

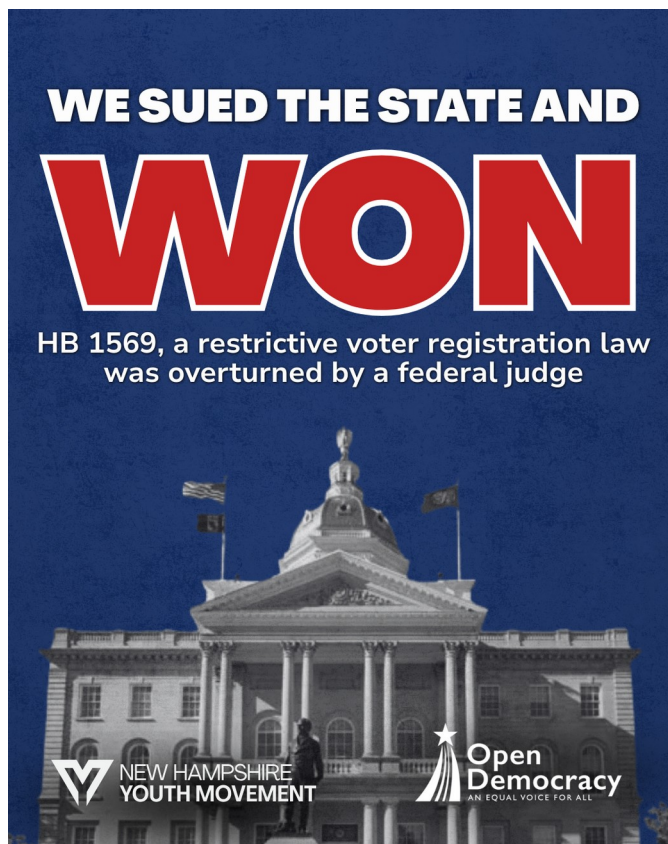


Late Thursday night, [a federal court struck down HB 1569](#), New Hampshire's anti-voter law that imposed one of the harshest voter registration burdens in the country.

The ruling restores the longstanding qualified voter affidavit that Granite Staters relied on for decades to prove citizenship and marks a major victory for voting rights in New Hampshire.

This win would not have been possible without the incredible efforts of our fellow plaintiffs, the [League of Women Voters of New Hampshire](#) and [New Hampshire Youth Movement](#), the dedicated attorneys who fought this case, and the countless volunteers, donors, and supporters who stood with us every step of the way. We are especially grateful to the [ACLU of New Hampshire](#) and the entire legal team whose expertise, guidance, and tireless advocacy helped build a winning case and secure this victory for New Hampshire voters.

While there is still work to be done to protect and expand access to the ballot box, this decision is a powerful reminder that when people organize, speak out, and fight back, **democracy can prevail**.



Open Democracy Actions! ↓

The following actions, along with additional resources, can also be found on our website [HERE](#). We also host **volunteer meetings twice a week** (our ODA Teams!) where we discuss these efforts, share updates, and strategize together in real time. Feel free to drop in when you can or come every week—sign up [HERE](#) to join the team and receive the Zoom link!



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TLDR Actions for June 1-5

1. [Spread the word and set the record straight on HB 1569](#) 
 2. [Email Governor Ayotte: VETO HB 1062, random audits of the citizenship qualifications of registered voters](#) ✖
 3. [Email Governor Ayotte: VETO HB 340, Restricting Speech of Public Employees](#) ✖
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1. Spread the Word & Set the Record Straight

Help spread the word about this major victory by sharing an article or social media post about the court's decision.

As you do, keep an eye on the comments. 👁️ There is already a lot of confusion about what this ruling means.

One common misconception is that people no longer have to prove they are U.S. citizens to register to vote. **That is absolutely not true.** Voters have always had to prove citizenship in New Hampshire. What the court restored is the option for eligible voters who do not have documents like a passport or birth certificate readily available to sign a sworn affidavit affirming their citizenship under penalty of perjury.

Others are confusing proof of citizenship for voter registration with showing a

photo ID when checking in to vote. **These are two different requirements.**

This case was about voter registration, **not** voter ID.

If you see confusion online, help clarify the facts. And whenever possible, tell stories. Explain how eligible voters acting in good faith can run into roadblocks when trying to comply with such restrictive legislation.

For example, under HB 1569, some women arrived with documents proving their citizenship, such as a birth certificate, but were unaware they would also need additional paperwork to connect that document to their current legal name after marriage. Others were longtime registered voters who had voted for years but found themselves turned away or caught in confusion after moving, updating their registration, or encountering new requirements.

These stories illustrate why this case mattered. The issue was not whether voters should prove they are citizens. It was whether eligible voters could be prevented from voting because of documentation hurdles and confusion over the rules.

