



NEW HAMPSHIRE SECRETARY OF STATE

David M. Scanlan

DATE: November 14, 2023

Hon. Jeb Bradley
President of the Senate
State House, Room 302
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Hon. Sherman Packard
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House, Room 311
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Hon. James Gray
Chair, Senate Committee on Elections
Law and Municipal Affairs
State House, Room 105
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Hon. Ross Berry
Chair, House Committee on Election Law
Legislative Office Building, Room 308
33 North State Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Report to Legislature: Voters Registering and Voting on Election Day Without Presenting Photo Identification

Dear Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and Committee Chairs:

Pursuant to RSA 659:13, IV(c), this letter reports the number of individuals in each voting district recorded by local election officials in the Statewide Voter Registration System as having either registered to vote or voted on the election date stated in the report without presenting a valid photo identification.

For town and city elections, special state primary or general elections, if the report does not list a voting district, that district reported "0" voters who registered or voted without photo ID. A report for the State Primary or State General election lists all voting districts in the state, with an entry of "0" if no voter was reported as having registered or voted without photo ID.

Registered voters without photo ID whose identity is verified by the Moderator, Clerk, or Supervisor of the Checklist are not required to complete a challenged voter affidavit, unless the person is challenged, and are not included in the reported numbers. RSA 659:13, II (b) If that voter is challenged based on



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identity, the voter must complete a challenged voter affidavit, in which case that voter is included in the reported numbers.

A person applying for voter registration who does not present authorized photo ID may use a Qualified Voter Affidavit to prove their identity and register. Local election officials take a photograph of the applicant, unless the applicant signs an affidavit of religious objection to their photograph being taken. RSA 654:12, III-a. A registered voter checking in to obtain a ballot who does not present authorized photo ID and whose identity is not verified by a Moderator, Clerk, or Supervisor may complete a Challenged Voter Affidavit to prove identity, check in, and receive a ballot. In that circumstance election officials take a photograph of the voter, unless the voter completes an affidavit of religious objection to their photograph being taken. RSA 659:13, I(c)(4) & (5).

The data in this report is based on the information local election officials enter into the Statewide Voter Registration System. The Secretary of State's office has traditionally reported data on the number of voters who registered or voted without presenting valid photo identification as part of the more comprehensive report required by RSA 654:12, V(f) which reports the outcome of the follow up inquiry by the Secretary of State into affidavit letters. Of necessity, that report is issued later in the election cycle. A new Statewide Voter Registration System is under development for use at future elections. It is designed, in part, to make production of these reports more efficient. In the future we plan to issue this report under RSA 659: 13, IV(c) and later in the election cycle issue the report required by RSA 654:12, V(f), which is more comprehensive. Both reports will provide some data on affidavit use when applicants and voters do not have valid photo ID. If local election officials report additional data or correct previously reported data between the time when the two reports are compiled, the count of the number of voters will change from one report to the next.

The attached reports are for local, state special primary and general elections from the period of September 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Scanlan", written over a light blue circular stamp.

David M. Scanlan
Secretary of State

Challenged Voter Affidavits		
September 1 - October 31, 2023 Local Elections and Special State Primary and General Elections		
Town and City Wards		
TOWN NAME	WARD	COUNT
Manchester	02	3
Manchester	03	3
Manchester	04	1
Manchester	05	1
Manchester	06	1
Manchester	08	4
Manchester	12	3
Nashua	03	3
Nashua	05	1
Nashua	09	2
Nottingham	00	1
TOTAL REPORTED FOR ALL ELECTIONS DURING THIS TIME PERIOD		23

Qualified Voter Affidavits		
September 1 - October 31, 2023 Local Elections and Special State Primary and General Elections		
Town and City Wards		
TOWN NAME	WARD	COUNT
Nashua	05	1
TOTAL REPORTED FOR ALL ELECTIONS DURING THIS TIME PERIOD		1

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