

CHAPTER 114
SB 277 – FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL **277**

AN ACT relative to absentee voter registration.

SPONSORS: Sen. Boutin, Dist 16; Rep. Fields, Belk 4

COMMITTEE: Public and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the signature matching requirement for registering absentee voters.

This bill was requested by the department of state.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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:

1 114:1 Registration of Absentee Voters. Amend RSA 657:21 to read as follows:

2 657:21 Registration of Voters. Upon receipt of a return envelope containing an armed services
3 or overseas citizen federal election absentee ballot, the clerk of the city or town shall open and retain
4 said envelope and deliver the affidavit envelope to the supervisors of the checklist of the voting place
5 indicated thereon. If the voter is not registered, the appropriate affidavit appearing on said
6 envelope, if properly executed, shall, **subject to RSA 657:23**, be prima facie evidence of the voter's
7 qualifications to become a voter and his or her name shall be added to the checklist at the next
8 session of the supervisors of the checklist. The supervisors of the checklist shall retain a copy of the
9 affidavit envelope and absentee ballot request form in accordance with RSA 33-A:3-a and return the
10 affidavit envelopes unopened to the city or town clerk who shall see that they agree in number with
11 the mailing envelopes. Said clerk shall attach the application for an armed services or overseas
12 citizen federal election absentee ballot submitted by said voter to the 2 corresponding envelopes and
13 retain them until election day.

14 114:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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16 Approved: June 11, 2014

17 Effective Date: August 10, 2014