HB 1442-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2024 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***1442-FN***

AN ACT relative to penalties for failure of election officers to adhere to election law.

SPONSORS: Rep. McCarter, Belk. 8; Rep. Terry, Belk. 7

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill creates a penalty for the failure of election officers to adhere to election law.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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

1 Penalties for Voter Fraud; Election Officers. Amend RSA 659:34, I(h)-(i) to read as follows:

(h) Registers to vote on election day using an affidavit to satisfy proof of being qualified, represents on the affidavit that the person possesses proof that he or she does not have in his or her possession at the polling place, and purposely and knowingly fails to provide a copy of the document by mail or present the document in person to the town or city clerk by the deadline established in RSA 654:12; [~~or~~]

(i) Purposely and knowingly provides false information in a written and signed statement or other documentation that another person is domiciled at an address that is owned, leased, rented, or managed by the individual providing the statement for the purposes of voter registration and that statement is used for voter registration purposes***; or***

(j) Performs as an election officer in any election and violates any election law.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

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HB 1442-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [X] County [X] Local [ ] None

Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease)				
	FY 2024	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue Fund	None			
Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Funding Source	General Fund			
Appropriations	$0	$0	$0	$0
Funding Source	None			

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact - Increase / (Decrease)				
	FY 2024	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
County Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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