

REGULAR CALENDAR

February 24, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Majority of the Committee on Election Law to
which was referred HB 1009,**

**AN ACT requiring the date a person registers to vote to
be included with other voter information. Having
considered the same, report the same with the
recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Joe Sweeney

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

MAJORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Election Law
Bill Number:	HB 1009
Title:	requiring the date a person registers to vote to be included with other voter information.
Date:	February 24, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill proposes that the date a person registers to vote be included with other voter information in the checklist. Transparency is important when it comes to ensuring the integrity of our elections and our voter checklist. The registration date is data that has already been collected for the majority of voters and will continue to be collected for every new registrant and is important information for voters, candidates, and political organizations in order to effectively get out the vote. Voter history data already available gives voters, candidates, and political organizations the opportunity to approximate someone's date of registration as it is; giving the actual date an individual registers will help ensure trust in our election procedures and take an already transparent process and expand upon it.

Vote 11-9.

Rep. Joe Sweeney
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Election Law

HB 1009, requiring the date a person registers to vote to be included with other voter information.
MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

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be included with other voter information. Having
considered the same, and being unable to agree with
the Majority, report with the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Paul Bergeron

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Election Law
Bill Number:	HB 1009
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Date:	February 24, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill would require that the statewide voter registration database include a field for “date of voter registration.” The voter registration database already contains that field. This legislation is not needed. In 2006, election officials from the state’s 234 cities and towns migrated approximately 825,000 voter records into ElectioNet, the new statewide voter registration database. Very few of the legacy electronic databases contained the “date of voter registration” since the voter registration date appeared on the paper record and the registration date was not needed in the electronic database to generate the checklists. This bill dictates that the database “shall include” the date of voter registration and does not “grandfather” the pre-2006 ElectioNet voter records that do not include the voter registration date. Local election officials will be required to scour their databases, identify the pre-2006 voter records in ElectioNet that do not have a date of voter registration, pull the paper voter registration forms, then update the voter registration database. Article 28-a of the NH Constitution prohibits the state from mandating “any new, expanded or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures...” This bill does not include a fiscal note, so it is unclear how much of a financial burden this will put on our towns and cities. The date of voter registration is confidential and exempt from the right-to-know law. The date of voter registration does not appear on the checklist now, and HB1009 does not direct that the date appear on the checklist in the future. This bill would require that the supervisors of the checklist key-in the date of new voter registers. This has been the practice for the past 16 years; the bill is unnecessary. HB 1009 would require that election officials bear the cost of keying-in data for pre-2006 records, without providing a means to reimburse the communities for their costs in doing so, which is an unfunded mandate.

Rep. Paul Bergeron
FOR THE MINORITY

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1009

BILL TITLE: requiring the date a person registers to vote to be included with other voter information.

DATE: February 3, 2022

LOB ROOM: 306-308

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Sweeney

Seconded by Rep. Berry

Vote: 11-9

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Natalie Wells, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Election Law

Bill #: HB 1009 Motion: OTP AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2-3-22

<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. <u>JOE ALEXANDER</u>	✓		
Torosian, Peter E.	✓		
Berry, Ross	✓		
Groen, Fenton	✓		
Qualey, James R.	✓		
Wells, Natalie J. Clerk	✓		
Cote, David E. <u>Matt Wilhelm</u>		✓	
Ward, Gerald W.R.		✓	
Bergeron, Paul R.		✓	
Sandler, Catt <u>Megan Murray</u>		✓	
Hamer, Heidi M.		✓	
Lane, Connie B.		✓	
Freitas, Mary C.		✓	
Hamblet, Joan L.		✓	
Muirhead, Russell		✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	11	9	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1009

BILL TITLE: requiring the date a person registers to vote to be included with other voter information.

DATE: January 19, 2022

LOB ROOM: 306-308 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 9:30 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 9:40 a.m.

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

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Sweeney

TESTIMONY

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

Rep Ross Berry introduced the bill – Adding the date of inform voter registered

Question – Rep Griffin – Intent – retroactive or forward

Answer – Just available

Question – Rep Hamblet – What is the reason?

Answer – Gives more complete voter as a whole, new voter or someone who has been there for 20 years.

Question – Rep Bergeron – Isn't this info confidential?

Answer – I don't think so. Sponsor did speak with SOS, this info is available most states

Question – Part of the reason why in district some interest?

Answer – Nice to know move from one district how long - transparency reason.

House Remote Testify

Election Law Committee Testify List for Bill HB1009 on 2022-01-19

Support: 6 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Hodgkikns, Russell	Amherst, NH hodgkins_russ@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/14/2022 2:59 PM
kirsch, walter	warner, NH kirschwalterf@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/15/2022 10:07 AM
Sweeney, Margaret	Campton, NH ms975@protonmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/18/2022 9:58 PM
Frost, Sherry	Dover, NH s.frost@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/19/2022 8:59 AM
Kelley, BaoChau	Hooksett, NH chaukelley@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/19/2022 11:07 AM
Ploszaj, NH Rep. Tom	center harbor, NH tom@tomploszaj.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	1/19/2022 3:11 PM
Petrusewicz, Carol	Rochester, NH clmcc2befree@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/19/2022 3:35 PM

HB 1009 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2215

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HOUSE BILL **1009**

AN ACT requiring the date a person registers to vote to be included with other voter information.

SPONSORS: Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 8

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill adds the date a voter registers to the list of information required to be maintained in the checklist.

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 Two

AN ACT requiring the date a person registers to vote to be included with other voter information.

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

1 1 Voters and Checklists; Preparing Checklist; Information Required. Amend RSA 654:25 to
2 read as follows:

3 654:25 Preparing Checklist. The secretary of state shall issue and distribute guidelines for the
4 content, composition, and style of checklists and for the maintenance of data related to checklists by
5 which the supervisors of the checklist shall compile and correct the checklist. Such guidelines shall
6 specify the information which will be maintained and updated by the supervisors. The secretary
7 shall establish standard forms and procedures for the use of the supervisors for the maintenance of
8 such information. The information to be maintained and updated shall include the full name,
9 domicile address, mailing address, ***date of voter registration***, and party affiliation, if any, of each
10 voter on the checklist and such other information as the secretary requires. Every checklist used at
11 any election shall at a minimum contain the full name, domicile address, mailing address, and party
12 affiliation, if any, of each voter on the checklist. The paper checklists used by ballot clerks on
13 election day need not include mailing addresses. The name and address of a voter shall not appear
14 on the checklist at the request of the voter if the voter presents to the supervisors of the checklist a
15 valid protective order pursuant to RSA 173-B. The name, domicile address, and mailing address, if
16 different, of such a voter shall be maintained on a separate list of voters, which shall be nonpublic
17 and not subject to RSA 91-A. If it is necessary to establish such a nonpublic list, the public checklist
18 shall be marked at the end with a notation of the number of voters whose names are maintained on
19 the nonpublic list.

20 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.