

Voting integrity

Live in NH, vote in NH

Protecting the integrity of New Hampshire's elections ought to be every citizen's business. Legitimate residents of New Hampshire have nothing to fear from SB3, a new law that has been temporarily blocked by a superior court judge. Politicians (read Democrats) who benefit from drive-by voting clearly have something to fear.

There is nothing onerous or burdensome in requiring that legitimate New Hampshire voters have some form of identification that shows proof of New Hampshire residence. If they don't have the proof with them, they can still vote and supply the information thereafter.

The difference in the new law is that such voters need to actually provide the proof and not merely sign a promise and go on their merry way, never to return.

Under current law, the state sends out hundreds of postcards to check on such voters' status. But there is little if any followup.

But what of college students? ask the Democrats. Well, what of them? College students who are New Hampshire residents have shown no problem in proving they live here.

College students from other states should be voting in those states. That's what absentee ballots are for.

College students from elsewhere who have somehow suddenly decided to make New Hampshire their home need to be able to prove it.

Part of New Hampshire's problem is that long ago we decided on same-day registration, fearing the costs of the "motor voter" federal mandate (where you are automatically enrolled when you apply for a driver's license or register a vehicle).

If this court decision is upheld, perhaps New Hampshire needs to revisit its "same-day" status.