

14:05:38 From Kyri : 39 states plus the District of Columbia have online voter registration.
14:08:36 From Darryl Perry : Nicholas Sarwark is National LP Chair
14:08:37 From Richard Manzo LPNH Vice Chair : Nicholas Sarwark is the Chair of the Libertarian National Party
14:09:04 From James McKim : Raising hands can also be done by using the Reactions button at the bottom of the screen.
14:09:46 From jameshoward : Where can we find out who the 39 States are, how they work and more about their journey to achieve it?
14:10:16 From Laura Lynch : we need to get the NH house and senate to meet even if by zoom to get some of these things taken care of!
14:10:16 From Darryl Perry :
<https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/electronic-or-online-voter-registration.aspx>
14:10:19 From Kyri : I'll get a link, if I can, during the meeting. If not, we can connect off line.
14:10:33 From Kyri : That's it Darryl. Thank you.
14:10:53 From Darryl Perry : you're welcome
14:11:56 From Darryl Perry :
<https://www.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.ilnd.375021/gov.uscourts.ilnd.375021.26.0.pdf>
14:12:25 From Darryl Perry : Nick Sarwark wants to speak
14:14:15 From Judy Strakalaitis : Suspend the law?
14:15:33 From Chuck Mitchell : This committee is to determine how to spend \$3.2 miooion in federal money ,not a forum for the libertirians
14:16:29 From Darryl Perry : the committe name is Select Committee on 2020 Emergency Election Support

we're asking for election support

14:16:45 From Laura Lynch : everybody's issue matters here.
14:16:50 From Vicky Turner : Any signature process with relaxed standards ought to apply to anything that requires a signature, e.g. petitions, nomination papers, voter registration, absentee ballot apps., etc.
14:16:51 From Louise Spencer : The Libertarians raise an important issue that should be addressed asap since the deadlines are coming up quickly.
14:17:14 From Judy Strakalaitis : Ballot access is a key issue in mitigating response to Covid.
14:17:59 From Judy Strakalaitis : I agree, Louise. NH has a proud tradition of rather easy ballot access. Look at our presidential primary.
14:18:10 From Richard Manzo LPNH Vice Chair : If you'd like to not put 3,000 voters, additional town clerks, and party volunteers at risk, this is certainly an important issue democracy.
14:18:14 From Darryl Perry : Sununu issued an Executive Order allowing Electronic Notarization; I don't know why we couldn't allow this for ballot access petitions
14:19:35 From Darryl Perry : except 2004 & 2014
14:21:44 From Judy Strakalaitis : Agree with Nicholas. And that's why holding in person registration at June 2 session is a danger for supervisors and the public.
14:23:48 From Judy Strakalaitis : I hope we can begin absentee

registration and accepting party changes in writing. That'd keep everyone safer.
14:25:41 From Darryl Perry : petitioning is literally impossible while social distancing

it's also further complicated by the cancellation of events

14:26:23 From jilletta.jarvis : Letter sent to Legal Counsel Formella:
<https://lpmh.org/2020/05/10/formal-request-for-executive-order-sent-to-state/>

14:26:45 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes, cancellation of community events will hamper supervisors ability to register individuals in advance.

14:26:59 From Jean Lewandowski : Please keep in mind that most poll workers are older adults. Even in a normal election year, it's often hard to find enough poll workers to make sure voting is accessible, and, because of this, there already have been problems in other parts of the country with having to drastically reduce the number of polling places. It seems a clear public health benefit, both for voters and workers, to make sure absentee voting is broadly available so everyone who's concerned or in a vulnerable group can vote.

14:27:43 From Judy Strakalaitis : And absentee registration, Jean.

14:28:01 From Richard Manzo LPNH Vice Chair : Agreed, Jean. As are town clerks and supervisors, who need to handle the certification of nominating papers. Their safety is top-of-mind as well for Libertarians in seeking relief from petitioning.

14:28:54 From Daniel Frye : My name is Daniel Frye, and I am the Administrator of Services for the Blind and Vision-Impaired (SBVI), an office within the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. Additionally, I'm specifically here at the request of the NH. Blind Voters' Coalition. I hope to speak briefly on the importance of maintaining accessible voting, even during this challenging Public Health emergency. If I cannot be acknowledged today, please advise where written comments may be lodged. Thank you, and I hope to speak to you, following those who have received invitations to address this body. While we want a safe environment for all, there must be some in-person opportunities to vote so that we can use the One-4-All system. Daniel B. Frye

14:29:40 From Christine Seibert : Even if you have a printer, toner and paper are always running out.

14:30:18 From Kyri : Also, most people probably don't have a spare stash of stamps at home.

14:31:02 From Judy Strakalaitis : Many towns are not sending absentee registrations even though legally it is available now. The forms are coupled with sending absentee ballots at the same time. Many towns are not registering in person during SOE either. Town officials need direction. Many are telling callers they don't know what to do and are waiting for direction from the state.

14:31:57 From Vicky Turner : Good points Judy Strakalaitis

14:32:45 From Jean Lightfoot : If someone is not voting absentee, then, the SOS needs to clarify to everyone that it is legal to register absentee - preferably by providing a form for that purpose and not having to doctor a form used for another purpose.

14:33:02 From Judy Krassowski : It is important to hear from you, Daniel Frye. As a high school teacher, one of the points brought up by our students is the difficulties some have, particularly those with sight challenges or who have siblings and family members with sight challenges to find the appropriate forms let alone read them and fill them out. So much paperwork, so much fuss where

streamlining can ease so much anxiety over as important a concern as a vote, in a time when safety and health should be paramount.

14:34:17 From Jean Lightfoot : Dan Frye - I would email Brad Cook and request to be included tomorrow when Organizations for People with Disabilities will be heard.

14:34:28 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Some of our polling places do not have wifi etc that would be a challenge

14:34:33 From Louise Spencer : Yes, thank you for being here Daniel Frye. We need your perspective.

14:35:27 From Vicky Turner : Absentee Voter registration needs to be de-coupled from the absentee balloting process

14:36:12 From Daniel Frye : Thank you for your supportive comments. I am here to champion access for our community, and others, who experience barriers related to their vision. I am a blind attorney, and can speak with authority to these issues. I'm sure we'll be recognized in the fullness of time. Daniel B. Frye

14:37:36 From Judy Strakalaitis : Applicants cannot print absentee registration forms. The ONLY way to get them is by mail from the town clerk.

14:37:36 From Kyri : Why can't you register online via your phone?

14:38:19 From Louise Spencer : Yes...we need phone apps that allow similar functions.

14:38:29 From Darryl Perry : My wife, Jacqueline Perry - who couldn't log in herself - asked me to relay her thoughts with the committee and observers: Based on the comments we're hearing from committee members regarding ballot access petitioning, it seems that a few basic facts are not sinking in:

1) Ballot access petitioning is LITERALLY PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE to do while social distancing.

2) All large events at which we would have normally had the opportunity to collect signatures from voters have been cancelled.

3) Even if Covid-19 were magically cured tomorrow, we've already lost two months worth of petitioning time.

Talking about how NH has a lower signature requirement than Illinois is irrelevant if there is nowhere we can go to interact with large numbers of voters in person. Please, tell us: Where should we go to gather petition signatures? There are no events. And think, would you be comfortable right now with some random stranger approaching you, invading your six feet of social distancing space, to ask you to handle a pen and

14:38:31 From Kyri : More people have phones than computers. Online reg works from a phone.

14:38:35 From Viola K : Why can't we send absentee ballots to all voters

14:38:41 From Judy Strakalaitis : Great point by Mr Christie. There is no form to request absentee registration now.

14:39:02 From Jeanne Hruska she/her : An ability to request an absentee ballot online would be really helpful. Same for registering to vote online or at least requesting registration materials online. Reduce administrative burden.

14:39:12 From Vicky Turner : Still need to brainstorm the solution for people without technology.

14:39:20 From Christine Seibert : my mom has a computer and she would never figure that out...

14:39:24 From Kyri : That's a creative solution.

14:39:36 From Norman Head : If Mr. Buckley thinks the counting of absentee

ballots would be no big deal on actual election day, he's welcome to come to our town to help. It will be an enormous undertaking to process the number of absentee ballots anticipated as well as process the walk ins. I submit we must be allowed to count absentee ballots ahead of time and we certainly can guarantee the security of those ballots

14:39:51 From Darryl Perry : Libraries are closed

14:40:26 From Ellis Robinson : There is still a possibility for folks to phone their town and request one be mailed to them to complete and mail back.

14:40:29 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Libraries are closed. Normally they provide computer use which is a life line for those without them.

14:40:34 From Louise Spencer : Yes forms provided in public places...some states are using grocery stores. Perhaps community college or high school computer labs could be repurposed for use.

14:40:39 From Vicky Turner : The Toen Dump

14:40:40 From Judy Strakalaitis : Or a box of absentee ballot requests outside the town hall, like you see flyers at some homes for sale in a clear box.

14:40:46 From Kate Coon : they are not BALLOTS, they are APPLICATIONS

14:40:50 From Vicky Turner : Town Dump that is

14:41:07 From Darryl Perry : Post Offices, maybe? In most states, the Post Offices have Voter Registration forms

14:41:09 From Vicky Nawoichyk : They cannot leave with the registration form, they need to be completed in person

14:41:18 From Christine Seibert : what about having hours outside clerk locations for 2 hours on a Saturday or something that is organized and controlled.

14:41:20 From Judy Krassowski : Where people can get the applications should not be a problem, they should be available

14:41:24 From Kyri : Even if the application forms are publicly available, the control measure is with the SOC and TC.

14:41:25 From Vicky Nawoichyk : They are not to be sent out except to new voters who are voting absentee

14:41:33 From Judy Krassowski : available simply anywhere

14:42:27 From Kyri : Why couldn't they?

14:42:43 From Judy Krassowski : The "quality control" of whether a voter has been registered twice or not is the issue of the checklist, isn't it?

14:42:52 From Norman Head : Check with Deborah Fauver Conway town moderator the application pick up spots being located around town. I believe it worked fine. Their town election is actually taking place today

14:43:49 From Judy Krassowski : Has anyone broached the topic of a blanket mailing of absentee ballots home?

14:43:52 From Judy Strakalaitis : We need to create an abs reg request form. There is none. Making such a request readily available in person and online eliminates needs for a printer. When the form is returned via dropbox or mail, the TC sends the abs reg packet. Applicants do not have a printer because the town clerk sends the forms.

14:44:14 From Judy Krassowski : I realize there's cost involved, but wouldn't that just cover any risk issue?

14:44:43 From Judy Strakalaitis : Presidential election we had lines wrapped around the building, tightly packed, for an hour before polls opened until early afternoon.

14:45:04 From Vicky Turner : Voters who are already on the checklist will

come up automatically when the supervisors enter the data - as long as birthdate, middle name, etc. are entered correctly

14:46:57 From Pete Basiliere : Processing the absentee ballots before Election Day does NOT include actually counting the ballots

14:47:07 From Vicky Turner : RSA 654:16 would have to be relaxed to expand access to the absentee registration form. Currently only TC and SoS can deliver these

14:47:12 From James McKim : We are in an unprecedented time. I don't think a reason not to do something is because it would be unprecedented.

14:47:56 From Judy Krassowski : True. We're paving a way to whatever new "normal" normal will be - the key is to be flexible.

14:48:35 From Jean Lightfoot : I agree Vicky. The abs ballot request must be segregated from the abs registration request. Right now, that isn't possible and it is very confusing. This must be clarified.

14:48:52 From Nicholas Sarwark : The nature of a respiratory virus does not change, regardless of whether the lockdowns are lifted.

14:48:58 From Pete Basiliere : September is four months away, not five and a half, and important steps occur in early June.

14:48:59 From Judy Krassowski : I'm still curious as to why applications for an absentee ballot can't be mailed home - or has that already happened and I just missed it -

14:49:11 From Judy Krassowski : A blanket mailing - just to be clear

14:49:21 From Kyri : This will still be a public health emergency at some level of intensity until there is a vaccine.

14:49:23 From Edith DesMarais : I tried to send a message to David Scanlon, but he must not have received it. I wished to speak. As a Democratic Member of Election Law, I know that we have passed legislation that applies to many of the issues raised by election officials and also members of the commission. They are now in the Senate and could be amended to make these adjustments. They could be passed this session when we re-open.

14:49:56 From Laura Lynch : September is less than 4 months away

14:49:58 From Kyri : Rep. DesMarais, have you raised your hand electronically?

14:50:06 From Darryl Perry : Rep DesMarais, click the "raise hand" button above the chat

14:50:25 From Louise Spencer : what happens if absentee ballot counting is not complete by the end of election day. I assume the counting continues as long as it must to make sure every ballot is counted.

14:50:30 From Liz Tentarelli : Yes, Edith DeMarais, there are bills that need to be dealt with re elections that have passed one body. I hope they can somehow make it to the other body for discussion and vote!

14:50:42 From James McKim : With the limited meetings of the legislature - could not he Governor use emergency powers to take steps to change the way elections are executed?

14:50:56 From jilletta.jarvis : James - yes.

14:51:08 From Darryl Perry : @James, he could; but likely will not

14:51:55 From Edith DesMarais : I don't see the raise hand above the chat

14:52:12 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Processing the absentee ballot requires opening the envelope...it seems they are less secure if the packet is not intact. When they are opened and the voter checked in by the moderator, what

happens to these ballots which are now exposed before Election Day. I think they should be YES counted if they are opened and the voter checked in!

14:52:28 From Louise Spencer : I am not able to electronically raise my hand but would like to speak on behalf of Kent Street.

14:52:37 From Jean Lightfoot : That's Dan, now.

14:53:25 From Louise Spencer : Never mind...figured it out.

14:57:37 From Lynn Christensen : would the state be willing to have a health care professional view our polling sites to make suggestions for safely voting in person

14:58:43 From Louise Spencer : That's a very good idea Lynn Christensen

14:59:03 From Christine Seibert : Look at what other states have been doing? Especially ones similar to ours population and age wise.

14:59:13 From Pete Basiliere : Great idea, Lynn. I'm looking at using a different site due to space constraints in the current site. If that happens then I have a clean layout to start with.

15:01:35 From Louise Spencer : Good point, Olivia. We share your concern that people will be reluctant to check the disabled box unless there is explicit language on the form making clear that this is a covid-19 exception.

15:02:39 From Jean Lightfoot : Thank you for that, Olivia.

15:02:58 From Louise Spencer : We share your concern about the witness signature

15:03:34 From Linda Rhodes : I would not be able to safely get a witness signature as I live alone and am self-isolated.

15:03:45 From Judy Strakalaitis : We go to large senior living complexes to register voters. Most plan to use absentee ballots to vote. They balk at the disability registration even though the reasons they want to vote absentee fall under the disability exemption.

15:04:05 From Jean Lightfoot : Consistently communicate to local officials how to register absentee - if it is in fact legal, even if not absentee voting.

15:04:39 From Kyri : Thank you Olivia. All excellent points. Well said.

15:05:05 From Louise Spencer : Thank you Olivia!

15:05:17 From Judy Strakalaitis : In my large town, callers are told they cannot register now, in person (and we have a drive-through window) or absentee.

15:05:26 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thank you, Olivia.

15:05:29 From Rosemary Danelski, AV NH : Well said Olivia. Thank you!

15:05:43 From Kate Coon : Excellent, Olivia!

15:06:10 From Judy Strakalaitis : The law specifies wording is on the form.

15:06:14 From Christine Seibert : So many of these issues raised by Olivia have been unclear and vary in interpretation from town to town before covid 19 occurred.

15:06:25 From Linda Rhodes : We (Indivisible NH) are urging that a website that clearly lays out simple instructions of how to both register to vote and to cast a ballot. This website needs to be up and functional by early summer in order to help educate NH residents. I hope that we can move quickly to get this done.

15:06:26 From Darryl Perry : include a copy of the memo

15:06:35 From Judy Strakalaitis : I like the sticker idea, Olivia.

15:06:42 From Christine Seibert : Thanks Olivia! People need simplicity.

15:06:55 From marciaking : Thank you, Olivia. Well expressed. Simplicity is key.

15:07:00 From Jackie : Well articulated Olivia. The Hon. Jackie K. Weatherspoon, former State Rep. served on the Election Law Committee. Great seeing other colleagues as well, Bud and David.

15:07:24 From Pete Basiliere : Another reason for a statewide postcard mailing to every mailing address (physical and P.O. Box) with clear instructions and explanations about timing and processes.

15:07:30 From Louise Spencer : It is particularly important because they will not have an election official with them answering questions. The form and instructions need to be clear and explicit on their face.

15:07:48 From Vicky Turner : 654:17

15:08:02 From Vicky Turner : is the affidavit

15:08:20 From James McKim : Also, around the disability question on the registration form, provide some assurance that after the pandemic is over that their indication of being disabled does not carry forth in any other systems of local or state government.

15:08:27 From Darryl Perry : 654:17 Absentee Registration Affidavit

15:09:02 From Darryl Perry : Application
Section 657:4

15:09:11 From Laura Lynch : couldn't they just add a box which says covid 19 next to it just for this year.

15:09:18 From Jeanne Hruska she/her : There are two bills currently pending before the legislature that relate to changes to the absentee ballot form.

15:09:50 From Linda : Yes, Pete. Statewide postcard mailing is excellent idea.

15:09:56 From Jean Lightfoot : Glad to see NextGen here.

15:10:20 From Vicky Turner : The wording in 657:4 says "worded in substantially the following form". Does that leave some wiggle room for adding covid-related language?

15:10:32 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes! That is why some people did not vote absentee at town elections when a blizzard was looming. They refused to sign an affidavit on the absentee request and check a box that was not applicable. Others who were willing to sign an affidavit stating they could not vote in person because of a disability or childcare voted absentee.

15:10:40 From Jeanne Hruska she/her : Agree on statewide postcard with simple instructions on how to vote absentee and how to register to vote by mail.

15:12:18 From Louise Spencer : we should have an in person hot line that people can call with questions regarding absentee registration and voting

15:12:39 From Judy Strakalaitis : Good points, Dan Bristol. Young people do not use mail and will be likely to mail back abs ballots at the last minute.

15:12:43 From Kyri : I like the idea of a voter hotline, Louise.

15:12:47 From Judy Krassowski : Very articulate, Dan Bristol of NextGen NH - well said with proactive solutions

15:12:55 From Judy Strakalaitis : Agree.

15:13:19 From Jean Lightfoot : Thank you, Dan Bristol. Great presentation.

15:13:23 From Louise Spencer : Outreach to young voters is essential..well done, Dan Bristol.

15:13:57 From Linda Rhodes : There needs to be a simple way for voters to get their questions answered regarding registration and voting - a hotline, in addition to a website with useful FAQs, and simple language.

15:14:13 From Lynn Christensen : merrimack is already including a postage

paid return envelope with the absentee ballot

15:15:06 From Vicky Turner : Will written testimony submitted by individuals / groups be available online?

15:15:24 From Mary Wilke : They have to be willing to make recommendations to the legislature.

15:16:17 From Vicky Turner : I love the idea of a voter hotline

15:16:39 From Louise Spencer : It's a hug concern given the problems which the USPS is currently experiencing.

15:16:48 From Louise Spencer : ^huge

15:17:00 From Judy Strakalaitis : Also requires training for elected election officials. Requiring and following up to ensure all participate in online training or in person training. Can the online courses for election officials that are listed on SOS website be re-activitated? Something similar for this election with short multiple choice questions on the basics of new procedures would help make sure all officials are providing the correct answers and implementing things the correct way.

15:17:05 From Laura Lynch : we need to use common sense. Other states have ways to handle this maybe we should check out other states for some educational information%

15:17:28 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Has anyone considered that the Postal Service may have issues processing if they do not get funded properly for the increase in mail with absentee?

15:17:42 From Jean Lightfoot : The SOS needs to make a SEPARATE form for absentee registration.

15:17:55 From Pete Basiliere : Agree, cannot count if not received on time but there could be an exception made to include the late absentee ballot if received before a recount.

15:18:29 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thank you, Gene Van Loan! They must be amended. That is why town clerks are not sending the forms out. The current forms couple absentee registration with sending out the actual absentee ballots.

15:19:19 From Kate Coon : Gene Van Loa. Hear hear.... you are 100% right. the forms do not to be so intimidating and obfuscating

15:19:22 From Kyri : I really appreciate Mr. VanLoan's understanding of this problem of the confusing forms and red tape. Thank you.

15:19:26 From Edith DesMarais : I have to leave at 3:30 for another meeting. If I don't get called before, I will have to send my statement by mail.

15:19:47 From Kyri : You should send it by mail in any case.

15:19:59 From Linda Rhodes : Liz is right, letting voters know about changes for this year is going to be vitally important.

15:20:17 From Louise Spencer : Mr. Chairman...It would be extremely helpful to hear from Rep. Desmarais. I can wait to speak until after she does.

15:20:34 From Judy Strakalaitis : Outreach to public, and training for local elections.

15:21:24 From Judy Krassowski : Indeed. Liz is on point with the need for a publicity campaign and a VERY CLEAR WEBSITE - simple, concise.

15:22:03 From Linda Rhodes : And the website needs to be available soon - early summer, so we can start to inform people early instead of waiting until too close to the election.

15:22:05 From Judy Strakalaitis : Agree, Judy K!

15:22:35 From Louise Spencer : Yes...Keeping it simple and clear. Thank you

Liz!

15:23:08 From Laura Lynch : Absolutely!,
15:23:10 From Judy Strakalaitis : Soon because people need to come to supervisors session on June 2 because of pent-up demand to register or make changes in towns not accepting them.
15:23:11 From Kyri : The forms are written at 2nd year law school level.
15:23:23 From SarahChapman : We still have only a few weeks to deal with party changes for the primary
15:23:25 From Vicky Nawoichyk : We also need to consider that these forms will most likely need to be used post this years election given we do not have a vaccine
15:23:29 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thank you Liz for bringing up reading level.
15:25:28 From Kate Coon : Great, clear discussion, Liz. Thank you
15:26:23 From Rosemary Danelski, AV NH : Thank you Liz- public education is crucial.
15:26:33 From Judy Cook : SOS needs to send out in writing to all town clerks and SOC's that Covid19 is a legitimate reason for voting absentee ballot.
15:26:46 From Louise Spencer : Correct, Judy.
15:27:08 From Vicky Turner : Only problem with having one app for both elections is the small subset of people who move out of state between the primary and the general election
15:27:14 From Judy Strakalaitis : and registering absentee.
15:27:18 From Jackie : Very clear Liz. thank you.
15:27:45 From Kyri : Thank you, Liz. Excellent points.
15:30:20 From Judy Strakalaitis : Well said, Louise.
15:33:03 From Judy Strakalaitis : Important that committee recognize that amendments may be necessary to avoid lawsuits that confuse the public and discourage participation.
15:33:26 From Christine Seibert : a hotline
15:34:54 From Judy Strakalaitis : Communications expert! Ensure that forms and instructions are easy to follow.
15:35:39 From Kyri : Testing for poll workers and election officials before and after the two election days.
15:35:45 From Jean Lightfoot : Clear and concise as usual. Thank you, Louise.
15:37:16 From Rosemary Danelski, AV NH : Thank you Louise. So important to emphasize a centralized system for getting PPE to different municipalities.
15:37:41 From Kate Coon : Communications expert combined with Liz's emphasis on publicity. very important. Also experts who could help us avoid costly mistakes.
15:38:27 From Laura Lynch : many of these grassroots organizations have internet/tech specialists that could probably be of help. and
15:38:49 From Laura Lynch : would be willing.
15:40:42 From Joanne : election info on town websites needs to be simple to navigate as few clicks as possible with any deadlines posted on homepage
15:40:49 From Christine Seibert : I know my husband and at least a few others across the state that are politically active and would be interested in that who specializes in security and IT/Software Development.
15:41:14 From James McKim : A statewide web page needs to be coordinated

with the town information locations so as not to cause conflicts and confusion.

15:41:20 From Judy Strakalaitis : I like Louise's proposal of allowing towns to use voters registered elsewhere in NH at the polls. That would allow town employees, for instance, who don't live in town to work at the polls. I have proposed nonessential employees (those who don't have direct contact with the public) working at the polls instead of town hall for a day or half-day. I've been told unions have objected, and it isn't workable. But I understand some employees who are registered in town did work shifts at the polls for the presidential primary. They did not work for the supervisors so I don't know how that was arranged.

15:41:57 From Judy Strakalaitis : *employees who are NOT registered in town.

15:42:33 From Joanne : agree with Mr. McKim

15:44:02 From Jim Rousmaniere : Jim Rousmaniere from Monadnock United would like to testify in the Public Forum segment of the proceedings.

15:46:20 From Judy Strakalaitis : I understand but the disability exemption is set in the constitution. Agree wording on outreach must be addressed.

15:47:46 From Christine Seibert : With a statewide PR program, which I agree with completely, we need UNIFORMITY. Many of our towns/cities have been resistant to any change when it comes to how they have always done things. Liz and Theresa all have such great ideas but it might be much easier for a statewide site/hotline will need state funding. Due to voters in maybe two different towns that can live so close by the amount of simplicity and uniformity is very important.

15:47:57 From Laura Lynch : As I stated before place Covid 19 on the application separately. This is common sense and will make people feel more comfortable with this.

15:59:04 From Christine Seibert : when I first moved here and registered day of in person not only did I have to do the affidavit I had to produce all of the other required paperwork.

15:59:41 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes, Henry. I testified about that. Those registering in person have the option of establishing qualifications via affidavit. It will be difficult for people to get birth certificates with town halls closed or hours limited in many states. And people will be less able to get copies of documents they already have because of pandemic.

16:01:53 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes. It needs a change in law. Both affidavits for in-person reg must be witnessed by certain officials (election official, notary, JP)

16:01:55 From Vicky Turner : Just print the affidavit on the back

16:03:14 From Judy Strakalaitis : Kate Hanna, People at the polls can show documents on their phone to establish qualifications. SOS has provided that guidance to local officials.

16:05:01 From Judy Strakalaitis : Domicile and Qualified Voter Affidavits for in person registration require witnesses who are officials--notary, JP, elec official.

16:05:55 From Judy Strakalaitis : So the witness requirements would need to be changed by statute.

16:06:20 From Vicky Turner : Just remember that the witness requirement is on the voter registration application. The affidavit is required when people come to register in person without documents. There is also an affidavit of sorts on the

registration form(lower left corner), which contains the penalties of perjury. Normally voters sign this in the presence of supervisors.

16:07:26 From Judy Strakalaitis : Still better to have SOS hotline than interpretations by 200 districts.

