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Following voter fraud allegations, Senator reinforces need for Voter ID

Potential first-in-the-nation fraud a serious concern, addressed in proposed legislation

CONCORD - Reports of alleged voter fraud from Tuesday's primary election that are making front page headlines across the state today has a senator reinforcing the need for voters to show identification. Sen. Sharon Carson, R-Londonderry has filed a Voter ID bill that will be in front of the Public and Municipal Affairs Committee in the near future.

Carson said, "Video showing just how easy it is to attempt voter fraud here in New Hampshire is very troubling, particularly when it becomes public just one day after our first-in-the-nation primary, an event Granite Staters take tremendous pride in. I felt strongly about requiring voters to produce identification before this story broke and believe in it even more so now. I am sponsoring SB318 to help ensure that one of our most cherished rights as Americans is protected."

She added, "What happened at polling places in Manchester and Nashua underscores the need for more oversight regarding the voting process. Requiring voters to show an ID before taking a ballot is reasonable and that's why I filed SB 318. If we're required to produce identification before boarding a plane, proving who we say we are when we go to vote should reach that standard as well. This issue is one of our top priorities for the 2012 session."

(Note: the Public and Municipal Affairs Committee is scheduled to hear SB 318 on Tuesday, January 24th starting at 9:30am in Room 101 of the LOB.)

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