

Attestation of Voter Identity: *A Guide for Municipalities*



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Summary of Changes Pursuant to 2026 Chapter Law 284 (HB 317)

RSA 659:13, I(c) is repealed and reenacted, to allow a supervisor of the checklist, along with moderators, clerks, or selectmen, to verify a voter's identity if they personally know the voter.

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If a voter does not have a valid photo identification, the ballot clerk must refer them to the supervisor of the checklist. If either a supervisor of the checklist, moderator, town clerk, or select board member can attest that they personally know the individual, then the supervisor of the checklist can review the voter's qualifications and verify their identity, thus allowing them to vote.

If the supervisor of the checklist determines that the voter's qualifications and identity have not been established, the voter shall not be allowed to vote, but they must be informed of their ability to take an immediate appeal to the superior court. Supervisors can refer the aggrieved voter to RSA 654:12, V for more information on that process. If a supervisor, clerk, moderator or select board member verifies a voter's identity, they must complete and retain the Attestation Of Identity For A Registered Voter On Election Day form listed in section (4) of the statute. It reads as follows:

I _____ (Printed Name), in accordance with the authority granted to me in RSA 659:13, I(c) as a moderator, clerk, supervisor, or selectman of the checklist (circle one) do attest under the penalty of perjury that: _____ (Printed Name of Voter) _____ (NH Voter Identification Number) Is known to me as stated here:

Signature _____ Office

I _____, in accordance with the authority granted to me in RSA 659:13, I(c) as a moderator or clerk (circle one) do attest under the penalty of perjury that I have witnessed the above attestation and believe it to be true and in accordance with the provisions of RSA 659:13,I(c) and that I did not make the attestation above.

Signature _____ Office

Note that the second attestation must be signed by someone other than the person making the identification.

RSA 654:12, I(d)(4) was also amended to allow the administrator of a nursing home to sign the same attestation above to verify the identity of a nursing home resident.

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Sections affected: RSA 659:13, I(c); RSA 654:12, I(d)(4)