

SB 490-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2024 SESSION

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SENATE BILL        ***490-FN***

AN ACT            relative to the verification of the checklist.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Rep. Pauer,  
                     Hills. 36; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32

COMMITTEE:      Election Law and Municipal Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill changes the verification of the checklist from every 10 years to every 2 years.

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                     Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four*

AN ACT relative to the verification of the checklist.

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

1 1 Voter Checklist. Amend RSA 654:39 to read as follows:

2 654:39 Verification Every [10] **2** Years.

3 I. In addition to any verification carried out[~~under the provisions of RSA 654:38~~], the  
4 supervisors shall verify the checklist in [1981] **2024** and once every [10] **2** years thereafter **in all**  
5 **years ending in an even number**.

6 II. Between April 1 and August 1 of [1981] **2024** and thereafter in each year ending [with a  
7 ~~one~~] **in an even number**, the supervisors shall post notice of their sessions in 2 appropriate places  
8 one of which shall be the town or city's Internet website, if such exists, and published at least twice  
9 in a newspaper of general circulation and hold [sufficient] sessions **at least once a month** for  
10 verification of the checklist as in their opinion will enable all eligible voters in said town or ward to  
11 appear before them and register or reregister as the case may be. Whenever a person is  
12 reregistered, his or her party designation, if any, on the checklist undergoing revision shall not be  
13 changed except as provided in RSA 654:34.

14 III. Beginning[~~June~~] **April** 1 of such year, the supervisors shall review the checklist and  
15 shall strike therefrom the names of all persons who have not registered or reregistered under  
16 paragraphs I and IV; provided, that there shall not be stricken from said checklist the name of any  
17 person duly qualified to vote unless such person, not less than 30 days prior to such action, shall  
18 have been sent notice by the supervisors at his last known address of his failure to reregister stating  
19 the procedure to be followed in order to reregister and have his name retained on said checklist nor  
20 unless such person shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to follow said procedure.

21 IV. For the purpose of this section, a person shall be deemed reregistered and need not  
22 appear before the supervisors if:

23 (a) The person voted in any election within the [4] **2** years immediately preceding a [10]  
24 **2-year** verification; or

25 (b) The person has been added to the checklist since the last state general election.

26 V. Upon completion of verification of the checklist, but in no event later than September 1,  
27 the supervisors shall file with the secretary of state the following certificate: We, the supervisors of  
28 the checklist (or registrars of voters) of the town (or ward \_\_\_\_\_) of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby  
29 certify that we have verified the checklist of registered voters in the town (or ward \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
30 city) of \_\_\_\_\_, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 654:39.

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- 1           VI. In verifying the checklist in accordance with this section, the provisions of RSA 654:38,
- 2   IV and V shall apply.
- 3           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**SB 490-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation, as introduced, has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2024 through 2027.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

New Hampshire Municipal Association