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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to the form required to request an absentee ballot.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hamer, Hills. 19; Rep. Bradley, Hills. 41; Rep. Long, Hills. 23; Rep. Heath, Hills. 41; Rep. Cornell, Hills. 22; Rep. Freitas, Hills. 26; Rep. Rombeau, Hills. 2; Rep. Bouchard, Hills. 24; Rep. Proulx, Hills. 15; Rep. Wilhelm, Hills. 40

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes to the form required to request an absentee ballot.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 form required to request an absentee ballot.

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

1 1 Absentee Voting; Ballot Request Form. RSA 657:4, I is repealed and reenacted to read as
2 follows:

3 I. Prior to any state election, the secretary of state shall prepare the appropriate application
4 forms for absentee ballots worded in substantially the following form. The secretary of state shall
5 insert the names of all parties qualified as set forth in RSA 652:11 in the list of parties on the
6 application form. The secretary of state shall prepare the application forms in such quantity as he or
7 she deems necessary:

8 I hereby declare that:

9 I am a voter in the city or town of _____ New Hampshire in Ward Number
10 _____.

11 I am a duly qualified voter and entitled to vote under RSA 657:7.

12 I will be absent on election day (choose one):

13 _____ I will be out of town on election day

14 _____ I will be unable to vote in person because I will be working, this to include caring for
15 children or infirm adults, with or without compensation.

16 _____ I have a disability

17 _____ I am unable to vote in person due to a religious commitment, which prevents me from
18 voting in person.

19 _____ I am confined to a penal institution for a misdemeanor or while waiting trial

20 I am requesting a ballot for (choose one):

21 For the Presidential Primary to be held on _____ (MM/DD/YYYY) elections I am a member of :

22 _____ Republican Party

23 _____ Democratic Party

24 For the State Primary to be held on _____ (MM/DD/YYYY) elections I am a member of

25 _____ Republican Party

26 _____ Democratic Party

27 _____ For the General Election to be held on _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

28 Voter's Signature: _____

29 Voter's printed name: _____

30 Voter's address : _____

31 (Street Number) (Street Name) (Apt/Unit) (City/Town) (Ward) (Zip Code):

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1 Please provide one of the following in case we need to contact you:

2 Voter's phone number: _____

3 Voter's email address: _____

4 If you had someone help you fill out this form please fill out the following:

5 _____ Signature

6 _____ Printed name

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.