

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB70

Bill as Introduced

SB 70-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

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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

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
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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.

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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**

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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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METHODOLOGY:

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

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SENATE BILL

70-FN

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

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

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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24 pursuant to this section, such that the public can access or otherwise utilize such portal, until
25 January 1, 2024.

26 3 Election Fund; Grants for Cities and Towns. Amend RSA 5:6-d, III to read as follows:

27 III. The secretary of state is authorized to accept, budget, and, subject to the limitations of
28 this paragraph, expend monies in the election fund received from any party for the purposes of
29 conducting elections, voter and election official education, the purchase or lease of equipment that
30 complies with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, or with RSA 659:13, V,

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1 reimbursing the department of safety for the actual cost of voter identification cards, election law
2 enforcement, enhancing election technology, making election security improvements, and
3 improvements to related information technology, including acquisition and operation of an
4 automated election management system. ~~[With the exception of federal and state portions of funds
5 associated with the 2018 Election Reform Program, the secretary of state shall not expend any
6 monies in the election fund unless the balance in the fund following such expenditures shall be at
7 least 12 times the estimated annual cost of maintaining the programs established to comply with the
8 Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252.]~~ *The secretary of state shall establish a
9 grant system for cities and towns to access monies from Help America Vote Act of 2002,
10 Public Law 107-252 grants for the use of improving election security and technology. The
11 grants shall be used for technology including ballot counting devices, electronic poll books,
12 and secure laptops to be used to access ElectioNet.*

13 4 Help America Vote Act Funding. Any expenditures made for the purpose of establishing the
14 election portal in section 2 of this act or the establishment of the grant system required by section 3
15 of this act shall be paid for with funding from the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-
16 252.

17 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**SB 70-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2023-1280h)**

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STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
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Revenue	\$0	\$515,000	\$164,000	\$167,000
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Election Fund - HAVA Funds			

LOCAL:

Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of State indicates that this bill would establish a New Hampshire voter election information portal, which would require the development of a new system. This portal would enable voters to log in online and perform various tasks such as submitting a new voter application, requesting an absentee ballot, or making changes to their voter registration details. Additionally, the bill would mandate the creation of a grant system to enhance election security and technology in cities and towns. The funding for both the portal and the grants would be from the election fund, also known as HAVA Funds.

Portal:

To implement the online election information portal, the Department of State would collaborate with the department of information technology, the department of safety, the division of motor vehicles, city and town clerks, and supervisors of the checklist. Qualified voters opting to use the portal would be required to provide the same information within the same statutory time frames as outlined in voter registration statutes. However, the information may be submitted in a format suitable for electronic submission, as determined by the Secretary of State.

The estimated cost for designing, building, and testing the portal is \$426,000. Additionally, the Department anticipates annual maintenance fees of approximately \$84,000 and the need for a new ongoing position, specifically a Program Assistant III.

Considering the time required for design, bidding, building, testing, and creating training materials, the earliest operational date for the new portal would be May of 2024. This assumes the bill is signed into law on July 1, 2023, and takes effect 60 days after passage.

Projected Costs:

Fiscal Year 2024:

- \$426,000: Design and construction of the new portal
- \$21,000: Three months of ongoing maintenance fees
- \$68,000: Ten months of Program Assistant III position

Fiscal Year 2025:

- \$84,000: Twelve months of ongoing maintenance fees
- \$80,000: Twelve months of Program Assistant III position

Fiscal Year 2026 and forward:

- \$84,000: Twelve months of ongoing maintenance fees
- \$83,000: Twelve months of Program Assistant III position

Grant System:

The bill eliminates the requirement for the Secretary of State to maintain a balance in the election fund equal to at least 12 times the estimated annual cost of maintaining programs established to comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA).

The current balance in the election fund is approximately \$12.6 million. In order to create and administer the grant program, an additional position within the HAVA office is necessary, most likely a Program Specialist III. The estimated salary for this position is as follows:

- FY 2024: \$79,669
- FY 2025: \$83,657
- FY 2026: \$86,363

When the election fund is exhausted, this additional position would no longer be required.

