



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

July 29, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 106

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 29th, 2019 I have vetoed House Bill 106, relative to the terms "resident," "inhabitant," "residence," and "residency."

This bill would repeal House Bill 1264, a bill I signed in 2018 which put every voter in New Hampshire on equal footing by making all those who vote in New Hampshire subject to the same legal requirements. New Hampshire now aligns with virtually every other state in requiring residency in order to vote. House Bill 1264 restored equality and fairness to our elections, and the Supreme Court ruled the bill is constitutional while affirming that New Hampshire had a compelling state interest in seeing the bill enacted. House Bill 106 would take us back to the days of unequal treatment of voters. Allowing that to happen would be a dereliction of my duty to uphold the provisions of our State Constitution that mandate equal protection under the law.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 106.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor