

Amendment to SB 631-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 New Section; Online Voter Registration. Amend RSA 654 by inserting after section 7-c the
4 following new section:

5 654:7-d Online Voter Registration.

6 I. Beginning January 1, 2022, a person may register to vote by submitting an online voter
7 registration application in accordance with this section.

8 II. The secretary of state shall establish a secure Internet website to permit an applicant to:

9 (a) Submit an online voter registration form.

10 (b) Submit information necessary to establish an applicant's qualifications to vote,
11 pursuant to RSA 654:12.

12 (c) Swear to the oath required by RSA 654:7.

13 III. The secretary of state shall establish appropriate technological security measures,
14 including use of a unique identifier for each applicant, to prevent unauthorized persons from altering
15 a voter's registration information.

16 IV.(a) No person without an identification issued by the New Hampshire department of
17 safety, division of motor vehicles shall be able to register through the online voter registration
18 system.

19 (b) The department of safety, division of motor vehicles shall provide the online voter
20 registration application system all information necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

21 (c) The online voter registration application form shall require a valid electronic mail
22 address for the voter in order to complete the online voter registration application.

23 (d) The online voter registration application system shall include a disclaimer to the
24 applicant of possible criminal liability pursuant to paragraph XI.

25 V.(a) The online voter registration application system shall compare the New Hampshire
26 driver's license number or New Hampshire nondriver's picture identification number submitted
27 pursuant to this section with information maintained by the department of safety, division of motor
28 vehicles, to confirm that the name and date of birth on the application are consistent with the
29 records of the department of safety, division of motor vehicles.

30 (b) If the applicant's name and date of birth are consistent with the records of the
31 department of safety, division of motor vehicles, the online voter registration application system
32 shall transmit, using the statewide centralized voter registration database maintained pursuant to

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1 RSA 654:45, the applicant's submission, including the digital signature of the applicant, to the
2 appropriate supervisors of the checklist to add the applicant's name to the checklist. The applicant's
3 digital signature shall satisfy the signature requirement of RSA 654:7, IV. The applicant shall be
4 required to submit an original signature to the supervisors of the checklist prior to voting in the first
5 election after registering online. An online registrant shall not be eligible to receive an absentee
6 ballot until his or her original signature is on file with the supervisors of the checklist.

7 (c) If the applicant's name, citizenship, legal and/or physical mailing addresses, and date
8 of birth cannot be verified by the records of the department of safety, division of motor vehicles, or
9 the applicant indicated that he or she has not been issued a New Hampshire driver's license or New
10 Hampshire nondriver's picture identification card, the online voter registration application system
11 shall notify the applicant by electronic mail that his or her online voter registration was ineffective
12 and inform the applicant of alternative methods of registration.

13 VI. Upon submission of a completed online voter registration application, the website shall
14 generate an electronic confirmation that the supervisors of the checklist have received the
15 application and shall provide instructions regarding the ability of an applicant to check the status of
16 the application. Once the supervisors of the checklist have added the applicant to the checklist, the
17 applicant shall be notified by electronic mail, including information about where the applicant is
18 registered to vote.

19 VII. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the supervisor of elections shall process
20 the application pursuant to RSA 654:13.

21 VIII. If a person submits an application pursuant to the provisions of this section after the
22 10th day before an election, the applicant shall not be added to the checklist until the day after the
23 election. The supervisors of the checklist may contact such applicant, either by telephone or mail, in
24 order to inform the applicant of the effect of the late-received application and the ability of the
25 person to register in person on election day.

26 IX. The online voter registration system shall conform to nationally accepted standards for
27 accessibility for individuals with disabilities such as section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
28 section 255 of the Communications Act, and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines of the World
29 Wide Web Consortium to ensure equal access to voters with disabilities.

30 X. With the exception of the requirement that no person without an identification issued by
31 the New Hampshire department of safety, division of motor vehicles shall be able to register, no legal
32 distinction shall be made between online registration under this section and registration in person,
33 by mail, or other methods provided by general law.

34 XI. A person using the online voter registration application system to register to vote using
35 any name other than his or her own shall be considered to have violated RSA 659:34.

36 2 Centralized Voter Registration Database. Amend RSA 654:45, I to read as follows:

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1 I. The secretary of state is authorized to plan, develop, equip, establish, site, and maintain a
2 statewide centralized voter registration database and communications system, hereinafter referred
3 to as the voter database, connecting users throughout the state. The voter database shall include
4 the current information on the voter registration forms, ***including those submitted pursuant to***
5 ***RSA 654:7-d***, the accepted absentee ballot applications, the voter checklists, and voter actions as
6 recorded on the marked checklist maintained by each city, ward, and town in the state.

7 3 Funding of Implementation. The department of state shall fund the implementation of this
8 act with grants received pursuant to the 2018 Help America Vote Act Election Security Award and
9 section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252.

10 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.