Depending on the volume of grant applications received, another position may be necessary within the HAVA office to ensure compliance with federal requirements regarding the election

funds (HAVA funds). This position would handle tasks such as city and town compliance reporting, follow-up and federal HAVA reporting requirements.

The cost of new election equipment grants would vary based on the preferences of local election officials. The approximate costs by category are as follows:

Poll Pad:

- One-time cost: \$3,325
- Annual software fee: \$300

Ballot Counting Device:

- One-time cost: \$6,000 to \$8,500
- Annual fee: \$1,000
- Secure Laptops: \$800

Additional programming fees would apply for each poll pad and ballot counting device used during elections.

During the last state election in New Hampshire, there were 308 polling locations. The number of pieces of equipment and the number of locations participating as well as the potential cost is indeterminable.

The Department of Information Technology states they will not require any additional resources to support this effort.

The Department of Safety states there will be an indeterminable increase in 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 the fiscal impact of the grant program for ballot counting devices, electronic poll books, and secure laptops is uncertain due to several factors. The Secretary of State's website provides a list of towns and wards currently using ballot counting devices, electronic poll books, and secure laptops. The exact number of machines and their locations can be obtained from the Secretary of State's office, allowing determination of municipalities eligible for the direct-replacement portion of the grant program and the corresponding funding amount.

However, the number of municipalities seeking these devices for the first time is unknown and cannot be estimated. Assuming all 308 polling locations required electronic poll books, secure laptops, and new ballot counting devices at maximum cost, the maximum revenue to municipalities would be \$3,888,500. This assumes \$1,024,100 for electronic poll books, \$246,400 for secure laptops, and \$2,618,000 for ballot counting devices. However, it is reasonable to expect that the total cost would be lower due to factors such as multiple device usage in some locations, continued use of manual processes, or non-participation in the grant program.

Considering the uncertainty surrounding these variables, the revenues for municipalities are considered "indeterminable."

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Election Law and Municipal Affairs

Sen James Gray, Chair
Sen Keith Murphy, Vice Chair
Sen Daryl Abbas, Member
Sen Donna Soucy, Member
Sen Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Member

Date: January 19, 2023

HEARINGS

Tuesday

01/24/2023

Election Law and Municipal Affairs	Legislative Office Building 103	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

9:00 a.m.	SB 92-FN	relative to the authority of registers of probate.
9:15 a.m.	SB 70-FN	relative to the establishment of an election information portal.
9:30 a.m.	SB 73-FN	relative to Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 92-FN

Sen. Gray

SB 70-FN

Sen. Gray

Sen. Murphy

SB 73-FN

Sen. Perkins Kwoka

Sen. Watters

Sen. Rosenwald

Sen. Soucy

Sen. Chandley

Sen. Whitley

Sen. Altschiller

Sen. D'Allesandro

Sen. Fenton

Sen. Prentiss

Rep. Ward

Rep. Lane

Rep. Hamblet

Rep. Bay

Rep. H. Howard

Tricia Melillo 271-3077

James P. Gray
Chairman

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee
Tricia Melillo 271-3077

SB 70-FN, relative to the establishment of an election information portal.

Hearing Date: January 24, 2023

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gray, Murphy, Abbas, Soucy and Perkins Kwoka

Members of the Committee Absent : None

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

Sponsors:

Sen. Gray

Sen. Murphy

Who supports the bill: 178 people signed in support of the bill (sign in sheet will be provided upon request to the Committee Aide)

Who opposes the bill: 2 people signed in opposed to the bill. (sign in sheet will be provided upon request to the Committee Aide)

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Gray

- This bill has been on the docket a few times in the recent past.
- It is a way for residents to get their information into the system and have it go directly to their town or city officials.
- In the future he would like to see a process where people could have an app on their phone that allows them to update their information.
- It is limited in scope and the fiscal note speaks to having two people to administer the program.
- Having this portal will reduce lines on election day and support the town officials that have to verify information.
- Senator Soucy asked if Senator Gray would believe that she wanted to be a cosponsor on this bill and thought she has signed off on it.
 - Senator Gray replied that he would believe that.

