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HOUSE BILL **223**

AN ACT relative to political party access to a list of absentee ballot requests.

SPONSORS: Rep. J. Sweeney, Rock. 8; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 6

COMMITTEE: Election Law

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes political parties to request and subscribe to the absentee ballot request list from the secretary of state, and adds the date the absentee ballot was returned to the information provided.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to political party access to a list of absentee ballot requests.

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

1 132:1 Absentee Ballots; Political Parties. Amend RSA 657:15, III and IV to read as follows:

2 III. Candidates whose names appear on the ballot for statewide office and persons bearing a
3 notarized request from candidates whose names appear on the ballot for statewide office may obtain
4 a statewide list of absentee voter applicants, excluding voters who have presented to the supervisors
5 of the checklist valid protective orders pursuant to RSA 173-B from the secretary of state.
6 Information on the statewide absentee voter list shall be limited to voter name, voter ID number,
7 ~~[and]~~ the date the absentee ballot was requested, **and the date that the ballot was returned.**

8 **III-a. Political parties and persons bearing notarized requests from political**
9 **parties may obtain a statewide list of absentee voter applicants, excluding voters who have**
10 **presented to the supervisors of the checklist valid protective orders pursuant to RSA 173-B**
11 **from the secretary of state. Information on the statewide absentee voter list shall be**
12 **limited to voter name, voter ID number, the date the absentee ballot was requested, and the**
13 **date that the ballot was returned.**

14 IV. The subscription fee for providing a statewide list of absentee voters by the secretary of
15 state under this section shall be \$2,000 per election, all of which shall be deposited in the election
16 fund under RSA 5:6-d. The secretary of state shall update the original list of absentee voters on a
17 regular basis. **The secretary of state shall provide the list requested pursuant to paragraphs**
18 **III and III-a at least once per week and at least twice per week for the 4 weeks prior to the**
19 **election.**

132:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 23, 2021
Effective Date: September 21, 2021