

Amendment to HB 292

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

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3 1 Absentee Ballots and Related Materials; Affidavit Envelopes. Amend RSA 657:7, II to read as
4 follows:

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

7 YOUR COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE SEALED IN THIS ENVELOPE

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

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

10 One of the following applies to me:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 Voter Signature _____

27 **Print Name** _____

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

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

32 In accordance with RSA 659:34, the penalty for knowingly or purposefully providing false

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1 information when registering to vote or voting is a class A misdemeanor with a maximum sentence
2 of imprisonment not to exceed one year and a fine not to exceed \$2,000. Fraudulently registering to
3 vote or voting is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.

4 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the absentee ballot affidavit envelope.