

Bill as Introduced

HB 285 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

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Approved: July 23, 2021

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Sen. Gray, Dist 6
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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

Sen James Gray, Chair
Sen Regina Birdsell, Vice Chair
Sen Ruth Ward, Member
Sen Donna Soucy, Member
Sen Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Member

Date: April 14, 2021

HEARINGS

Monday

04/19/2021

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

REMOTE

9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.	HB 223	relative to political party access to a list of absentee ballot requests.
9:10 a.m.	HB 285	relative to verification of voter checklists.
9:20 a.m.	HB 484	relative to budget committee recommendations on warrant articles.
9:45 a.m.	HB 183	prohibiting municipalities from requiring a license for a soft drink stand operated by a person under the age of 18.
10:00 a.m.	HB 243	relative to the form of municipal budgets, relative to municipal estimates of expenditures and revenues, and relative to the requirement that certain governing bodies submit recommendations to the budget committee.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 223

Rep. Sweeney

Rep. Alexander Jr.

HB 285

Rep. Layon

Rep. Potucek

Rep. Prudhomme-O'Brien

Sen. Birdsell

Rep. Thomas

Rep. Love

HB 484

Rep. Pauer

Rep. Silber

Rep. Yakubovich

Rep. Notter

HB 183

Rep. True

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HB 243

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Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee
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Hearing Date: April 19, 2021

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gray, Birdsell, Ward, Soucy and Perkins Kwoka

Members of the Committee Absent : None

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Rep. Thomas
Sen. Birdsell

Who supports the bill: Senator Regina Birdsell, Representative Judy Aron, Representative John Potucek, Representative Erica Layon, Representative Juliet Harvey-Bolia, Jean Kimball, Michael Kimball, Eric Pauer, Debra Walker, Carrie Reny, Liz Gabert, Kristen Jackson, Bambi Tierney, Sheryl Gaudette, Lisa Mazur, Michael Roy, Nancy Nault, Laurie Pappas, Lisa Barr, Liz Barbor, Janet Lucas, Bernie Dolan, Roberta Gullage, John Gullage, Tim O'Heerne, David Kemp, Maria Gilchrist, Donald Readell, Joanne Radziewicz, Stephen Zapora, Sara Dlubac, Lisa Matthews, Albert Todd, Marylyn Todd

Who opposes the bill: Representative Jan Schmidt, Representative Timothy Horrigan, Representative Dru Fox, Representative Chuck Grassie, Representative Megan Murray, Representative Susan Almay, Representative Joyce Weston, Stephanie Osborne, Valerie Scarborough, Janet Lucas, Richard Hunnewell, Anne Hunnewell, Mary Eisner

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Layon

- If a person is on the checklist that means they are considered eligible to vote.
- This past year anyone on the checklist was able to receive an absentee ballot even if they were no longer planning to return to New Hampshire.
- The law should not make it easy for former New Hampshire residents to cast a vote here.
- Supervisors leave deceased residents on the checklist, relying on automatic 3-point matches from the Secretary of State, because they do not have clear authority to remove a voter based upon a partial match and obituaries.
- Family members see their deceased family members on the checklist and are told it will be removed at the ten year update.
- This bill fixes that problem for some of the voters.
- It allows proactive family members to provide documentation and have their deceased loved one removed from the checklist.
- In section four of the bill updating the address file to reflect the postal standards is addressed.

- This is critical for mail deliverability and will prevent removal from the checklist for an incorrect address.
- She believes that it is elected officials duty to keep the voter checklist as accurate as possible.
- Due to same day registration, if an eligible voter is mistakenly removed from the checklist, the remedy is simple and immediate.
- A bloated checklist has a very real, and significant cost financially and on our democracy.
- Every vote cast by an ineligible voter means that the vote of the eligible voter does not count as it should.

Marilyn Todd

- Any bill that wants to clean up the voting rolls should be passed.
- She believes the towns should automatically be doing that and is sad that it has to be made a law.
- New Hampshire voters want to be confident in the integrity of our elections.

