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HOUSE BILL **1459**

AN ACT relative to domicile for voting purposes during a temporary absence.

SPONSORS: Rep. Gray, Straf 8

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that a person shall not be deemed to have lost a domicile by reason of absence or presence due to the employment of a spouse in the service of the United States.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 104:1 Voter Eligibility; Temporary Absence. Amend RSA 654:2 to read as follows:
2 654:2 Temporary Absence. A domicile for voting purposes acquired by any person in any town
3 shall not be interrupted or lost by a temporary absence therefrom with the intention of returning
4 thereto as his or her domicile. Domicile for the purpose of voting as defined in RSA 654:1, once
5 existing, continues to exist until another such domicile is gained. Domicile for purposes of voting is a
6 question of fact and intention. A voter can have only one domicile for these purposes. No person
7 shall be deemed to have lost a domicile by reason of his or her presence or absence while ***the voter***
8 ***or his or her spouse is*** employed in the service of the United States; nor while engaged in the
9 navigation of the waters of the United States or of the high seas; nor while a teacher in or student of
10 any seminary of learning; nor while confined in any public prison or other penal institution; nor
11 while a patient or confined for any reason in any nursing, convalescent home or hospital, old folks or
12 old age home, or like institution or private facility.

13 104:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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15 Approved: June 11, 2014

16 Effective Date: August 10, 2014