David Scanlan – Secretary of State

- His office is replacing the Legacy Voter Data Base this year.
- The new data base will allow a lot more functionality and can do what this bill is proposing.
- This is a system that will be able to grow as time goes on and the need arises.

Beth Cotton

- She did a little research and found that many states have implemented this system successfully.
- It provides a readily available resource for many people that cannot physically make it to their towns offices.
- It also provides significant relief for town officers and clerks that will no longer need to track down erroneous information.
- It is estimated that the cost over a 4-year period to municipalities was \$10 million dollars in tracking bad information and processing paper forms.
- Having this portal will cost a lot less than that.

McKenzie St. Germaine

- Many voters are used to taking care of everything online.
- The ease of doing this online will reduce lines at the polling station.
- This portal will also help keep the voter rolls clean.
- It will support the Supervisors of the Checklist and Clerks that oftentimes have difficulty reading the handwritten forms.
- Over 40 states and the District of Columbia are now using an online system.

Olivia Zink – Open Democracy

- She thanked the committee for all the hard work that has been done on this bill and the many others aimed at making voting easier.
- Many voters she has spoken to feel that creating this simple modernization will create confidence in our elections.
- She gave an example of a voter that was not on the checklist because the Supervisor of the Checklist could not read the persons handwriting.
- An online voter portal has the potential to save NH millions of dollars each election by replacing costly paper-based registration forms.
- She believes the election procedure manual states that registrations must have wet signature and that may need to be updated.
- Senator Gray asked if that is what it says in statute.
 - Ms. Zink replied that she thinks it is only in the election procedure manual not in statute.

Louise Spencer - Kent Street Coalition

- She wanted to emphasize that Supervisors of the Checklist spend many hours trying to decipher the handwriting on registration forms.
- She believes this system will help all the poll workers and voters during elections.

Yoely Santana

- She believes this bill will make the election process more accessible to all voters.
- It will increase voters on election day.
- Most people do everything online and would be comfortable using this portal.
- NH should move forward with technology and advancement when it comes to elections.

TJM

Date Hearing Report completed: January 25, 2023

Speakers

Testimony

Tricia Melillo

From: Blake Tyler <btyler117@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 3:44 PM
To: James Gray
Cc: Keith Murphy; Daryl Abbas; Donna Soucy; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Tricia Melillo
Subject: SB70 - Relative to establishing Online Election Information Portal

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To the members of the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee, thank you very much for taking the time to deliberate this important legislation and also for serving our community. My name is Blake and I am a proud 28 year resident of Manchester. I am emailing you to register my support for SB70, the establishment of an online election information portal.

I believe in an age where many folks are skeptical of our elections, the impact their votes can have, and whether or not the "system" works, it is vital to establish not only trust in our democratic process but also make it as accessible as possible to as many people as possible. Thus I believe this portal would be an incredible asset for the state to have at its disposal. I would also like to add that seeing such a portal be implemented in a multilingual aspect would be great, so that the information may reach an even greater swath of voters and increase participation.

I would particularly like to thank Senator Gray, who has been tirelessly working on this matter for a number of years. Thank you all very kindly for receiving my testimony and for your work on this important matter.

