

Amendment to HB 552-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to investigation of voter verification letters.
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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:
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7 1 Letters of Identity Verification. Amend RSA 654:12, V(c) to read as follows:

8 (c) The secretary of state shall ~~[cause]~~ **investigate** any letters mailed pursuant to
9 subparagraph (b) that are returned as undeliverable by the United States Post Office to ~~[be~~
10 ~~referred]~~ **determine whether improper registration or voting may have occurred. If the**
11 **investigation results in a finding of improper registration or improper voting, the**
12 **secretary of state shall forward the results** to the attorney general **for further investigation**
13 **or prosecution.** The secretary of state shall also ~~[prepare and forward to the attorney general a~~
14 ~~list of]~~ **investigate** all persons who were mailed letters under subparagraph (b) and have not
15 confirmed their registration, **and shall prepare and forward to the attorney general for**
16 **further investigation or prosecution a list of such persons whose registration the secretary**
17 **of state's investigation did not confirm.** Upon receipt of notice from a person who receives a
18 letter of identity verification that the person did not register and vote, or upon receipt of a referral
19 from the secretary of state, the attorney general shall cause an investigation to be made to
20 determine whether fraudulent registration or voting occurred.

21 2 Letters of Driver's Obligation. Amend RSA 654:12, V(e)-(f) to read as follows:

22 (e) The secretary of state shall ~~[cause]~~ **investigate** any letters mailed pursuant to
23 subparagraph (d) that are returned as undeliverable by the United States Post Office to ~~[be~~
24 ~~referred]~~ **determine whether improper registration or voting may have occurred. If the**
25 **investigation results in a finding of improper registration or improper voting, the**
26 **secretary of state shall forward the results** to the attorney general ~~[and the attorney general~~
27 ~~shall cause an investigation to be made to determine whether fraudulent registration or voting~~
28 ~~occurred]~~ **for further investigation or prosecution.**

29 (f) Upon completion of any investigation authorized under ~~[this section]~~ **RSA 654:12,**
30 the attorney general **and the secretary of state** shall forward a report summarizing the results of
31 the investigation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the
32 chairpersons of the appropriate house and senate standing committees with jurisdiction over

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1 election law.

2 3 Letters of Identity Verification. Amend RSA 659:13, IV(b) to read as follows:

3 (b) The secretary of state shall prepare a list of ~~[voters from any letters mailed~~
4 ~~pursuant to subparagraph (a) that are returned as undeliverable by the United States Post Office~~
5 ~~and of]~~ voters who were mailed letters under subparagraph (a) and have not responded to the
6 secretary of state. The secretary of state shall revise the list based on input solicited from the
7 supervisors of the checklist. The secretary of state shall ~~[forward]~~ **investigate the voters on** the
8 revised list of names ~~[to the attorney general who shall cause an investigation to be made]~~ to
9 determine whether ~~[fraudulent]~~ **improper** voting **may have** occurred. ***If the investigation***
10 ***results in a finding of improper voting, the secretary of state shall forward the results to***
11 ***the attorney general for further investigation or prosecution. The secretary of state shall***
12 ***also investigate any letters mailed pursuant to subparagraph (a) that are returned as***
13 ***undeliverable by the United States Post Office to determine whether improper voting may***
14 ***have occurred. If the investigation results in a finding of improper voting, the secretary of***
15 ***state shall forward the results to the attorney general for further investigation or***
16 ***prosecution.***

17 4 New Subparagraph; Letters of Identity Verification. Amend RSA 659:13, IV by inserting
18 after subparagraph (c) the following new subparagraph:

19 (d) Upon completion of any investigation authorized under RSA 659:13, the attorney
20 general and the secretary of state shall forward a report summarizing the results of the
21 investigation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the
22 chairpersons of the appropriate house and senate standing committees with jurisdiction over
23 election law.

24 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the secretary of state to investigate a letter of identity verification or driver's obligation if the letter is returned as undeliverable or if the recipient fails to respond.