

Amendment to SB 158

1 Amend RSA 657:7, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 II. Affidavit envelopes of sufficient size to contain the ballots on which shall be printed the
4 following:

5 YOUR COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE SEALED IN THIS ENVELOPE

6 I do hereby certify under the penalties for voting fraud set forth below that:

7 I am a voter in the city or town of _____, New Hampshire.

8 One of the following applies to me:

9 1) I will be absent on election day. Absence includes:

10 a) I will be out-of-town on election day.

11 b) I will be unable to vote in person because I will be working.

12 c) I will be unable to vote in person because I will be caring for children or infirm adults, with or
13 without compensation.

14 d) I am voting absentee on the Monday immediately before the election, the National Weather
15 Service has issued a winter storm warning, blizzard warning, or ice storm warning that applies to
16 my town/ward, and I have concerns for traveling in the storm.

17 2) I am unable to vote in person due to disability.

18 3) I am unable to vote in person due to observance of a religious commitment, which prevents me
19 from voting in person.

20 4) I am confined to a penal institution for a misdemeanor or while awaiting trial.

21 I have carefully read or had read to me the absentee voting instructions. I personally marked the
22 absentee ballot enclosed in this envelope or, due to a disability, I had assistance in marking the
23 absentee ballot.

24 Voter Signature _____

25 **Printed Name** _____

26 **Voter Address** _____

27 A person assisting a voter with a disability shall sign this statement on this envelope acknowledging
28 the assistance.

29 I attest that I assisted (print voter name) _____ because the voter is a person with a
30 disability. I marked the ballot and/or this form as instructed by the voter.

31 In accordance with RSA 659:34, the penalty for knowingly or purposefully providing false
32 information when registering to vote or voting is a class A misdemeanor with a maximum sentence

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1 of imprisonment not to exceed one year and a fine not to exceed \$2,000. Fraudulently registering to
2 vote or voting is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.

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4 Amend RSA 657:18 as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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6 657:18 Procedure by Clerk. Upon receipt of an outer envelope purporting to contain an official
7 absentee voting ballot, the clerk of the city or town shall, subject to RSA 657:16, ***open the outer***
8 ***envelope and*** attach thereto the application for an absentee ballot ***to the affidavit envelope***
9 submitted by said voter and record the information pursuant to RSA 657:15. [~~All such envelopes~~]
10 ***The affidavit envelopes*** shall be preserved unopened until election day.