

Amendment to SB 70-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the establishment of an election information portal and relative to the
4 purchase of election equipment.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

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8 3 Election Fund; Grants for Cities and Towns. Amend RSA 5:6-d, III to read as follows:

9 III. The secretary of state is authorized to accept, budget, and, subject to the limitations of
10 this paragraph, expend monies in the election fund received from any party for the purposes of
11 conducting elections, voter and election official education, the purchase or lease of equipment that
12 complies with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, or with RSA 659:13, V,
13 reimbursing the department of safety for the actual cost of voter identification cards, election law
14 enforcement, enhancing election technology, making election security improvements, and
15 improvements to related information technology, including acquisition and operation of an
16 automated election management system. ~~[With the exception of federal and state portions of funds~~
17 ~~associated with the 2018 Election Reform Program, the secretary of state shall not expend any~~
18 ~~monies in the election fund unless the balance in the fund following such expenditures shall be at~~
19 ~~least 12 times the estimated annual cost of maintaining the programs established to comply with the~~
20 ~~Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252.] *The secretary of state shall establish a*
21 *grant system for cities and towns to access monies from Help America Vote Act of 2002,*
22 *Public Law 107-252 grants for the use of improving election security and technology. The*
23 *grants shall be used for technology including ballot counting devices, electronic poll books,*
24 *and secure laptops to be used to access ElectioNet.*~~

25 4 Help America Vote Act Funding. Any expenditures made for the purpose of establishing the
26 election portal in section 2 of this act or the establishment of the grant system required by section 3
27 of this act shall be paid for with funding from the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-
28 252.

29 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2023-1280h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the secretary of state to establish an election information portal.

This bill also allows grants to be given to cities and towns for the purchase of election equipment.

SB 70-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-1013

08/10

SENATE BILL **70-FN**

AN ACT relative to the establishment of an election information portal.

SPONSORS: Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill directs the secretary of state to establish an election information portal.

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 Three

AN ACT relative to the establishment of an election information portal.

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

1 1 Purpose. It is the intent of the legislature to modernize the application processes for new
2 voter registration, requesting absentee ballots, and requesting changes to name, domicile, and party
3 affiliation in the statewide voter database.

4 2 New Subdivision; Election Information Portal. Amend RSA 652 by inserting after section 27
5 the following new subdivision:

6 Election Information Portal

7 652:28 Election Information Portal.

8 I. The secretary of state is hereby authorized to develop, in consultation with the
9 department of information technology, the department of safety, division of motor vehicles, and city
10 and town clerks and supervisors of the checklist, an online election information portal which citizens
11 may use to:

12 (a) Complete a new voter application.

13 (b) Request an absentee ballot.

14 (c) Request changes to the statewide centralized voter registration database, such as
15 name, domicile address, mailing address, and party affiliation.

16 II. A request by the voter placed in the election information portal shall be submitted to the
17 appropriate municipal official for verification and processing per RSA 654:7, RSA 654:8, RSA 654:16
18 through RSA 654:19, and RSA 654:34, except that the information may be provided in a format the
19 secretary of state deems suitable for electronic submission. Any information submitted to the portal
20 shall be handled in a manner consistent with relevant voter and election laws, including RSA 654,
21 and shall be retrievable and printable at any time including during the processing of the
22 information. In addition, nonpublic data related to individual voter data shall remain confidential.

23 III. The secretary of state shall not implement any election information portal established
24 pursuant to this section, such that the public can access or otherwise utilize such portal, until
25 January 1, 2024.

26 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

SB 70-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT relative to the establishment of an election information portal.

FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

| STATE: | Estimated Increase / (Decrease) | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 | FY 2026 |
| Appropriation | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Expenditures | \$0 | \$477,000 | \$268,000 | \$274,000 |
| Funding Source: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | | |

LOCAL:

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|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Expenditures | \$0 | Indeterminable Increase | Indeterminable Increase | Indeterminable Increase |

METHODOLOGY:

This bill authorized the Secretary of State to develop an online election information portal, in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, the Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles, and city and town clerks and supervisors of the checklist, for people who may want to complete a new voter application, request an absentee ballot and request changes to the statewide centralized voter registration database, such as name, domicile address, mailing address, and party affiliation.