Best, Blake Tyler
He/Him/His
Cell: 603-657-6643

Tricia Melillo

From: rhkkeating <rhkkeating@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 3:45 PM
To: James Gray; Keith Murphy; Daryl Abbas; Donna Soucy; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Tricia Melillo
Subject: SB-70

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Election Com,
I am in favor of this bill.I believe it will make our election process better .
Thank you for your considerstion of supporting this bill.
Bob Keating
5 Coburn Woods
Nashua,NH
03063

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Tricia Melillo

From: Liz Tentarelli <LWV@kenliz.net>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 7:08 PM
To: James Gray; Keith Murphy; Daryl Abbas; Donna Soucy; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Tricia Melillo
Subject: SB70 testimony in support

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To Senate Election Law committee,

From Liz Tentarelli, president, League of Women Voters NH

My apologies for not giving in-person testimony on SB70. 13" of snow here, our snowblower failed clearing Saturday's snow, and we've been shoveling our little hearts out. By morning the snow on the garage may have dumped a pile in front of the garage, which we'll need to shovel. I can't count on doing that in time to get to the hearings, and my road still looks bad, so I'm staying home.

Here is my testimony in support of SB70:

This bill has been at least three years in the making, and each year I have taken the opportunity to testify in favor of this common sense, 21st century bill. Last year it had the co-sponsorship of every member of this committee, which was wonderful. The unrealistic fiscal note was the problem, and I am pleased to see a much more realistic fiscal note this year.

According to a 2019 report by the Brennan Center, "[e]very state that has modernized registration has saved money." [1] Recent experiences by states across the country show that the costs involved in developing and implementing online voter registration are modest, and they pay for themselves quickly. In some places that have implemented online registration, per-voter registration processing costs have fallen by 95%. [2]

Testimony last year from town clerks confirmed that their work would be faster and more accurate using this election information portal rather than having people fill out paper forms, bad handwriting and all, at town offices or at the polling place on election day.

I commend the initiative of Sen. Gray on this bill, who handed me a draft amendment three years ago to institute an election information portal. I recall my response was to say, "You are my new BFF," which was totally inappropriate in the context of a public hearing. But it was sincere.

The League's mission of empowering voters will be helped by this election information portal. Only 8 states, at last count I can find, don't have online voter registration. While this portal may not create online voter registration per se, it comes mighty close, letting potential voters do much of the registration process in advance, from the comfort of their desks or phones.

In addition, the ability to change voter registration online when a voter moves, for example, is exactly the kind of thing that younger people expect and need. Spending time at the town clerk's office is just not part of the mindset of younger voters in particular. This is the next generation of voters and we need to encourage them.

League of Women Voters New Hampshire supports SB 70.

Sources: [1] Brennan Center for Justice, Feb. 2021

[2] Legal Defense Fund, August 2020 <https://www.naacpldf.org/naacp-publications/ldf-blog/online-voter-registration-good-for-states-good-for-voters/>

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From: KL Bundy <n_bundy@mcttelecom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 8:13 AM
To: James Gray; Keith Murphy; Daryl Abbas; Donna Soucy; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Tricia Melillo
Subject: SB 70

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

January 24, 2023 Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs SB 70

Dear Members of the Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs 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. It will increase the efficiency of the work of supervisors of the checklists. 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." The Secretary of State's Office is in the process of replacing the old voter database. The new system will accept a voter portal.

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



January 24, 2023

The Honorable Jim Gray
Chairman, Election Law
Legislative Office Building,
Concord, NH 03301

TESTIMONY in SUPPORT of SB 70

Good Morning Chair and Members of Election Law Committee,

For the record, my name is Olivia Zink, Executive Director of Open Democracy Action, a non-partisan, non-profit, pro-voter organization with over 36,000 members. Open Democracy Action's mission is fixing our democracy, specifically campaign finance reform, redistricting and honest elections in New Hampshire.

I want to thank this committee for all of the hard work that you have done and will do to modernize the application processes for new voter registration, requesting absentee ballots, and requesting changes to name, domicile, and party affiliation in the statewide voter database.

I spent 37 hours listening to voters, elections workers and other stakeholders share what they felt would create confidence in our elections. Many feel that creating a simple modernization would help create more secure, moderate and accessible voting. This is an important first step in supporting local poll workers.

