

Town Elections & Voters Turned Away: Most New Hampshire towns held their local elections this past Tuesday, March 10. Nonpartisan poll observers with the NH Campaign for Voting Rights tracked voters who were turned away due to the new documentation requirements under **HB 1569**. We are now in the process of following up with local clerks to determine whether additional voters were turned away but not captured by observers. Stay tuned for updates!

- As a reminder, **SB 437** was introduced this year and would have required the state to track voters turned away at the polls—but it was voted **Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL)**. ❌

Busy Week at the State House: The New Hampshire House faced a deadline to act on **more than 180 bills** during sessions Wednesday and Thursday. Debate was significantly restricted, with members limited mostly to short parliamentary inquiries rather than the full floor debates that typically occur.

- **Updates on bills we flagged last week:** **HB 1062**, which would allow the Secretary of State to conduct random audits of registered voters' citizenship status, passed the House and now heads to the governor's desk. Meanwhile, the House did not act on **HB 1277**, a bipartisan bill that would have made absentee voting more accessible by allowing voters to provide their driver's license number when applying for an absentee ballot—effectively killing the bill for this session. ❌



This week in NH Election Law...

- No priority hearings or votes

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!

Want to stay better connected with ODA? [Join our Slack workspace](#). This will be an especially helpful tool for fast communication throughout the legislative session.

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**. ❌ If signed into law, HB 323 would disproportionately impact young voters and discourage student participation in elections. It would be the latest in a series of tightening restrictions on voting access in NH in recent years.

➡ **If you didn't last week:** [Urge Governor Ayotte to VETO HB 323 when it gets to her desk using our editable email tool.](#) ✉️

2. Women's History Month: Women Won the Right to Vote—Let's Protect It

More than a century after the fight for women's suffrage, laws like **HB 1569**, along with the federally proposed **SAVE Act**, threaten to create new barriers that [disproportionately affect women voters](#). Share our post and sign up for our **Your Passion, Your Leadership** workshop series to learn how you can take action.

➡ Share the post on your preferred social media platform:

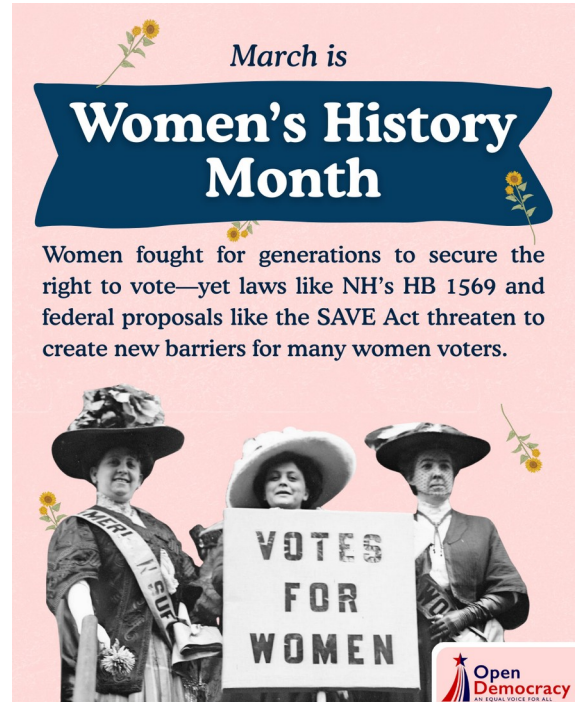
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➡ RSVP today for an upcoming *Your Passion, Your Leadership* women's workshop (Hanover + Zoom):

- [March 19th: Communications and Social Media with Kaylie Efstratiou](#)
- [March 26th: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training with Dr. Dottie Morris](#)
- [April 2nd: Managing Great Volunteers with Nancy Glynn](#)
- [April 9th: Stories of Success with Zandra Rice Hawkins](#)

3. The People Who Make Democracy Work: Thank an Election Worker

Local elections ran smoothly on Tuesday thanks to the dedication of New Hampshire's poll workers. These volunteers not only had to learn and follow an assortment of new voting laws, but also navigated a landscape where it's becoming increasingly difficult to recruit enough election workers to staff every polling place.



Take a moment to thank an election worker who helped make the process run smoothly. A simple card can go a long way in showing appreciation for their commitment to upholding our democracy.

👉 **Send a handwritten or emailed card to your town clerk** so they can pass it along to their election workers! Feel free to [use our printable template](#), or create a card of your own.

👉 **[Who's my Town Clerk?](#)**

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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