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## New Hampshire Senate provide Constitutional protection for First in the Nation Primary

**Concord, NH** - The New Hampshire Senate today gave its unanimous approval to a constitutional amendment protecting New Hampshire's First in the Nation Primary. Senator Daryl Abbas (R-Salem) issued the following statement:

"For 100 years, New Hampshire voters have played a crucial role in selecting our nation's Presidential nominees. The face-to-face grassroots campaigns that Granite State voters expect provide a true test of every candidate, and make Presidents better prepared for the most important job in the world."

"We have fought off other state's efforts to usurp our First in the Nation status for decades, but now the threat comes from Washington, as the Democratic National Committee demanded that New Hampshire changes our election laws to suit its wishes. Protecting the Primary in our state constitution will let Washington know that New Hampshire Republicans as well as Democrats, will never surrender control of our elections to a singular political party."

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CACR 9 received a 23-0 vote from the Senate. If approved by 3/5 of the New Hampshire House, it will go before New Hampshire voters on the November 2024 ballot.