The Department of State indicates this bill would increase State General Fund expenditures starting in FY 2024. The estimated cost to design, build, and test the online election information portal is between \$250k to \$300k with ongoing maintenance fees of approximately \$84,000 per year. The Department also indicates they will need two positions to create and maintain the portal (An Information Technology Manager V, labor grade 32, hired at a step 1 and a Program Assistant III, labor grade 17, hired at a step 1). The Department states the new system would take a minimum of 8 months to design, bid, build, test, and create training materials for the election information portal and the earliest it would be operational is May 2024.

| Costs | FY 2024 | FY 2025 | FY 2026 |
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| New Portal | \$300,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Maintenance Fees | \$21,000 (3 months) | \$84,000 | \$84,000 |
| Information Technology Manager | \$95,000 (10 months) | \$113,000 | \$117,000 |
| Program Assistant | \$61,000 (10months) | \$71,000 | \$73,000 |
| Total | \$477,000 | \$268,000 | \$274,000 |

This bill does not provide authorization or an appropriation for new positions.

The Department of Information Technology states they spoke with the Secretary of State's office and confirmed the Department will not require any resources to support this effort.

The Department of Safety states there will be an indeterminable increase on State expenditures. The Department states there is an unknown cost associated with forms, rulemaking, system updates, and the amount Department of Motor Vehicle is tasked with overseeing the process.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association states this bill will require additional training of election officials, increasing costs in the form of wages and compensation to officials. As a result, local expenditures would increase in FY 2024 and each year thereafter.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of State, Department of Information Technology, Department of Safety and New Hampshire Municipal Association

REGULAR CALENDAR

May 18, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Majority of the Committee on Election Law to
which was referred SB 70-FN,**

**AN ACT relative to the establishment of an election
information portal. Having considered the same, report
the same with the following amendment, and the
recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH
AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Ross Berry

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Committee: | Election Law |
| Bill Number: | SB 70-FN |
| Title: | relative to the establishment of an election information portal. |
| Date: | May 18, 2023 |
| Consent Calendar: | REGULAR |
| Recommendation: | OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2023-1280h |

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill as amended takes Help America Vote Act (HAVA) monies and puts them towards the purchase of new voting machines and the building of an online voter information portal. The portal will allow people to register to vote and to request an absentee ballot, thus making those processes easier.

Vote 13-5.

Rep. Ross Berry
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

Election Law

SB 70-FN, relative to the establishment of an election information portal. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Ross Berry for the **Majority** of Election Law. This bill as amended takes Help America Vote Act (HAVA) monies and puts them towards the purchase of new voting machines and the building of an online voter information portal. The portal will allow people to register to vote and to request an absentee ballot, thus making those processes easier. **Vote 13-5.**

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REGULAR CALENDAR

May 18, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Minority of the Committee on Election Law to
which was referred SB 70-FN,**

**AN ACT relative to the establishment of an election
information portal. 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. Claudine Burnham

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MINORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

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| Date: | May 18, 2023 |
| Consent Calendar: | REGULAR |
| Recommendation: | INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE |

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Although this bill is meant to modernize the application process for new voters by updating voter information or by requesting absentee ballots or party affiliation, it does not explain what election information the Secretary of State will deem suitable when providing the election information to the municipal official. When a voter is using this portal, local officials are bypassed from properly verifying the voter information during in-person contact, which can raise more verification and processing issues at the local level. This election portal cost estimate is \$477,000 just to build, while maintaining the system and hiring a full-time manager and part-time assistant for Fiscal Year 2024, in addition to continuing costs, is projected to be over \$268,000 with subsequent increases during consecutive years.

Rep. Claudine Burnham
FOR THE MINORITY

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Election Law

SB 70-FN, relative to the establishment of an election information portal. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Claudine Burnham for the **Minority** of Election Law. Although this bill is meant to modernize the application process for new voters by updating voter information or by requesting absentee ballots or party affiliation, it does not explain what election information the Secretary of State will deem suitable when providing the election information to the municipal official. When a voter is using this portal, local officials are bypassed from properly verifying the voter information during in-person contact, which can raise more verification and processing issues at the local level. This election portal cost estimate is \$477,000 just to build, while maintaining the system and hiring a full-time manager and part-time assistant for Fiscal Year 2024, in addition to continuing costs, is projected to be over \$268,000 with subsequent increases during consecutive years.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 70-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to the establishment of an election information portal.

