

## **REGISTERING TO VOTE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

When a new applicant is registering to vote, the supervisors of the checklist, or the town or city clerk, will require the applicant to present proof of identity, age, citizenship and domicile. If the applicant is currently registered to vote in New Hampshire, he or she shall not be required to prove his or her age or citizenship. *See* RSA 654:12.

With regard to proving identity, an applicant who has any of the following in his or her immediate possession must present that identification: a New Hampshire driver's license, Armed Services identification, other photo identification issued by the United States government, photo driver's license issued by any state or the federal government, United States passport, or photo identification issued by local or state government. If an applicant owns such a document, but does not have it in his or her immediate possession, he or she is entitled to prove identity through other reasonable means. *See* RSA 654:12.

Any reasonable documentation, including a valid driver's license or passport or birth certificate, may be used to prove age. *See* RSA 654:12. Citizenship may be proven by a birth certificate, a valid U.S. passport or naturalization papers, if the applicant is a naturalized citizen. *See* RSA 654:12. A valid New Hampshire driver's license, New Hampshire vehicle registration, Armed Services identification or other photo identification issued by the United States government constitute presumptive proof of domicile provided the document is currently valid, was issued to or in the name of the applicant, and shows the address that the applicant claims as a domicile. *See* RSA 654:12. Proof of domicile may also include a current utility bill showing the applicant's name and the address that he or she claims as a domicile.

As a last resort, an applicant may prove identity, age or citizenship by completing the qualified voter affidavit, and he or she may prove domicile by completing the domicile affidavit. *See* RSA 654:12. As noted on both the qualified voter affidavit and the domicile affidavit, the penalty for knowingly or purposely providing false information when registering to vote or voting is a class A misdemeanor with a maximum sentence of imprisonment not to exceed one year and a fine not to exceed \$2,000. Fraudulently registering to vote or fraudulently voting is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000. *See* RSA 659:34.