I have volunteered on election day, and the worst thing is when someone says they are registered to vote, and have voted in this polling location before but they are not on the checklist. You check with the Supervisor of the Checklist and they have their voter registration paperwork. They are on the checklist with their name, spelling incorrectly. The second letter of their last name spelled with an o not an a. This voter was incorrectly in the database because the supervisor of the checklist couldn't read their handwriting.

Online voter portal has the potential to save New Hampshire millions of dollars each election by replacing costly paper-based registration forms. Even without the costs of postage and printing, research shows that processing a paper voter registration

application costs approximately \$4.72 in staff time.¹ If the Senate is able to save local taxpayers money this is just a win- win. Online voter portals systems are affordable to set up.

One idea to strengthen this -and maybe the SOS have permission to do this without a law change, but I know they like things in law - is to clarify the election procedure manual for allowing a voter to sign the form with a digital signature. If we can sign important Bank documents with digital signatures. I just want to make sure we remove the reference to wet signature from the procedure manual.

Please side with the voters for honesty and fairness by voting SB 70 OTP.

Respectfully,

Olivia Zink,
Executive Director
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Concord, NH 03301

¹ See Doug Chapin & David Kuennen, The Cost (Savings) of Reform: An Analysis of Local Registration-Related Costs and Potential Savings Through Automatic Voter Registration, March 2017, <https://responsivegoverning.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/final-cost-study.pdf>.

Seante Election Law:

I am here in **support of SB70**- for the creation and implementation of a voter information portal. This measure would allow for the significant modernization of some of our voter data gathering. It allows voters to begin the registration process, update their demographic information and update marital status among other data points.

It provides a readily available resource for folks who cannot make it to their town offices due to their work hours, folks who have mobility or transportation issues the opportunity to update their information easily from home.

A side benefit to this portal is a significant relief for town officers and clerks in no longer needing to track down missing or erroneous information. It is estimated that the cost over a 4-year period to municipalities was in the neighborhood of \$10 million dollars or \$2.5 million annually in tracking bad information and processing paper forms. With a fiscal note cost of \$477,000, it seems well worthwhile from that viewpoint.

My main goal today was to be able to speak in support and also to have the opportunity to give you some significant data derived from numerous studies contained in the information packets handed out with my testimony. All of the data is cited as to the study and agencies involved in the data collection.

I have given you some documentation of other states and their costs and benefits derived from their implementations and in my written testimony there is a link to a Pew study and one from ACLU also supporting this very worthy endeavor.

www.InsightStrategicPartners.com

<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/issue-briefs/2015/05/online-voter-registration>

https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/field_document/022415-aclu-voterregcostsonline_0.pdf

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New Hampshire Online Voter Registration: Cost Savings and Options

Online voter registration (OVR) has the potential to save New Hampshire millions of dollars each election by replacing costly paper-based registration forms.

Processing hundreds of thousands of paper voter registration applications each election cycle is labor-intensive and expensive, requiring manual data entry, follow-up on missing information and errors, and overtime for supervisors of the checklist and town clerks to process applications in a busy election season.

An OVR system can replace these paper transactions, saving time, energy, and money for these election administrators. This memorandum discusses the costs associated with paper-based registrations, and how different pieces of an OVR system can significantly reduce these paper filings.

Since 2014, New Hampshire has spent approximately \$10 million on processing paper voter registration forms.

Even without the costs of postage and printing, research shows that processing a paper voter registration application costs approximately \$4.72 in staff time.¹

The following table shows that over the past four election cycles, New Hampshire spent nearly \$10.5 million dollars processing paper registration forms, with an average of more than \$3.86 million in Presidential elections, and more than \$1.37 million in midterm elections.

Paper-based forms are divided into three categories: mail forms, in-person forms, and forms submitted at the polls during same-day registration. Totals are drawn from the Election Assistance Commission's 2020, 2018, 2016, and 2014 Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS) data.