DATE: April 11, 2023

LOB ROOM: 306-308

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 3:00 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 3:32 p.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Berry, Boehm, Grill, Qualey, Burnham, Kennedy, Wherry, Wood, Ward, Hamblet, Muirhead, Bay, Brennan and H. Howard

Bill Sponsors:

Sen. Gray

Sen. Murphy

TESTIMONY

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Hearing on Non Germaine Amendment 2023-1280h

Acting Chair Boehm opened the public hearing.

Rep. Berry introduced the amendment and spoke in favor. He said that the amendment would attach a previous bill which would allow HAVA money to be used for purchasing election machines, and changes the funding source of the voter information portal to the HAVA fund. He stated that while he understands the Secretary of State's concerns with drawing down the HAVA funds, the money was already not being protected, and if the state was acting as a proper beneficiary, they would be re-investing the interest into the fund and then spending the balance. He stated that re-investing the interest would give us hundreds of thousands of dollars to help NH voters. He said that with the SOS's argument being moot, this amendment was a good opportunity to use HAVA funds to support the purchase of new voting machines and combine bills that had support from both bodies.

Rep. Brennan asked if Rep. Berry would consider a subcommittee to address the issue of HAVA funds rather than apply the amendment to a different bill. Rep. Berry stated that the Senate had previously killed a bill allowing HAVA funds to be used and this would give the committee better negotiating power.

Rep. Berry said that he and Rep. Lane co-signed a letter to the Ballot Law Commission urging them to hurry up the process of choosing and purchasing new voting machines.

Rep. Brennan asked that given that the Senate had already killed a previous bill, would the amendment not make it more difficult to pass the underlying bill? Rep. Berry said that historically, the House had killed the portal bill, so this way both bodies can pass a bill they support. He also said that he expected the costs of implementing the portal to be lower if the SOS was using HAVA funds. Rep. Brennan followed up to confirm which bill previously addressed the use of HAVA funds. Rep. Berry confirmed the bill. Rep. Brennan asked if the amendment allowed all municipalities to purchase new voting machines. Rep. Berry confirmed that this was correct and that the amendment used language from the previous bill.

Senator James Gray spoke in opposition to the amendment. He said that the Senate has already taken a position on the use of HAVA funds for election portal and that as a city councilor, he did not believe the city should be allocated money with "strings attached," or limitations on what it should be spent on. He said that the HAVA fund has received additional funding to maintain a fund of 12x the yearly cost of election management. He said that if municipalities spend HAVA money on something else besides voting machines, there would still be funding needed from the General Fund,

and that he did not want a community who had recently purchased voting machines to request funds for new voting machines that weren't needed. He said that voting machines should be funded through property taxes rather than the General Fund or HAVA money and that if the amendment passed, towns would request additional money for election official training, poll books and other necessities. He said that towns should be responsible for how they run and fund their own elections.

Rep. Howard asked how many municipalities have purchased new voting machines over the past decade. Senator Gray said that there have been no new AccuVote voting machines purchased recently, but some towns have purchased machines from other towns to access repair parts for the old machines. Rep. Howard asked how much money have municipalities spend on their election processes. Senator Gray said that municipalities have contracts with LHS to maintain machines, and communities can have their voting machines serviced. He stated that in Wyndham, the machines had not been serviced recently, which caused issues reading ballots.

Rep. Brennan stated that the SOS had previously confirmed the HAVA balance and testified that the cost of replacing current election equipment to be about \$3MM, and asked whether towns should still be responsible for these costs even with the excess HAVA funds. Senator Gray said that one use of HAVA funds is to maintain our current system, including ElectionNet software upgrades, and using some of the HAVA money for other uses, such as the portal or new voting machines, would quickly deplete the funds. He said that we have used three different types of voting machines over the past twenty years with trade-offs on features vs. costs. He said that if we draw down the HAVA funds, we will need to transfer money to refill the fund, and he would rather have the money available in the HAVA fund. Rep. Brennan said that the SOS would still need to manage the funds to ensure they weren't depleted, and asked if Senator Gray agreed. Senator Gray said that the amendment still does not define how a town would qualify for the grants and how much time would need to pass between grants, and said that the more SB 70 was changed, the less chance it has to pass the full body.

