

Amendment to HB 285

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Vital Records Administration; Secretary of State; Duties. Amend RSA 5-C:4, IV to read as
4 follows:

5 IV. The secretary of state shall compare information contained on each death record
6 received by the division of vital records with information contained in the statewide centralized voter
7 registration database and submit to the state registrar a list of every city or town that has a
8 registered voter matching the decedent's information. ***Where there is not a full match of name,
9 date of birth, and residence, the secretary of state shall provide information of partial
10 matches for further review and confirmation by the town or city pursuant to paragraph V.***

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12 Amend the bill by replacing sections 4-5 with the following:

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14 4 Centralized Voter Registration Database; Address Maintenance. Amend RSA 654:45, I to read
15 as follows:

16 I.(a) The secretary of state is authorized to plan, develop, equip, establish, site, and
17 maintain a statewide centralized voter registration database and communications system,
18 hereinafter referred to as the voter database, connecting users throughout the state. The voter
19 database shall include the current information on the voter registration forms, the accepted absentee
20 ballot applications, the voter checklists, and voter actions as recorded on the marked checklist
21 maintained by each city, ward, and town in the state. ***The database shall maintain addresses in
22 accordance with United States Postal Service standardized addresses as described in the
23 current USPS Publication 28.***

24 (b) ***The secretary of state shall provide for a verification process that voters
25 sharing a place and date of birth, along with a substantially similar name to include
26 nicknames or likely maiden/married name changes, are unique voters. Should any voter
27 appear to be a duplicate registration, information shall be forwarded to the supervisors of
28 the checklist of the city or town where registered for review and confirmation. Such clerks
29 shall notify the secretary of state of the result of such review, and should the records show
30 that a single individual may have voted more than once in any election such information
31 shall be forwarded to the attorney general for further investigation or prosecution.***

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1 5 New Subparagraph; Centralized Voter Registration Database; Address Verification. Amend
2 RSA 654:45, IV by inserting after subparagraph (c) the following new subparagraph:

3 (d) Beginning July 1, 2022, the secretary of state shall, no less than annually, cause
4 voter records to be checked with the United States Postal Service for changes of address. All records
5 identified as moving shall be provided to the city or town supervisors of the checklist for verification
6 pursuant to RSA 654:39, III.