

HB 248 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **248**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study implementation of early processing of absentee ballots at state elections.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ferrante, Rock 6; Rep. Chirichiello, Rock 6; Rep. J. Webb, Rock 6; Rep. O'Connor, Rock 6; Rep. Milz, Rock 6; Rep. Hoelzel, Rock 3; Rep. Till, Rock 6

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study implementation of early processing of absentee ballots at state elections.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT establishing a committee to study implementation of early processing of absentee ballots at state elections.

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

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study implementation of early
2 processing of absentee ballots at state elections.

3 2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
6 house of representatives.

7 (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
9 the duties of the committee.

10 3 Duties. The committee shall study implementation of early processing of absentee ballots at
11 state elections. The committee's study shall focus on the feasibility of processing absentee ballots
12 prior to election day, including potential constitutional barriers, security concerns, and procedural
13 uniformity.

14 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
15 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
16 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
17 section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

18 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
19 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
20 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2013.

21 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.