Articles & Posts to Share:

- [Open Democracy & NH Youth Movement Instagram Post](#)
- [ACLU Press Release](#)
- [Open Democracy Press Release](#)
- [Judge Tosses Citizenship Law Aimed at New Voters in New Hampshire](#), The New York Times
- [Federal judge says New Hampshire must make it easier to prove citizenship](#), The Washington Post

- [Judge strikes down NH's 'proof of citizenship' voting law](#), NH Public Radio

2. Urge Governor Ayotte: VETO HB 1062, Random Audits of Citizenship Qualifications of Registered Voters ✕

[HB 1062](#) would authorize the Secretary of State to conduct audits of voters who registered using the qualified voter affidavit process.

The Senate improved the bill by adding several important guardrails, including requiring audits to begin with existing state databases, limiting the sharing of voters' personal information, and requiring the destruction of individually identifiable data once a voter's citizenship status has been resolved.

Unfortunately, during the Committee of Conference process, House members removed the Senate's sunset clause, meaning this auditing authority will now continue indefinitely unless changed by a future legislature.

At its core, HB 1062 casts suspicion on voters who have already proven they are qualified to vote. **New Hampshire's elections are safe, secure, and accurate, and there is no evidence of widespread noncitizen voting that would justify creating a permanent voter audit program.**

➡ [**The Committee of Conference report was placed on the consent calendar for Thursday, June 4, making final passage highly likely. Contact Governor Ayotte and urge her to veto HB 1062.**](#)

3. Urge Governor Ayotte: VETO HB 340, Restricting Speech of Public Employees ✕

[Originating from a single dispute over a candidate questionnaire at the Goffstown Public Library](#), [HB 340](#) has been revived repeatedly under different

bill numbers.

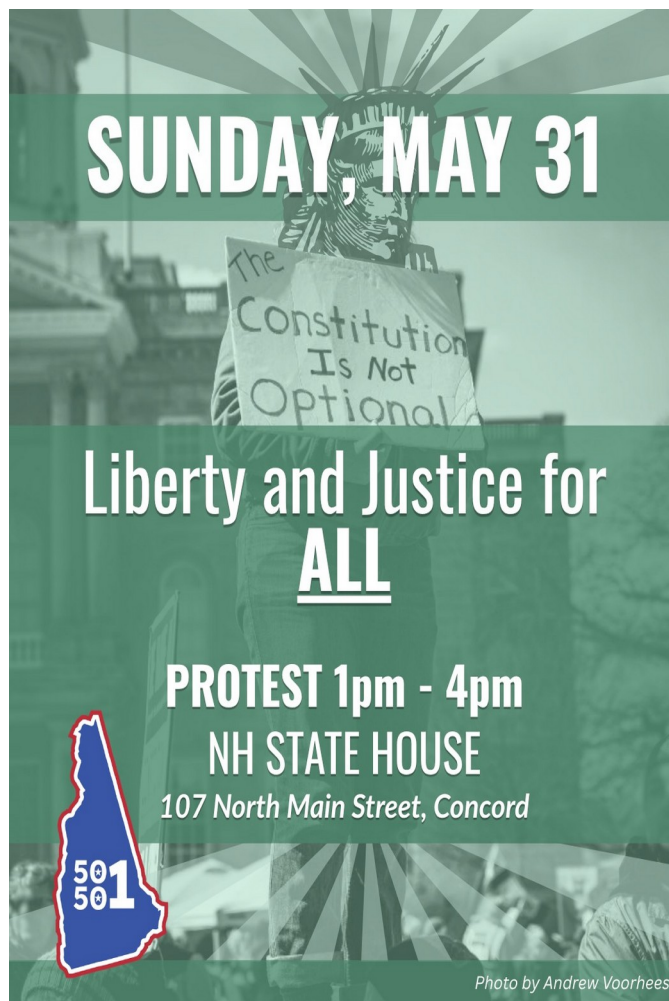
While members of the 5/27 Committee of Conference acknowledged that the latest version improves upon earlier drafts, Sen. Perkins Kwoka noted it remains "an improvement to a bill we don't need."

The bill's broad language could create confusion and have a chilling effect on public employees, libraries, and other public institutions engaged in nonpartisan voter education and civic engagement.

➔ **HB 340 is on the regular calendar and will receive a vote in the House on Thursday, June 4. Contact Governor Ayotte and urge her to veto the bill if it reaches her desk.**

As we celebrate this important victory for New Hampshire voters, we can't lose sight of the work still ahead! This week, help us spread the word about the HB 1569 ruling, correct misinformation when you see it, and urge Governor Ayotte to veto unnecessary bills HB 1062 and HB 340 when they reach her desk.

And if you'd like to celebrate this win with fellow democracy advocates, join us this Sunday, May 31, from 1-4:00 PM at **NH 50501's Liberty & Justice for All Rally** at the State House in Concord. **Open Democracy NH Executive Director Olivia Zink** will be speaking, and our team will be there with voter education materials, plenty of energy, and ways to help get Granite Staters **#VoteReady** this fall!



Thank you, as always, for your tireless advocacy and commitment to democracy. We hope this victory renews a much-needed sense of hope in all of you and serves as a reminder that our collective efforts **truly** can make a difference! 🎉📦

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