

OPEN DEMOCRACY ACTION ALERT: JANUARY 26-30

The [House Election Law Committee](#) will meet in Room 158 of 1 Granite Place at 10:00AM on 1/27. [DRC-NH has posted helpful directions](#)

1. Take Action Tuesday: Sign in & Testify on Key Election Law Bills

★ Top Priority Bills ★

 If you have limited time, these are the most important bills to focus on. You can participate online or in person. Sign in before midnight on Tuesday, 1/27.

- **OPPOSE [HB1520](#):** a new piece of far-right legislation being tested in NH that creates a new definition of “citizenship” for voting, including a concept of “New Hampshire citizenship.” This goes beyond federal law and would impose new barriers for eligible voters, including students. There is no such thing as “New Hampshire citizenship.” There is U.S. citizenship—and if you meet the legal requirements and are domiciled here, you have the right to vote here. This bill would create chaos, confusion, and legal uncertainty—all while solving no real problem.

- [Link to Sign in on House Bills](#)
- [Link to Email House Election Law Committee](#)

(a) **NEW HAMPSHIRE CITIZENSHIP.** The supervisors of the checklist, or the town or city clerk, shall accept from any applicant any one of the following as proof of New Hampshire citizenship: the applicant's birth certificate from the state of New Hampshire, or a New Hampshire citizenship card attesting to the voter's birth in the state of New Hampshire, or a New Hampshire oath of allegiance to the state of New Hampshire. A New Hampshire citizen cannot be a legal resident of any other state or federal territory.

- **OPPOSE [HB1382](#):** would require certain overseas voters to provide proof of citizenship before voting, even though these voters are already eligible under federal law. Military voters and their families are exempt. By singling out some overseas voters but not others, HB 1382 creates unequal treatment and unnecessary confusion. This bill also adds **new paperwork barriers** for no valid reason. Overseas voters already follow strict rules to vote securely.

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Hearing Schedule & Sign-In Links

You can sign in on as many bills as you wish—supporting pro-voter bills and opposing harmful ones sends a powerful message.

-  Be sure to sign in before midnight on Tuesday, 1/27.

Support or	Bill
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Oppose?	
Support 	<u>HB1627</u> creating a single primary ballot.
Oppose 	<u>HB1520</u> defining citizenship for the purposes of voting.
Oppose 	<u>HB1382</u> relative to proof of citizenship for overseas voters voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.
Oppose 	<u>CACR21</u> relating to voting eligibility.
Oppose 	<u>HB1106</u> requiring the public disclosure of the citizenship of a candidate for public office.

Oppose 	<u>HB1396</u> relative to vacancies in state offices.

2. Important Votes Scheduled for Tuesday: Urge the House Election Law Committee to Advance Pro-Voter Bills!

After the first public hearing of the day (HB 1627), the House Election Law Committee will move into **executive session**, where members will vote on whether to advance bills heard last week to the floor for consideration and a vote by the full House of Representatives.

 *If you have limited time, we recommend emailing the committee about [HB 1600](#)  —it has bipartisan sponsors and the best chance of passing.*

 **Each bill has its own email link. Click the link next to a bill to quickly send a pre-drafted message to the full committee.**

Support or Oppose?	Bill
Support 	<u>HB1487</u> creating an independent commission to propose redistricting maps for the legislature to
Support 	<u>HB1600</u> requiring the division of motor vehicles to make available the opportunity to register to vote application for or renewal of a drivers license or nondrivers identification card.
Support 	<u>HB1678</u> requiring the secretary of state to accept voter registration forms directly from voters and to creat for direct voter registration.

Support 	<u>HB1838</u> establishing a voter-owned elections fund and commission and raising vehicle registrati