Rep. Burnham asked if Senator Gray knew how much was spent from HAVA funds each year. Senator Gray said he did not know but that the SOS needs to keep 12x annual maintenance costs in the fund.

Rep. Boehm said that we have previously heard that AccuVote is no longer servicing their machines, which is one reason why the SOS is looking at new machines. He asked why should we force towns to spend money on machines if they might have purchased the machines recently when the HAVA funds are there? Senator Gray said that the current LHS contract guarantees machine availability through the 2024 elections and that he does not know of any instances where the state has previously paid for voting machines; it has historically been the towns' responsibility to do so. He said that he believes that the bill would also disproportionately impact larger towns as they would need more machines. He said that current software is also outdated, which has advantages and disadvantages.

Michael O'Brien of America Votes spoke both in support and opposition to the amendment. He said that America Votes supports both bills separately and would like to reach a deal that includes the use of HAVA funds for new machines. He said that it would be a good thing to help with the purchase of new machines ahead of the 2024 elections, but that we don't want to risk losing both bills by combining them.

Natch Greyes of the NHMA spoke in support of the amendment. He said that the NHMA previously supported HB 447 and that the SOS has previously spoken about the need to replace AccuVote machines. He also stated that the Concord Monitor recently ran an article stating that the 3 different types of machines being considered were used in separate Town Meeting elections and all handled ballots effectively, so he expected the Ballot Law Commission to make a decision quickly. He said that his focus is implementing new machines as quickly as possible with as little cost to the local taxpayers as possible.

There were no entries on the blue sign-in sheet.

Chair Berry adjourned the public hearing.

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TESTIMONY

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Chair Berry opened the public hearing.

Senator James Gray introduced the bill and spoke in support. He said that previous legislation included more computer work and this bill would allow voters to submit information change requests to town or city clerks, but that he envisioned a more substantive portal in the future.

Linda Bundy* of Antrim spoke in support of the bill. She stated that an election information portal would provide voters with increased accessibility, and said that voters who are disabled or live in rural communities face increased obstacles to registering to vote and this bill would help mitigate these obstacles. She said that the bill would reduce long lines on election day and at town clerks' offices by eliminating much of the work done by town clerks and reducing the risk of human error. She said that clerks would still verify information, but the reduced amount of paper material would also save costs. She stated that the Committee on Voter Confidence had recommended solutions to modernize our elections and introduce electronic voter verification. She said that the portal included in the bill would help increase confidence and meet these requests.

Beverly Cotton* of Weare spoke in support of the bill. She said that she was pleased to see the portal work through the legislature and said that the portal would make it easier to register to vote, request an absentee ballot and update demographic information, and that the bill would also make it easier to maintain voter rolls. She stated that she is a ballot clerk and understands the amount of work involved with processing voter registrations, and that the portal would reduce the workload for town clerks while still providing security and identity verification. She said that NH spends \$1.5-\$4MM to process voter registration forms, and that the form would help make elections more efficient, as well as more accessible for voters. She stated that the portal would require a modest cost to implement, but that this would result in cost-savings by reducing paper processing needs for towns. She stated that it is a significant improvement for election officials and is also an improvement in the data integrity of our voter rolls.

Louise Spencer of the Kent Street Coalition spoke in support of the bill. She urged the committee to support the bill on behalf of Kent Street and said that the bill would significantly reduce the stakes in voter registration and would increase efficiency while still honoring the New Hampshire tradition of giving local election officials the power to determine voter qualification. She said that her husband is a retired physician and that adopting electronic medical records and prescriptions significantly reduced errors, and has also seen supervisors of the checklist struggle to verify voter information based on the voter's handwriting. She stated that allowing voters to enter their own information electronically would reduce errors. She said that this bill is a step forward.