16:07:57 From Kyri : You have questions of interpretations with different TCs and Supervisors. It does happen.

16:08:16 From Louise Spencer : I thought the Governor was already in the process of reviewing what steps he could take with regard to waiving absentee registration requirements like sending in documents and waiving the affidavit. Is this not already in process?

16:08:30 From Christine Seibert : A mailer that is bright colored.

16:08:32 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes, applicants sign DA and QVA witnessed by elec officials. My response was that the forms as they exist now cannot be sent out with absentee registration applicants.

16:08:35 From Liz Tentarelli : Mr. Van Loan is right about getting mixed messages, which is what is happening already when people try to get reg by mail forms from town clerks. Clear instructions from the Sec of State's office needs to get out to the town clerks, supervisors, and whoever staffs a hot line. And to the public, so that groups like League of Women Voters, Open Democracy, ACLU, etc can answer questions with consistency.

16:09:15 From Mary Wilke : There would have to be a core group of well-trained people. The procedures shouldn't be so complicated that experts can't agree on what they mean.

16:09:23 From Louise Spencer : So essential that we have a centralized website.

16:09:47 From Darryl Perry : even when the SOS issues clear guidance, not all of the Town & City Clerks read it!

16:09:54 From Kyri : The voter-friendly central website professionally done is critical.

16:12:03 From Christine Seibert : I think the main issue is an ad campaign for those that don't have a computer or don't know where to go. Along with dispell as many rumors that are not true as possible. No offense but the sos site is not the easiest to navigate.

16:12:12 From Louise Spencer : Right now town and cities have conflicting information on their websites, if they have the information at all. We need simplified, consistent messaging however it is disseminated. On the other hand, sometimes people just need to talk to a live person. Not everyone reads. Not everyone can sort through written directions.

16:13:26 From Kyri : The hotline is an essential adjunct to the website.

16:14:17 From Judy Strakalaitis : Many people assume they were registered to vote when they got their NH license or that DMV notifies us of changes of name and address.

16:14:55 From Kyri : Particularly people who have moved here from states with AVR or other modern voting technologies, Judy

16:15:09 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes.

16:15:44 From Christine Seibert : I completely agree

16:17:33 From Judy Strakalaitis : Where they are domiciled.

16:18:17 From Judy Strakalaitis : If students are not living on campus or in that town, they are not domiciled. I see it as clear-cut.

16:18:19 From Kyri : The law is resident now, not domiciliary.

16:18:35 From America Votes New Hampshire : there are some legal gray areas certainly -- if they were already registered the case could be made that they are domiciled here.

16:18:45 From America Votes New Hampshire : if they are trying to newly register, no luck

16:18:50 From Darryl Perry : the law still says domicile

16:18:51 From Judy Strakalaitis : The constitution specifies domicile. Also recent court decisions.

16:19:05 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes, Darryl is correct.

16:19:30 From Darryl Perry : the Constitution still says inhabitant

16:19:35 From Louise Spencer : Thanks, Josie for representing young people!

16:19:54 From Darryl Perry : the GOP has for year attempted to redefine inhabitant & domicile

16:20:56 From Kyri : Actually, I was wrong. HB 1264 affects DMV law not election law. So technically we can still say domiciled.

16:23:42 From Judy Strakalaitis : Town clerks are not providing consistent information now.

16:23:45 From Vicky Turner : Half the time when I call my Town Hall now, no one answers, it doesn't go to a machine, and it hangs up on me after a few rings.

16:24:14 From James McKim : Where is the NH Municipal Association in this discussion?

16:24:21 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Yes Judy I agree with you about the consistent information

16:24:35 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Heck Hava has many different answers to

16:24:57 From Liz Tentarelli : Cordell Johnston of NHMA sent an excellent set of recommendations to the committee earlier this week.

16:25:11 From Kyri : An attempt at uniform information with a central website and hotline would be a big step up.

16:25:49 From Judy Strakalaitis : Same. And messages are returned. I am deluged with questions re absentee ballots every election because people cannot get answers and TC does not do outreach. People do not understand what different officials do. So they ask me and I answer because they deserve accurate timely info.

16:26:58 From Judy Strakalaitis : Messages to TC are not returned. Left out the key word "not".

16:28:46 From Louise Spencer : When can we expect the Secretary of State's Directive and/or Governor's Executive Order on Absentee Registration?

16:29:27 From tfahey : David, I would like to speak on behalf of AARP NH. Didn't realize you needed to see a hand up. Sorry.

16:30:00 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Tfahey do you know how to raise your hand?

16:30:51 From Kathy Seaver : tfahey - electronically raise hand?