Estimated Labor Cost of Paper-Based Registrations in New Hampshire

Election Cycle	Mail	In-Person	Same-Day	Total Paper Forms	Est. Labor Cost (\$4.72/form)
2020	5,783	729,189	75,611	810,583	\$3,825,951.76
2018	718	260,819	46,895	308,432	\$1,455,799.04
2016	2,414	743,627	80,995	827,036	\$3,903,609.92
2014	588	243,482	29,188	273,258	\$1,289,777.76
Total	9,503	1,977,117	232,689	2,219,309	\$10,475,138.48

¹ See Doug Chapin & David Kuennen, The Cost (Savings) of Reform: An Analysis of Local Registration-Related Costs and Potential Savings Through Automatic Voter Registration, March 2017, <https://responsivegoverning.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/final-cost-study.pdf>.

Online voter registration can reduce and even eliminate these costs by directing voters away from expensive paper registrations.

Online voter registration almost entirely eliminates these data processing costs by creating electronic registration files that contain no missing information and require no data entry by administrators. Indeed, after implementing OVR in 2002, Arizona spent less than 3 cents for each online registration.²

As an OVR system becomes more complete and incorporates more features, it replaces a greater share of paper registrations and associated costs. Below, we discuss different features of an OVR system that each replace a share of paper-based registrations. A complete OVR system, incorporating all of these features, can eliminate the overwhelming majority of paper forms, saving millions of dollars each election.

- **OVR for Individuals with DMV-Issued IDs:** 42 states have adopted a form of OVR open to any individual with a driver's license or ID issued by the state's Department of Motor Vehicles.
 - The individual enters their registration information on the OVR website, which ensures that no information is missing and eliminates the need for follow-up.
 - The individual's signature is pulled from state DMV records to complete the registration file.
 - This type of OVR system replaces the vast majority of paper forms, providing anyone with a DMV-issued ID an easier and more efficient option than mail or in-person registration.
 - The overwhelming majority of paper forms filed each cycle are replaced by an online submission that is complete and requires no manual data entry.

- **OVR with Signature Option:** Of the 42 states with OVR, 11 states have extended their OVR systems further to reach individuals without DMV-issued IDs.
 - Consistent with existing mail and in-person registration forms, any eligible citizen with a social security number can register online.
 - If no signature is on file for the person in state databases, the individual can upload a photo of his or her signature or sign a tablet or smartphone to create a signature capture.
 - This type of OVR system replaces the maximum number of paper registration forms by providing a streamlined paperless option for any eligible person with Internet access.

² See Matt Baretto *et al.*, *Online Voter Registration (OLVR) Systems in Arizona and Washington: Evaluating Usage, Public Confidence and Implementation Processes*, (2010), https://www.pewtrusts.org/-/media/legacy/uploadedfiles/pes_assets/2010/onlinevoterregpdf.pdf.

Online voter registration systems are affordable to set up. Prior fiscal notes for OVR legislation in New Hampshire dramatically overestimate the cost of implementing a basic OVR system.

Online voter registration systems involve modest start up costs, which are completely offset by cost savings after just a single election cycle. In surveys conducted in 2014 and 2015, states cited an average cost of about \$250,000 to build and implement their online voter registration systems.³ Costs were often below \$100,000, and only one state reported spending more than \$750,000.

The fiscal note submitted for the online voter registration system proposed in 2022's SB 425 dramatically overestimates the cost of implementing OVR.⁴

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) submitted cost estimates that exceed \$1.68 million in the first fiscal year of implementation, \$3.55 million in the second fiscal year, and \$6.32 million in the third, for a total cost of over \$11.55 million dollars. **This estimate is over 46 times greater than the average implementation cost of OVR in other states.**

DoIT's overestimate is caused in part by the unnecessarily broad scope of their proposed project. DoIT proposes to develop a "top-tier" identity and access management system - essentially a software framework that would allow users to create an account and a profile that they could use to log into and access a broad variety of government online services, not just OVR.⁵

While creating a top-tier identity and access management system may be a worthwhile project for New Hampshire to undertake someday, it is not a necessary step in order to implement a secure and accessible OVR system. Many states' OVR systems do not require users to create an account and log in to submit an online voter registration application.

