registered to vote, whether his *or her* party membership has
7 been previously registered or not, shall affiliate with a party or disaffiliate from a party between the
8 first Wednesday in June and the day before the state primary election.

9 ~~[V.(a) At any primary, the supervisors of the checklist shall make available within the~~
10 ~~polling place a card or list of undeclared voters from the statewide centralized voter registration~~
11 ~~database to enable a voter who was registered as an undeclared voter but who changed registration~~
12 ~~on the day of the primary in order to vote as a registered member of a party to change registration so~~
13 ~~that the voter is registered once again as an undeclared voter. The card or list shall be in~~
14 ~~substantially the following form:~~

15 — Name _____

16 _____ (Print)

17 — Address _____

18 _____

19 _____

20 — I hereby request that my political party registration be changed as follows:

21 — From: Democrat [], or Republican [, or (name of any party determined by the secretary of state
22 to have achieved official status under RSA 652:11) [

23 — To: Undeclared [

24 — Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury.

25 _____

26 — Date _____

27 _____ (b) The supervisors of the checklist, upon receipt of such a card or list, shall keep it in
28 accordance with RSA 33-A:3 a and at the public session of supervisors of the checklist on election
29 day shall change the party of the voter as indicated on the card or list.]

30 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.