

Granite State Taxpayers Files Memorandum Supporting HB 1264.

Granite State Taxpayers has filed with the New Hampshire Supreme Court a Memorandum supporting a finding that the House Bill 1264 is constitutional.

The Legislature passed HB 1264 to clarify statutory definitions of residency so as to be compliant with previous court decisions.

The United States Supreme Court, in 1972, stated: "States have the power to require that voters be bona fide residents of the relevant political subdivision."

The other states and the District of Columbia require voters to be residents.

Getting a driver's license in any state requires documenting that one is a resident there. In 2016, 6,540 people registered to vote in New Hampshire using an out of state driver's license. Of those, 491 used an out of state driver's license to change registration from one town to another town within New Hampshire.

"We have "Representation Without Taxation" when residents of other states vote in New Hampshire but avoid the obligations to the State that are expected from New Hampshire residents," said GST Chairman Ray Chadwick. "That difference in treatment is an affront to the concept of Equal Treatment under the Law."

GST supports HB 1264 and SB 3 to clarify our election laws and ensure that people who vote in New Hampshire actually live in New Hampshire.

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