Instead, these systems securely receive and process voter registration information and perform identity verification through a multi-step online form. This is similar to how, for example, the New Hampshire DMV currently securely processes driver's license renewal applications online.

³ See Pew Charitable Trusts, *Online Voter Registration: Trends in development and implementation*, at 4-5 (2015), https://www.pewtrusts.org/~media/Assets/2015/05/OVR_2015_brief.pdf?la=en.

⁴ https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/legacy/bs2016/billText.aspx?sy=2022&id=1988&txtFormat=html.

⁵ See *id.* (noting that the "IAM pieces of the system will be reusable for other important capabilities in the state").

Maine Online Voter Registration: Cost Savings and Options

Online voter registration (OVR) has the potential to save Maine millions of dollars by replacing costly paper-based registration forms. Processing hundreds of thousands of paper voter registration applications each election cycle is labor-intensive and expensive, requiring manual data entry, follow-up on missing information and errors, and overtime for staff to process applications before Election Day. An OVR system can replace these paper transactions, saving time, energy, and money for election administrators. This memorandum discusses the costs associated with paper-based registrations, and how different pieces of an OVR system can reduce, and ultimately eliminate, these paper forms.

Even without the costs of postage and printing, processing each paper application costs approximately \$4.72 in staff time. *See* Doug Chapin & David Kuennen, *The Cost (Savings) of Reform: An Analysis of Local Registration-Related Costs and Potential Savings Through Automatic Voter Registration*, March 2017, https://www.vote.org/wp-content/uploads/registration-related-costs_030817.pdf. Online voter registration almost entirely eliminates these data processing costs by creating electronic registration files that contain no missing information and require no data entry by administrators. Indeed, after implementing OVR in 2002, Arizona spent only 3 cents for each online registration. *See* Washington Institute of the Study of Ethnicity and Race *et al.*, *Online Voter Registration (OLVR) Systems in Arizona and Washington: Evaluating Usage, Public Confidence and Implementation Processes*, (2010), https://www.pewtrusts.org/-/media/legacy/uploadedfiles/pcs_assets/2010/onlinevoterreg.pdf.

The following table shows that over the past two election cycles, Maine spent nearly \$2 million dollars processing paper registration forms, with an average of more than \$960,000 per election cycle. Paper-based forms are divided into three categories: mail forms, in-person forms, and forms submitted by third-party registration drives. Totals are drawn from the Election Assistance Commission's 2018 and 2016 Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS) data.

Estimated Labor Cost of Paper-Based Registrations in Maine

Election Cycle	Mail	In-Person	Reg. Drives	Total Paper Forms	Est. Labor Cost (\$4.72/form)
2018	12,034	149,382	6,122	167,538	\$790,779.36
2016	18,082	206,113	15,234	239,429	\$1,130,104.88
Total	30,116	355,495	21,356	406,967	\$1,920,884.24

OVR eliminates these costs by directing voters away from expensive paper registrations. As an OVR system becomes more complete and incorporates more features, it replaces a greater share of paper registrations and associated costs. Below, we discuss different features of an OVR system that each replace a share of paper-based registrations. A complete OVR system, incorporating all of these features, effectively eliminates paper forms, saving millions of dollars.

- **E-mailed Forms:** Although not formally OVR, allowing voters to e-mail scanned registration forms to clerks is a relatively simple step that can mitigate some of the costs of paper-based forms. For an e-mailed form, registrants can be instructed to type, rather

than handwrite, their registration information, reducing the need for follow-up by clerks on illegible information. Similarly, typed information can be automatically recognized by a computer program and inputted into a database, reducing the effort of manual data entry. E-mailed forms also reduce the amount of staff dedicated to assisting in-person registrants.

