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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE –Today, the New Hampshire House voted 191-141 on the Governor’s veto of [HB 1672](#), falling short of the 2/3 vote needed to override. **Representative David E. Cote, Chair of the House Election Law Committee**, released the following statement:

“Expanded absentee voting has already been shown to be a success in New Hampshire. With all voters temporary permitted to vote absentee due to COVID-19, over 90,000 Granite Staters chose that option in last Tuesday’s primary election, nine times the normal number. Overall turnout last Tuesday obliterated previous records, largely because of expanded absentee voting.

There is no legitimate reason to deny voters the right to vote absentee in all future elections. Members of our Armed Forces have been voting this way for years. Our mail system and excellent poll workers can handle it. Voters understand and trust it. It is appalling that a logical expansion of individual rights, which increases participation in elections, has been blocked by blind partisanship. Why are Republicans afraid of high voter turnout?”

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