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MEMORANDUM

January 26, 2018

TO: **Senator Kevin Meyer**
         Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: **Rep. Chris Tuck**
         House Majority Leader

SUBJ: **Memo of Changes for House Bill 1**

The following changes were made in the House State Affairs Committee:

- Clarified the definition of electronic signature in sections 2 and 3.

- Additional conforming changes needed to be added to reflect same day voter registration changes. This included adding sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 23, 25, 28, and 29.

- Section 14, 15, 16, and 17 were added at the Division of Elections request to include a declaration to be completed by the voter stating the information they are providing is true and accurate on all questioned ballots.

- Section 24 relating to receiving a permanent absentee ballot each year, there was a change to reflect that if any mail has been returned from the voter's address that they will be removed from receiving a ballot in the mail automatically.

- Due to outdated statutes, some sections were amended within Title 15 to reflect the Division of Elections current processes.
    - Section 5: added registration for party affiliation to the voter's certificate process and added special needs ballots to be reflected as well.
    - Section 6: added a new subsection that absentee and questioned ballot also includes the use of special needs ballot.
    - Sections 12 and 13: Appointment and privileges of poll watchers was updated to reflect poll watchers for ballot propositions and for candidates are permitted.

The following change was made in the House Judiciary Committee:

- An amendment was adopted to ensure every registration form will include a space for an applicant who is registered in another jurisdiction to notify the director in order to be removed from any other jurisdictions in which the applicant was previously registered to vote.