



This week in NH Election Law...

- The Senate Election Law Committee will meet in Room 122-123 of the State House at **9:15AM on Tuesday 2/17**.
- The House Election Law Committee will meet in Room 158 of 1 Granite Place at **10AM on Tuesday 2/17**.

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!

1. Sign in, Testify, & Email: Senate Election Law Committee

★ **Top Priority this Week: *OPPOSING* HB 365 and HB 323** ✖

HB 365 will have a public hearing, and HB 323 (which had its hearing last week) could be voted on by the Committee during an Executive Session.

OPPOSE HB 365: This is Rep. Lynn's attempt to address the [disenfranchising effects of HB 1569](#), New Hampshire's proof-of-citizenship law, which he also sponsored. **The bill would create a voucher program requiring voters to declare themselves "indigent" in order to receive free copies of vital records for voter registration purposes.** The most practical solution remains restoring the affidavit process, allowing voters to attest to their citizenship under penalty of perjury, ensuring access without unnecessary barriers or

costs.

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

OPPOSE HB 323: This bill removes student IDs and requires the presentation of a government-issued photographic means of identification in order to vote. **This would disproportionately affect young voters:** many students do not drive, making student IDs their most accessible form of identification. It's also a solution in search of a problem: there is no evidence of any cases of fraud involving student IDs, making this restriction a barrier without a demonstrated need.

- [Link to Email Senate Election Law Committee](#)
- [Share Rep. Newsom's 1/7 speech opposing the bill \(Facebook/Instagram/X\)](#) 📱

Support or Oppose?	Bill	Action *Click for Links*
	<u>HB365</u> relative to proof of United States citizenship for indigent voters.	Public Hearing: 2/17/26 at 10a.m. Location: State House Room 122-123 Committee: Senate Election Law <u>Link to Sign in on Senate Bills</u> <u>Link to Email Senate Election Law Committee</u>
	<u>HB323</u> requiring the presentation of a government-issued photographic means of identification in order to vote.	Executive Session Likely 2/17 <u>Link to Email Senate</u>

	(bans student IDs for voting)	<u>Election Law Committee</u>
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Senate Floor Vote on SB 437

The NHCVR Poll Observer Program tracked at least [244 voters turned away in 2025 alone](#). The bill **requiring *the state*** to track this number 👍 was recommended ITL in a 4-1 vote by the Committee on 2/10. 🙄

[SB 437](#) is scheduled for a full Senate vote on Thursday 2/19. It would require the state to add a line to election returns showing how many people attempted to register to vote but were denied, and the reason why. This bill is essential for measuring the full impact of [HB 1569](#), New Hampshire's documentary proof of citizenship law, which eliminated the longstanding option for voters missing certain documentation to sign an affidavit and vote under penalty of perjury.

- [Link to Email Senate Election Law Committee](#)

2. Sign in & Email on House Election Law Bills

There are two bills having public hearings in the House Election Law Committee that would allow school board candidates to run with **party labels (HB 1125 & HB 1272), injecting partisan politics into local schools and increasing the influence of outside political groups**. Instead of keeping school district governance focused on students, educators, and community needs, the bills would create pressure for candidates to align with party agendas—and for parties or PACs to pour money into races that have historically remained nonpartisan. ✖

Governor Ayotte just vetoed similar legislation last year, reasoning that:

"Local school boards are run properly and in a nonpartisan manner. Additionally, there is no need to fix a system that is not broken. Making these local elections into partisan fights will create unnecessary division between Granite Staters."

Support or Oppose?	Bill	Action *Click for Links*
	<u>HB1125</u> enabling school districts to adopt partisan school district elections.	Public Hearing: 2/17/26 at 10:20a.m. Location: 1 Granite Place Room 158 Committee: House Election Law <u>Link to Sign in on House Bills</u>
	<u>HB1272</u> providing that each candidate's party affiliation be printed on the town or school district ballot.	Public Hearing: 2/17/26 at 11:20a.m. Location: 1 Granite Place Room 158 Committee: House Election Law <u>Link to Sign in on House Bills</u>

House Floor Vote on HB 1838: Encourage your Rep to Support!

[HB 1838](#) was recommended inexpedient to legislate (ITL) by the committee in a 10-7 vote. It now moves to the full House for a vote on **Thursday 2/19**.

This bill creates a voter-owned elections system for New Hampshire's Executive Council that uses public financing to help candidates run competitive campaigns without relying on big donors or special interests. **By giving voters small-dollar funding power and limiting private money, the bill promotes**

fair elections and helps get big money out of politics. ✖️💵

- [*Link to Email Your State Representative*](#)

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