

SUMMARY of 2017 Election Law Changes

33-A:3-a indicates the retention period for Verifiable Action of Domicile Documents

40:3 provides for a moderator pro tem.

652:27 allows towns and cities to conduct a trial of electronic book devices.

654:2, I

- clarifies the law re. temporary presence in New Hampshire for voting purposes;
- amends the law to provide that any person, when registering to vote must provide a verifiable proof of domicile other than an affidavit. Please note: the DOMICILE AFFIDAVIT has been repealed.
- indicates what verifiable documentation may consist of;
- if any person registers 30 or fewer days before an election, or on election day, does not have a verifiable document with them, they must sign an affidavit on the voter registration form and then they have 10 days from the day of the election to submit their document to the town or city clerk (30 days if the town clerk's office is open fewer than 20 hours weekly)
- if any person does not submit the required verifiable document to the town or city clerk by the deadline, and if the supervisors of the checklist cannot verify the domicile of the person, the name of the person will be submitted to the secretary of state and the attorney general in the event an investigation is warranted.

654:7, III-IV changes the voter registration form for those persons registering to vote more than 30 days prior to an election day.

IV(b) adds to the voter registration form the requirement for the registrant to indicate if they are currently registered to vote elsewhere; and if they are, to request that their name be removed from the checklist where that previous registration was.

IV(c) this is a new voter registration form for those persons registering to vote starting 30 days before an election or on election day. Election day means ANY election day, not just the state general election. It includes all local, state and federal elections.

V. requires the secretary of state to create a *Verifiable Action of Domicile* document that all persons who register 30 days prior to, or on election day, and do not have any document verifying domicile, to complete and sign.

654:12, I(a)-(c)

- adds the sworn statement on the voter registration form used starting 30 days before an election and on election day as an approved affidavit for determining citizenship and age of a voter
- requires submission of a verifiable act of domicile to prove domicile when registering to vote starting 30 days before an election and on election day. A list is provided of what those verifiable documents may be. The current DOMICILE AFFIDAVIT is repealed.

654:12, V(c)(d) changes the procedure for sending letters of identity verification after an election.

654:13-a is a new section which requires that all voter registration forms and records relating to voter registration shall be retained securely in a municipal office, and shall be readily accessible to supervisors of the checklist.

654:45, VIII provides for an investigation by the secretary of state of any duplicate matches of voters resulting from any comparison of the statewide centralized voter registration database with other states. Section IX is REPEALED because it was duplicate language from 654:45, VIII.

657:4, I adds the optional phone number and/or email address on the absentee ballot application, and requires that the signature of the voter on the application must match the signature on the absentee ballot envelope and requires a statement from a person assisting an individual with a disability in completing the application.

657:7, II(b) requires that the signature of the voter on the absentee ballot application must match the signature on the affidavit on the absentee ballot envelope and requires a statement from a person assisting an individual with a disability in completing the affidavit.

659:13, I(b) requires the supervisors of the checklist to record the state of issuance of a out-of-state voter's driver's license or identification card in the statewide centralized voter registration database.

659:13, IV(b) changes the procedure for sending letters of identity verification after an election.

659:20-a allows any voter, who declares to the moderator under oath, that they are unable to access the polling place because of a disability, to have the required documents delivered to the voter outside the guardrail. The absentee ballot deadline of 5:00 p.m. shall not apply.

659:34, I(f)-(g) adds a penalty to voter fraud if a voter intentionally and knowingly fails to comply with presenting a verifiable domicile document to the town or city clerk by the deadline.

659:50, III requires, upon the processing of an absentee ballot, that the signatures of a voter on the absentee ballot application and the affidavit envelope must match unless the voter received assistance because the voter is blind or has a disability.

661:9, I and II-a relates to vacancies in a Hillsborough county commissioner.

676:7 V allows the zoning board of adjustment to continue a hearing.

669:64 refers to the filling of vacancies in the office of supervisors of the checklist.

671:15 refers to checklist used at all school district elections.

671:33, III provides for a moderator pro tem at a school district election.