David Scanlan – Deputy Secretary of State

- They have general support for this legislation
- Much of what is contained in this bill are things they are already doing.
- When their office receives notification of a death and they match it to someone on the voter checklist, that information is sent directly to the city or town clerk.
- Currently if there is a partial match between the name on the death certificate and the name of the checklist, the towns are instructed to go into NHVRIN (NH Vital Records Information Network) and check the information.
- On page 1, line 8, he would like them to change the word “investigation” to “review and confirmation.”
- They favor comparing the voter database to the United States Postal Service standard address.
- There is a cost to receive the national change of address information from the USPS but it is useful in keeping the checklist up to date.
- On page 2, line 11, the references used in that paragraph that state the “city or town clerk” should be changed to the “supervisor of the checklist” and the word “investigation” on line 15 should be changed to “review and confirmation.”
- Additionally, line 16 should read “ result of such **review**, and should the **records** show that an individual **may have** voted.....
- Senator Soucy asked if the subscription on page 2, line 8, is something that the Secretary of State subscribes to now and would that be available to cities and towns.
 - Mr. Scanlan replied that they do not. There is a financial commitment and that is one of the reasons they have not subscribed. He can find out how much the annual fee would be.
- Senator Gray asked if each town or city would need to buy a subscription or would it be one subscription for the state.
 - Mr. Scanlan replied that he is not sure if the USPS would allow them access on one license or if each community would have to obtain their own subscription. He will find out for the committee.

Representative Fenton Groen

- As a member of the House Election Law Committee, he wanted to note that he fully supports the changes that the Deputy Secretary has suggested.

Representative Erica Layon

- She also agrees with the changes that Mr. Scanlan suggested.
- In her investigation she found there is a way to have the state sign up for the municipalities.
- The other alternative to an annual subscription would be to submit the list for a small amount per voter (less than the cost of wasted stamps).
- Senator Birdsell asked if she could talk about who helped her put this legislation together
 - Representative Layon replied that she worked closely with the supervisor of the checklist, clerk and moderator in the town of Derry. This helped her understand what they could and could not do to update the checklist. She also worked with another Representative from Londonderry who worked with the town clerk. In Derry, it takes the better part of a year to send out all the letters every ten years and is a huge burden and cost. Any changes on an ongoing basis would reduce the flood of effort and burden every ten years.
- Senator Birdsell asked if both moderators were in support.
 - Representative Layon replied that both moderators are in support.
- Senator Perkins Kwoka asked if she could talk about why doing it on an ongoing basis would save money rather than doing it once every ten years.
 - Representative Layon replied that the supervisors of the checklist have periodic meetings where they review any changes to the checklist. Part of their job is to make the changes that are allowed by statute and this bill will add a couple more updates that can be made. It makes it far less burdensome.

Marilyn Todd

- There are a lot of people that are willing to volunteer in order to help with this process.
- She does not think money should be an obstacle to election integrity.
- Many people would rather their tax money go to making sure elections are legitimate.
- She does not believe there should be a cost approach to election integrity.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition:

Representative Timothy Horrigan

- He believes the claims of ineligible voters casting absentee ballots should be looked into before this bill is passed.
- This would be an unfunded mandate as towns do not have investigators on staff.
- The family could send in information if someone has passed away and they can be deleted from the checklist.
- This bill needs more study as he believes it is unnecessary.

TJM
Date Hearing Report completed: April 23, 2021

Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee Testify List for Bill HB285 on 2021
Support: 35 Oppose: 13 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 4

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	
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Dlubac, Sara	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	✓
Zapora, Stephen	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	✓
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Lucas, Janet	janluca1953@gmail.com	16037267614	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	✓
Barbor, Liz	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	✓
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Scarborough, Valerie	val7@roadrunner.com	603.536.1164	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	✓

Testimony

Tricia Melillo

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Subject: HB285 Testimony

Good Evening,

I apologize that I was not able to give the verbal testimony yesterday on this bill that I signed up for. Work was a little hectic during that time frame for me.

I wanted to reach out and state that I am in full support of this bill. I am in support of this bill because the way it is written, if followed correctly, will greatly reduce the number of illegitimate votes that can be cast. It will also restore the confidence that the People have in their vote. The People will know, beyond a reason of a doubt, that the candidate that has been elected to lead in any office of this great State; that they did not land there due to inaccuracies in our record keepings of eligible voters.

I am proud of the elected officials that took a solid stand on this bill. I feel like this State is doing everything that they can to reassure the People that they are paying attention to their concerns. I am also appreciative of the fact that these officials are taking the time to look out across the land and acknowledging where other states have fallen flat. As this great State continues to grow Bills like this, and the keeping of these bills, are going to be essential in assuring that we are getting the vote every time.

Thank you to this Committee and the 199 members that voted yay to this bill.

I would like to now segway to what appears to be reoccurring issue not only in this State, but also throughout our great Republic.

I am referring to the 199 yays and the 172 nays that were voted on this bill. I mention this because I notice that voting issues, amongst other issues, continue to be a party driven issue.