Sue Nastasi* of Rollinsford spoke in support of the bill. She said that as a voter, she thinks the bill is a great idea and that new voters would be able to fill out their information online. She said that as a new voter, she would have to check town hall hours in order to register to vote, which created difficulties during COVID. She said that she is a Supervisor of the Checklist in Rollinsford and sees advantages to the bill as a supervisor because it would give voters more flexibility and eliminate the difficulty of having to read voters' handwriting, which has previously caused errors and mistaken information. She lastly said that she supports the bill as a member of the League of Women Voters because it would make it easier for voters to update their information and vote on Election Day.

Liz Tentarelli* of the League of Women Voters spoke in support of the bill. She said that she has testified in favor of this bill since it was first introduced and that this bill brings voting rights into the 21st century. She stated that this information portal will save money and that there are only 8 states that do not use this kind of portal. She said that when she talks to young people about voting, they are often confused about the number of steps that must be taken through their town clerks' office as well as inconvenienced by town hall hours. She said that this bill will help to empower voters.

Natch Greyes of the NHMA spoke in support of the bill and said that this bill would make voting easier and more efficient.

Susan Paschell of Secure Democracy spoke in support of the bill. She stated that her organization strongly supports the bill, that creating the information portal will help voters and election officials, and that the portal would improve election integrity by helping NH keep more accurate voter rolls and make the process of updating the checklist more convenient.

Sara Lobdell* of Open Democracy stated that she is a voter and poll worker in Keene and that Open Democracy supports the bill. She said that the portal would make it easier for voters to register if they can't go to their town hall, including workers, students and housebound voters, and that as a poll worker, last election she worked on updating the checklist for same-day registrants, where most voters were changing an address or younger, and the portal would make it easier for both groups to register prior to election day.

Olivia Zink* of Open Democracy spoke in support of the bill and provided testimony from Judith Ackerson. She stated that it is very important that we begin to modernize elections and that while on the Voter Confidence Committee, voters testified that having clean checklists would increase confidence in their process. She said that this bill is an important step in protecting poll workers, and shared a story of her own experience as a selectman where a voter did not have their name on the checklist because their last name was spelled incorrectly. She said that this portal will help make these corrections easier so that accurate names are on the checklist. She stated that Judith, a poll worker, was elected to an "antiquated" system and that the current, paper-based system creates a lot of work. She stated that this is a bipartisan bill and we need legislation with bipartisan support to keep our election systems safe while we modernize them. She said that election officials and volunteer spend a lot of time on their jobs and that they hope the bill can pass to make those duties more efficient.

Jordan Applewhite of Sugar Hill spoke in support of the bill. She said that she is a supervisor of the checklist in her town, and said that previous states she has lived in all have more modern election systems than NH. She said that many voters cannot register to vote in-person if they are working or otherwise unable to go to the polling place, and may also have inadequate documentation in person, and she also said that many supervisors prefer registering fewer voters on the same day. She said that in light of recent legislation looking to make same-day registration more difficult, it is necessary to implement alternatives to make registration easier prior to election day. She said that SB70 is a "show of respect" to working Granite Staters without taking anything away from voters who prefer to register in person.

Matt Mooshian* of 603 Forward spoke in support of the bill. He said that his organization supports the bill because allowing voters to access a safe and secure portal helps reduce lines and wait times for same-day voter registration, makes voting easier by providing them with accessible information about elections.

Kelsey Douville of America Votes spoke in support of the bill. She said that she recently moved to MA but was born and raised in Auburn, NH. She said that establishing an election information

portal will benefit both election officials and voters by allowing voters to request an absentee ballot or update information online. She stated that many people are already comfortable handling other business online and it is a common-sense decision to allow voter information to also be handled online. She said that same-day registration and errors can create long lines on Election Day, and allowing voters to update their information quickly will help increase voter confidence. She said that online information would also make it easier for election officials to process voter information while retaining control of the process. She said that now is the time for NH to adopt this legislation given the large number of states already using this type of portal.

Chair Berry read the results of the blue sign-in sheet: 1 in favor.

