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SENATE BILL **221**

AN ACT relative to the verification of voter rolls annually.

SPONSORS: Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides for the annual verification of voter rolls.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to the verification of voter rolls annually.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Elections; Checklist; Annual Verification. Amend RSA 654:39 to read as follows:

654:39 ***Annual*** Verification ~~[Every 10 Years]~~.

I. In addition to any verification carried out under the provisions of RSA 654:38, the supervisors shall verify the checklist in ~~[1981]~~ ***2026*** and ~~[once every 10 years]~~ ***annually*** thereafter.

II. Between April 1 and August 1 of ~~[1981]~~ ***2026*** and ***annually*** thereafter ~~[in each year ending with a one]~~, the supervisors shall post notice of their sessions in 2 appropriate places one of which shall be the town or city's Internet website, if such exists, and published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation and hold sufficient sessions for verification of the checklist as in their opinion will enable all eligible voters in said town or ward to appear before them and register or reregister as the case may be. Whenever a person is reregistered, his or her party designation, if any, on the checklist undergoing revision shall not be changed except as provided in RSA 654:34.

III. Beginning June 1 of such year, the supervisors shall review the checklist and shall strike therefrom the names of all persons who have not registered or reregistered under paragraphs I and IV; provided, that there shall not be stricken from said checklist the name of any person duly qualified to vote unless such person, not less than 30 days prior to such action, shall have been sent notice by the supervisors at his last known address of his failure to

reregister stating the procedure to be followed in order to reregister and have his name retained on said checklist nor unless such person shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to follow said procedure.

IV. For the purpose of this section, a person shall be deemed reregistered and need not appear before the supervisors if:

(a) The person voted in any election within the ~~[4]~~ **5** years immediately preceding ~~[a 10-year]~~ **an annual** verification; or

(b) The person has been added to the checklist since the last state general election.

V. Upon completion of verification of the checklist, but in no event later than September 1, the supervisors shall file with the secretary of state the following certificate: We, the supervisors of the checklist (or registrars of voters) of the town (or ward _____) of _____, do hereby certify that we have verified the checklist of registered voters in the town (or ward _____ of the city) of _____, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 654:39.

VI. In verifying the checklist in accordance with this section, the provisions of RSA 654:38, IV and V shall apply.

VII. The secretary of state shall develop any forms necessary for the reregistration of eligible voters removed from the checklist pursuant to this section.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

