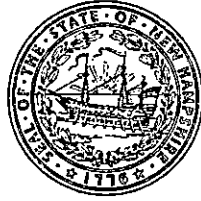


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Supervisors of the Checklist

Re: High-School-Based Voter Registration Events

Dear Supervisors of the Checklist:

New Hampshire has a proud tradition of high voter turnout, largely thanks to your efforts to ensure all eligible voters are given equal opportunity to register to vote. The Secretary of State's office supports all reasonable efforts to register qualified voters. Registering individuals who are just turning 18 years old and encouraging them to start voting as soon as they are eligible promotes a life-long habit of voting.

Some New Hampshire high schools have out-of-town students or policies against holding public supervisor sessions on campus. In these circumstances, the Board of Supervisors may authorize less than a quorum of the board, one supervisor, to attend a voter registration event and intake applications. That supervisor would bring the completed applications to the next publicly noticed session of the Board of Supervisors. The board would review the applications and vote on whether to add the applicant to the checklist.

A single supervisor attending an event to receive applications that will not be acted on until a subsequent supervisor's session is not a public meeting of the board; therefore, public notice and access to the event are not required.

The Board of Supervisors should consider any requests for this type of voter registration intake activity at a publicly noticed session of the supervisors and document their decision on whether to authorize a supervisor to attend in the meeting minutes. All similar requests should be treated the same, but it is entirely within the discretion of the Board of Supervisors to decide whether to accommodate such requests.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Scanlan".

David M. Scanlan
Secretary of State