



NEW HAMPSHIRE SECRETARY OF STATE
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TO: New Hampshire Election Officials
FROM: Secretary of State's Office
RE: HB 1569 – Laws of 2024, Chapter 378 -Relative to Eliminating Voter Identification Exceptions
DATE: November 8, 2024 – Law change is effective November 11, 2024

The Secretary of State's Office, with the advice and counsel of the Attorney General's Office, issues this memorandum regarding implementation of HB 1569, Laws of 2024, Chapter 378 ("HB 1569"). HB 1569 makes several changes to the election laws effective on Monday, November 11, 2024. This guidance addresses implementation of the new law for voter registration applications received by clerk's offices and supervisors of the checklist at a public session.

The law no longer authorizes an applicant to complete affidavits as an alternative means of proving their qualifications as a voter. If an applicant does not provide acceptable documentary proof of identity, age, United States citizenship, and/or domicile, they are not eligible to be registered to vote. It is appropriate for you to encourage the applicant to retrieve documents that prove they are qualified and return to your offices/sessions to allow the election official receiving the application to review the documents required by law.

The attached "Registering to Vote in New Hampshire – November 2024" explains the requirements to register to vote under the new law. Please carefully review this guidance. Have copies available to provide applicants. Consider putting a link to the Secretary of State's website on your town/city website that directs the public to this document and other pages that provide information on how to register and vote. The Secretary of State's office is responsible for keeping its website current. Linking to the Secretary's website will minimize the need for you to update your town/city website each time the law changes.

Locate and **destroy** the following documents, which are no longer valid and must not be used or issued to voters:

- Registering to Vote in New Hampshire – November 2023 (or any earlier version).
- Voter Registration Form – July 2016 (or any version other than November 2024).
- Domicile Affidavit – all versions.

- Qualified Voter Affidavit – all versions.
- Challenged Voter Affidavit – all versions.
- New American Pocket Voter Guides (all languages).
- Affidavit Ballot Packages.

Our office will be in touch at a later date on how we will collect cameras and film.

Attached to this memo are new forms:

- New Hampshire Voter Registration Form – November 2024 (Use for all applications received on or after November 11, 2024).
- Attestation of Not Possessing Qualified Domicile Proof Documents (To be used by an applicant who does not possess (i)-(iv) below and will be using other reasonable documentation of domicile, including any of the documents listed in RSA 654:12, I).
 - (i) A New Hampshire driver's license or identification card issued under RSA 260:21 (Non-driver Identification card), RSA 260:21-a (REAL ID compliant non-driver identification), or RSA 260:21-b (Enhanced Identification Card);
 - (ii) A New Hampshire resident vehicle registration;
 - (iii) A picture identification issued by the United States government that contains a current address; or
 - (iv) A government issued check, benefit statement, or tax document.
- Confirmation of Domicile – For use by parent, landlord, property owner, etc. to confirm that an applicant resides on their property.
- Homeless Confirmation of Domicile – For use by a homeless applicant to confirm that a homeless shelter or similar facility will receive US Mail sent to the applicant.
- Registering to Vote in New Hampshire – November 2024 – an explanation of the requirements to register to vote for election officials and the public.

Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS)

This change to law requires changes to the SVRS. To allow time for entry of new voters and voter history from the November 5, 2024 general election, the changes to the SVRS will not be implemented until January 2, 2025.

- Enter the voter history of voters who used a Challenge Voter Affidavit (CVA) in the general election into the SVRS no later than December 31, 2024. Enter all other voter history as soon as possible.

- Enter all voter registration applications received on or before November 10, 2024 into the SVRS no later than December 31, 2024.
- Do not enter new voter registrations, name changes, party changes, or address changes received starting November 11, 2024, until January 2, 2025. Hold the paper records until the changes required by this law are implemented in the SVRS.

This guidance is intended only to provide clerks and supervisors with the forms and information necessary to process voter registration applications starting on November 11, 2024. We plan to issue more comprehensive guidance, which will address election-day voter registration, well in advance of the next scheduled elections in March of 2025.