



**League of Women Voters
New Hampshire**

April 27, 2016

Senator Regina Birdsell, Chair
Public and Municipal Affairs Committee

Re: HB 1534, AN ACT relative to report of death of voters and authorizing an electronic poll book trial program

Dear Senator Birdsell and members of the committee,

It is our understanding that there was an amendment submitted at the close of business yesterday to require Manchester, Durham and Hooksett to use a dual system of electronic poll books and the old paper system during the test program proposed by the amended version of HB 1534 submitted earlier.

This would introduce a totally unnecessary complication to the test and would severely tax the ability of the communities to even be able to run a test. The communities involved will all have the capability to immediately turn back to the old paper process if problems develop during the test. There is no reason to require them to run two systems during the trial program.

The League of Women Voters NH urges the committee to vote *Ought to Pass* on HB 1534 as the bill was originally amended.

Thank you,

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