Chair Berry adjourned the public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep Jessica Grill, Clerk

House Remote Testify

Election Law Committee Testify List for Bill SB70 on 2023-04-11

Support: 206 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> |
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Thank you Chair Ross Berry, Election Law Committee, and Senator Gray for being the prime sponsor of SB70

SB70

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Testimony

1st As a voter learning of SB70 & what the bill would do if it became law, my reaction is YES! What a great idea to be able to adjust a home/domicile/mailing address, party affiliation plus request an absentee ballot, a new neighbor with hours difficult to go to town hall, can start the voter application online. Again, as a voter, and though retired, I always have to check what are the current town hall hours. Of course, you realize that during COVID and the ease of guidelines, hours kept changing. Parking is always easy in Rollinsford. But in Dover parking is very limited.

2nd I'm one of the 3 Supervisors of the Checklist for Rollinsford. Love the job, the work involved, & I look at the duties to service the voters on an election day plus keeping the town's checklist of voters accurate throughout the year as rewarding. Staying current with policies and whatever changes we are told by Tricia P of the Secretary of State's Office, we learn, adjust, and know it's part of the supervisors' job.

Earlier in my work life, I have serviced the public, in retail, a medical practice, and various volunteer organizations. I see it as an advantage speaking to the public and it's all good. As a supervisor I see advantages to SB70.

A new voter or a voter changing an address or changing their last name, there is flexibility and ease for the voter, plus for the supervisors, reading penmanship has been a challenge. Time has been used to make corrections due to a spelling error which then causes a combining of files within ElectioNet. There can be a file of Jack and another file of Jock and then learn it is the same voter.

3rd As a League of Women Voters member, I support SB70. An election information portal supports voter registration, which supports voters casting their ballot on election day. Increasing flexibility and ease for voting is also an encouragement to vote. Vote. The League is nonpartisan and the League educates the public on a nonpartisan basis. The more voters are informed and with knowledge that they have adjusted online of their status, all the better on election day. A happy, pleased voter went to the polling location and adjustments were up to date.

Thank you for your time.

April 11, 2023 House Election Law SB 70

Dear Mister Chair and Members of the House Election Law Committee:

I support SB 70, relative to the establishment of an election information portal.

An election information portal will provide voters with increased accessibility to the registration process and updating of information. Residents of rural and low socio-economic communities, as well as individuals with medical conditions or physical disabilities face specific challenges to registration. Being able to submit an application electronically at their own convenience mitigates those obstacles. Making it easier to register before election day can reduce long lines and waiting at the polls.

An election information portal will increase the efficiency of the work of supervisors of the checklists. Elimination of a physical paper document will reduce errors due to handwriting, data entry, or missing information and remove the additional step of staff having to spend time inputting information into the registration system. The local municipal clerk will still verify that the information provided is accurate and meets all requirements prior to registration. The reduction in printing, mailing, and staff time will reduce costs for the local municipality.

Many members of the public who testified before the Special Committee on Voter Confidence cited the importance of modernizing our elections, and in its final report the committee said there is a "need to have updated checklist verification." An election information portal would be an important improvement in our elections that will increase accessibility and accuracy while maintaining security and integrity.

Now is the right time to make the sensible step forward of establishing an election information portal.

I ask that the committee vote Ought to Pass on SB 70.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bundy
Antrim

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 70-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to the establishment of an election information portal.

DATE: April 18, 2023

LOB ROOM: 306-308

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Berry

Seconded by Rep. Ankarberg

Vote: .

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Moved by Rep. Berry

Seconded by Rep. Boehm

AM Vote: 15-3

Amendment # 2023-1280h

Moved by Rep. Berry

Seconded by Rep. Boehm

Vote: 13-5

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Jessica Grill, Clerk



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Election Law

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| Ward, Gerald W.R. | X | | |
| Hamer, Heidi M. | X | | |
| Hamblet, Joan L. | X | | |
| Muirhead, Russell | X | | |
| Bay, Luz | X | | |
| Brennan, Angela | X | | |
| Grill, Jessica | X | | |
| Howard, Heath | X | | |
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| <u>Members</u> | <u>YEAS</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>NV</u> |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Smith, Steven D. Chairman | X | | |
| Berry, Ross Vice-Chairman | | | |
| Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine J. | X | | |
| Boehm, Ralph G. | X | | |
| Qualey, James R. BOR BOGERT | X | | |
| Ankarberg, Aidan | | X | |
| Burnham, Claudine R | | X | |
| Kennedy, Stephen J. | | X | |
| Wherry, Robert J | | X | |
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