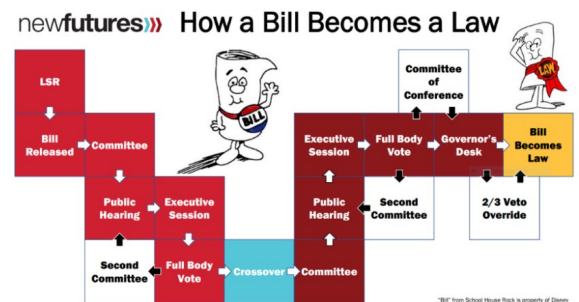


Happy Friday! Wondering why there have been no recent opportunities to testify or sign in online on Election Law bills? It's because at this point in the session, most bills have already had their first public hearing.

We're now approaching what's known as "**crossover**"—a key legislative deadline when the House and Senate must act on bills that started in their respective chambers. This year, that deadline is **Thursday, March 26**.



Bills that receive an Ought to Pass recommendation then move forward and "crossover" to the other legislative chamber—from the House to the Senate and vice versa. **We'll keep you updated when key Election Law bills are scheduled for their second public hearing.** 📅

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 March 23-27

1. [Email the Governor to VETO HB 323: banning student IDs for voting](#)
2. [Help us build the campaign to veto HB 323 by collecting postcards at your local 3/28 No Kings Rally.](#)

1. Stand with Students: Tell the Governor to Veto HB 323 🎓

On March 5, the State Senate passed **HB 323** in a 16-8 vote, advancing a bill that would ban student IDs for voting, which is now headed to the Governor's desk. ❌ **As of March 20, HB 323 remains with the Office of Legislative Services (OLS), meaning there is still time to act before it is signed by legislative leaders and sent to the Governor.** 🚨

If enacted, HB 323 would

Bill to bar student ID cards to prove voter identity heads to Ayotte's desk

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House Bill 323 would remove a voter's ability to use a "valid student identification card" to prove their identity to obtain a ballot. (Photo by Kate Brindley/New Hampshire Bulletin)

New Hampshire Senate Republicans passed a bill Thursday to bar high school and college students from using their institution's identification cards to vote, sending the measure to Gov. Kelly Ayotte's desk.

House Bill 323 would remove a voter's ability to use a "valid student identification card" to prove their identity to obtain a ballot. Currently, state statute allows a student identification card as one of several options for proving identity, along with a driver's license from any U.S. state, a state-issued non-driver's identification card, a U.S. armed services identification card, or a U.S. passport or passport card.

disproportionately impact young voters and ultimately *discourage* student participation in New Hampshire's elections. It would be the [latest in a series of tightening restrictions on voting access in the state in recent years.](#)

 **This unwarranted legislation would also invite costly litigation:** [legal challenges across the U.S. have increasingly raised constitutional concerns about restrictions on student IDs for voting,](#) particularly under the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause and the Twenty-Sixth Amendment's protections against age-based discrimination.

[In 2024, a federal court struck down a similar law in Montana,](#) finding that restrictions targeting student voters were unconstitutional. **The court questioned the justifications, noting "there is no evidence of significant or widespread voter fraud in Montana, let alone any fraud" that these laws would remedy.**

And just this past October, [a federal judge in Indiana allowed a lawsuit challenging that state's student ID ban to move forward,](#) writing that removing student IDs made voting more difficult for "tens of thousands of young voters" and that students face **unique barriers** in obtaining alternative forms of identification.

[We still have time to campaign against this alarming attempt to roll back even more voting rights in the Granite State.](#)

 **What you can do:**

 **[Urge Governor Ayotte to VETO HB 323 when it gets to her desk using](#)**

[our editable email tool.](#) 

➡ [Write a Letter to the Editor \(LTE\) or an Op-Ed](#)  Most Granite Staters have no idea this is happening right now. Help raise awareness in your community by submitting a letter to your local paper.

- 👉 **Find LTE submission guidelines [HERE](#).** Many legislators will read their local papers, so LTEs are a great way to reach them. Best practices for LTEs include keeping them on one topic and relatively short while making a complete and compelling argument. Please do not hesitate to [email Kaylie](#) for assistance with editing, submission, or any other questions!

2. Help Us Build a Statewide Campaign to Veto HB 323 🙌

We're launching a **statewide postcard campaign urging the Governor to veto HB 323**—and we need your help to make it visible across New Hampshire.

We'll be tabling at the [No Kings Rally in Concord on March 28](#), but with events happening throughout the state, volunteers can play a key role by collecting postcards in their own communities. These messages will be delivered directly to the Governor to demonstrate broad, statewide opposition to this bill.

We'll provide Open Democracy materials for you to share, and we're happy to hop on a quick call beforehand to get you set up and answer any questions.

➡ [Sign up to help collect postcards in your area and amplify this effort statewide](#)

➡ [Check out this AWESOME resource from Kent Street Coalition with a list of all currently scheduled New Hampshire events for No Kings Day on](#)



March 28.

As always, thank you for staying engaged and energized week after week. **Taking just one intentional action can make a world of difference.** 🌍

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