As can be seen with what has happened over the last 5 years; riding party lines has gotten this country in a horrible situation. The People are now clawing their way out of the hole that the political parties have dug for this country and we are at each other's throats trying to do this. We are failing to realize that we are not as divided as these political parties have made it seem that we are.

Now I will admit that in the great State of New Hampshire that this is less of an issue than in other States; but it is still an issue nonetheless.

To the 172 members of the specific political party that voted nay to this bill; I have to ask:

Do you really feel this way or is this literally just a party alignment for you?

Do you have an issue with ensuring the People that illegitimate voters cannot cast a vote?

This cannot be a partisan issue! I simply do not believe it to be true!

I encourage both parties, and yes one party more than the other, to stop putting your party before the will of the people! Because at the end of the day neither one of the parties in this duopoly that you have created would have any validity if it wasn't for the will of We the People!

With all of this being said I am going to leave both parties with an excerpt from President George Washington's farewell address; where the President literally warned us all about this exact situation that this country has fallen into!

“The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party dissension, which in different ages and countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism. But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism. The disorders and miseries which result gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual; and sooner or later the chief of some prevailing faction, more able or more fortunate than his competitors, turns this disposition to the purposes of his own elevation, on the ruins of public liberty.”

- President George Washington

Very respectfully,

Albert J Todd
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“Posterity! you will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make a good use of it. If you do not, I shall repent in Heaven that I ever took half the pains to preserve it.”

- John Adams

Voting Sheets

**Senate Election Law
& Municipal Affairs Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2021 Session**

Bill HB 285

Hearing date: 4-19-2021

Executive Session date: 5-3-21

Motion of: OTP Vote: _____

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Gray, Chair	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Ward	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Soucy	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Perkins-Kwoka	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: Amendment[#] 1235s Vote: 5-0

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Motion of: OTP/A Vote: 5-0

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Reported out by: Sen. Ward

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, May 3, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred **HB 285**

AN ACT relative to verification of voter checklists.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 1286s

Senator Ruth Ward
For the Committee

This bill as amended will modify the procedure for maintenance of an accurate voter checklist. The Secretary of State will establish a verification process using the United State Postal Service address database and inform the municipalities of any mismatches for review and confirmation. This will allow the Supervisors of the Checklist to keep the information of registered voters current.

Tricia Melillo 271-3077

General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of HB285

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to verification of voter checklists.**Official Docket of HB285.:**

Date	Body	Description
1/9/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Election Law HJ 2 P. 42
2/3/2021	H	Public Hearing: 02/12/2021 10:30 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/95709405955 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
3/8/2021	H	Executive Session: 03/08/2021 12:00 pm Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/91394352757
3/3/2021	H	==CONTINUED== Executive Session: 03/10/2021 10:20 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/95087806399 (if necessary)
3/29/2021	H	Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 11-9; RC) HC 18 P. 42
3/29/2021	H	Minority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate
4/8/2021	H	Ought to Pass: MA RC 199-172 04/08/2021 HJ 6 P. 56
4/13/2021	S	Introduced 04/08/2021 and Referred to Election Law and Municipal Affairs; SJ 12
4/14/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 04/19/2021, 09:10 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 20
5/6/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-1286s , 05/13/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 23
5/13/2021	S	Sen. Soucy Moved to Remove HB 285 from the Consent Calendar; 05/13/2021; SJ 15
5/13/2021	S	Committee Amendment #2021-1286s , RC 14Y-10N, AA; 05/13/2021; SJ 15
5/13/2021	S	Special Order to Next Session, Without Objection, MA; 05/13/2021; SJ 15
5/13/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-1286s , 05/20/2021; SC 24
5/20/2021	S	Sen. Gray Floor Amendment #2021-1526s , AA, VV; 05/20/2021; SJ 16
5/20/2021	S	Ought to Pass with Amendments 2021-1286s and 2021-1526s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/20/2021; SJ 16
6/10/2021	H	House Concurs with Senate Amendment 2021-1286s and 2021-1526s (Rep. B. Griffin): MA VV 06/10/2021 HJ 10 P. 9
7/12/2021	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 06/24/2021); SJ 20
7/12/2021	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 06/24/2021
7/26/2021	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 07/23/2021; Chapter 137; Eff: 09/21/2021

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: HB 285

Senate Committee: ELMA

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Final docket found on Bill Status

Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

Bill version as it came to the committee

All Calendar Notices

Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

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Hearing Report

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Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

- amendment # 1235s - amendment # 1286s

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Executive Session Sheet

Committee Report

Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

- amendment # 1526s ___ - amendment # ___

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Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

___ Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):

___ Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)

___ Governor's Veto Message

All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}

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