16:31:53 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thanks for addressing the distinctions, Darryl.

16:32:38 From Viola K : Dear Chair,

16:33:00 From Viola K : Dear Chair, I would like to make a few comments

16:35:18 From Judy Strakalaitis : Do you have your hand raised, Viola?Click participants and then click Raise Hand.

16:35:52 From Darryl Perry : Judy, you're welcome

16:36:49 From Rosemary Danelski, AV NH : Viola K from Granite State Organizing Project would also like to speak

16:40:01 From James McKim : Folks need to work. One of the concepts that might be worth considering is making voting day a state holiday. That would allow folks to get to the polls if they want or get the documentation necessary.

16:40:11 From Judy Strakalaitis : Assistant supervisors of checklist would need changes of PPE for each voter. Each one interacts with 100 applicants, passing documents back and forth, for a period of 5-10 minutes. Will we get sufficient supplies? The access to running water between changes would slow things considerably also.

16:40:31 From Louise Spencer : Also, Viola K from Granite State Organizing Project.

16:40:49 From Judy Strakalaitis : BRAD COOK, there is a person name Viola K from GSOP who wants to be recognized.

16:40:54 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thank you.

16:41:29 From Vicky Nawoichyk : If you cannot get his attention raise your hand & than pass it to Viola

16:41:38 From Kyri : Judy, I don't think it would be necessary to have a change of PPE for every voter interaction. Gloves maybe.

16:42:13 From Kyri : But the mask, face shield, gown, could last most of the day at least. Maybe one change in the day?

16:43:12 From Louise Spencer : Hi Dave, raising my hand because Viola K is unable to. She is from Granite State Progress.

16:43:15 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes. Primarily gloves. With all the issues getting adequate supplies, I have trouble believing my town would get 30,000 gloves for the assistant supervisors alone.

16:43:51 From Kyri : Exactly. That's why the only solution is for the state to centralize the purchase of all PPE and distribute to towns and cities fairly.

16:44:12 From Vicky Nawoichyk : YEs PPE will be hard to get especially for the numbers. With regards to masks for poll workers we will require changes not the same mask all day

16:44:30 From Kyri : If there are ways to not touch the voter or stuff the voter touches, you could change gloves less often perhaps.

16:44:39 From Vicky Nawoichyk : As will sanitation will be an issue to procure as well

16:45:02 From Pete Basiliere : And NH is not the only state with a primary election in September. Massachusetts has one, for example. Increased demand for a limited resource.

16:45:10 From Kyri : Precisely. All those materials must be provided by the state so that towns are not competing with each other

16:45:22 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Kyri, I am proposing that our SOC have the voter tell us the info when registering & they only need to sign doc with their own pen

16:45:36 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thank you, Dave and Brad and others monitoring the chat for recognizing Viola hearing from Viola.

16:45:48 From Kyri : That sounds good, Vicky.

16:46:29 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Also Documents will be shown & not touched. They will have to recite all the info to us

16:46:43 From Kyri : Before I registered voters in Concord, I did it in

Manchester for a couple of elections. We did fill out the forms ourselves there, although in Concord we don't.

16:47:29 From bobbi : I joined today's meeting late today, so if it's not already been discussed today, I want to suggest that the committee please would include an expenditure - for return postage for every absentee ballot and absentee registration - in your final recommendations. A postage paid return envelope is essential.

16:47:34 From Louise Spencer : See the DHHS website which translate the site into over 70 languages <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/>

16:47:47 From Kyri : The SOS should really start sourcing the PPE and disinfecting supplies now.

16:48:17 From Vicky Turner : Could we have pre-recorded instructions in other languages available via the hotline? Hard to get live interpreters

16:48:21 From Kyri : bobbi, that has been raised but really only in passing. It should be emphasized.

16:48:42 From Kyri : I hope you will

16:48:55 From Judy Cook : Kyri - Before the next spike when everyone will be wanting supplies.

16:49:02 From Louise Spencer :
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/disclaimer.htm#translate>

16:49:14 From Judy Strakalaitis : That's a good idea but legally we are required to examine documents to establish qualifications. DOB, license number. We aren't allowed to accept someone's word. It defeats the requirement of the document establishing a qualification.

16:49:36 From Kyri : Precisely, Judy. Also gradual sourcing of that stuff will help to prevent a problem for other states closer to November.

16:49:44 From Louise Spencer : Perhaps we could use DHHS how they created this function on their website.

16:50:07 From Vicky Turner : Interpreters who are also well-versed in voting matters, that is...

16:50:14 From Judy Strakalaitis : Great plug for NHPR! Thank you, Mr Cook.