- **OVR for Individuals with DMV-Issued IDs:** 34 states have an OVR website open to any individual with a DMV-issued ID. The individual enters their registration information on the OVR website, which ensures that no information is missing and eliminates the need for follow-up. The individual's signature is pulled from state DMV records to complete the registration file. This type of OVR system replaces the vast majority of paper forms, providing anyone with a DMV-issued ID an easier and more efficient option than mail or in-person registration. The overwhelming majority of paper forms filed each cycle are replaced by an online submission that is complete and requires no manual data entry.
- **OVR with Signature Option:** Another six states have extended their OVR systems further to reach individuals without DMV-issued IDs. Consistent with existing mail and in-person registration forms, anyone with a social security number can register online. If no signature is on file for the person in state databases, the individual can upload a photo of his or her signature or sign a tablet or smartphone to create a signature capture. This type of OVR system replaces the maximum number of mail and in-person registration forms by providing a streamlined paperless option for any eligible person with Internet access.
- **OVR with an API:** In recent years, several states have also extended their OVR systems to include an application programming interface (API), which allows trusted and verified third-party groups to submit registration forms electronically, eliminating paper registration forms from third-party registration drives. In the absence of an API, third-party registration groups have less incentive to direct voters to the state's OVR system, as they cannot track the effectiveness of their registration drives when voters use the OVR website. Instead, they submit expensive and time-consuming paper registration forms. APIs solve this problem, by allowing third-party groups to track the number of individuals they direct to the OVR process, eliminating the need for paper forms at registration drives.



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1126

LR 13(02)

An Act To Update the Voter Registration Process

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$259,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$259,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$259,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 to the Department of Secretary of State for contracted programming costs to implement online voter registration.

Tricia Melillo

From: Al Brandano <albrand19@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 11:12 AM
To: ~House Election Law Committee; James Gray; Keith Murphy; Daryl Abbas; Donna Soucy; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Tricia Melillo
Subject: Please VOTE NO - SB70

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

April 16, 2023

Senate Finance Committee

House Election Law Committee

Ladies and Gentleman of the committee(s)

After careful review and study I believe SB70 as proposed is repugnant to the NH Constitution.

1. I question your committee authority to alter the original intent of the 1942- 1956 Amendment(s) to the NH Constitution on general elections – especially as it relates to Absentee Ballots.
2. Requires the current absentee ballot affidavit process to have the applicant swear in front of (in person) that is approved to give an oath/ sworn to accept. RSA 654:17 in its current form of which you are amending in this bill, does NOT carry over protections of original intent.
3. Sec. of State Scanlon – Voter Confidence committee report. - **NH.is already the easiest state to Vote in the USA**

SB70 makes it even easier with no penalty of proscutition under the law for violators, along with no additional election software or hardware security measures or oversight. Warning .. Please review Senate District 24 recount / audit the Ballot Law commission sent to the NH DOJ on April 5, 2023

Why not make NH one of the most secure election states???

VOTE NO on SB70

Respectfully

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Voting Sheets

**Senate Election Law
& Municipal Affairs Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2023 Session**

Bill SB70

Hearing date: 1/24/23

Executive Session date: 1/24/23

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

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

Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

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

Motion of: _____ 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. Perkins Kwoka	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reported out by: Sen. Soucy

Notes: _____

Senate Finance Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill # SB 70-FN

Hearing date: N/A

Executive session date: 01/31/23

Motion of: QIP

VOTE: 7-0

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Motion of: _____

VOTE: _____

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Amendments: _____

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred **SB 70-FN**

AN ACT

relative to the establishment of an election
information portal.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Donna Soucy
For the Committee

This bill directs the Secretary of State to establish an election information portal. This portal will allow New Hampshire citizens to complete a new voter application, request an absentee ballot or update their information for the statewide centralized voter registration database. Requests by voters in the portal will be verified by the appropriate municipal officer.

Tricia Melillo 271-3077

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **SB 70-FN**

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

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 7-0

Senator Regina Birdsell
For the Committee

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General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of SB70

Docket Abbreviations

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2/1/2023	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 02/09/2023; SC 9
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NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

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Senate Committee: ELMA

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