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Senate passes 30-day voter residency requirement

Protects integrity of NH elections

Concord, NH – Today, the Senate passed a bill which would add a 30-day residency requirement before a citizen would be permitted to cast a ballot in a New Hampshire election.

Senator Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead), chair of Public and Municipal Affairs, issued a statement following the vote.

“Today’s vote by the Senate provides additional protections in our electoral system by including a common sense 30-day residency requirement before an individual may vote in New Hampshire,” said Senator Regina Birdsell.

“If passed into law, New Hampshire will join 22 other states with up to a 30-day voter residency requirement and we take an important step towards protecting the integrity of our state’s elections. We owe it to our citizens to ensure that those who are in the voting booth next to them have a vested interest in the communities they are impacting through elections. This bill is widely supported by Granite State voters and by New Hampshire’s Secretary of State Bill Gardner because it will work to eliminate the occurrences of drive-by-voting in New Hampshire during any election, ensuring the strength of our resident’s votes. We urge our colleagues in the House to vote again to support this important piece of legislation and call on Governor Hassan to strengthen our elections,” added Birdsell.

[A WMUR Granite State Poll](#) on this legislation shows 57% of Granite Staters support this common sense measure.

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