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HOUSE BILL **328**

AN ACT relative to delivery of absentee ballots.

SPONSORS: Rep. Marston, Hills 19; Rep. Lachance, Hills 8; Rep. Mullen, Straf 1; Rep. F. Rice,
Rock 21

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill allows an absentee voter to have a family member deliver the marked ballot to the city or town clerk.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 166:1 Absentee Voting; Procedure by Voter. Amend RSA 657:17 to read as follows:

2 657:17 Procedure by Voter. After marking the ballot, the voter or the person assisting a blind
3 voter shall enclose and seal the same in an inner envelope. The voter shall execute the affidavit.
4 The voter or the person assisting the blind voter shall enclose and seal the inner envelope with the
5 affidavit in an outer envelope. The voter shall then endorse on the outer envelope his or her name,
6 address, and voting place and shall mail the envelope, affixing postage, or personally deliver it **or**
7 ***have it delivered by the voter's spouse, parent, sibling, or child*** to the city or town clerk from
8 whom it was sent. ***The city or town clerk shall not accept an absentee ballot from a family***
9 ***member unless the family member completes a form provided by the secretary of state,***
10 ***which shall be maintained by the city or town clerk, and the family member presents a***
11 ***government-issued photo identification or has his or her identity verified by the city or***
12 ***town clerk.***

13 166:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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15 Approved: June 26, 2015

16 Effective Date: August 25, 2015