

### **Suppressing the Democratic Process**

**MAGA Extremists in the New Hampshire Legislature introduced legislation calling for a forensic audit of a county's 2020 election results.** In 2022, House Bill 1473 was introduced and would authorize a forensic audit of the November 3, 2020 election results in Merrimack County for president, governor, and United States Senate races. This bill, according to the Brennan Center, "show(s) how the myth that the results of the 2020 election were fraudulent continues to grip state lawmakers." Trump's lies about the 2020 elections inspired extremists in state legislatures to demand costly audits. House Bill 1473 was laid on the table on March 31st [[NH HB 1473](#), Lay on Table, 3/31/2022; Brennan Center, [2/9/2022](#)]

**MAGA Extremists in the New Hampshire Legislature passed legislation requiring voter identification.** In 2022, Senate Bill 418 was introduced requiring Election Day registrants with no valid photo ID to vote on a separate affidavit ballot. After the election, these voters would have seven days to mail documentation establishing their identity to the secretary of state in order for their votes to be counted. If voters fail to do so, their votes will be discarded from the official election results. Voter photo ID laws are ineffective as a means of combating voter fraud, but their main impact is that they promote voter suppression. Senate Bill 418 was signed into law by the Governor. The law survived a lawsuit arguing it was unconstitutional. [[SB 418](#), signed into law, 6/22/2022; Democracy Docket, [6/17/2022](#)]

**MAGA Extremists in the New Hampshire Legislature introduced legislation that would require photo ID with an absentee ballot.** In 2021, Senate Bill 54 was introduced that would require that a voter include a photocopy of his or her valid New Hampshire driver's license, nondriver's picture identification card, or other identification with the application for an absentee ballot and inside the outer envelope when returning an absentee ballot. Extremist legislators tried to make voting harder by adding photo ID requirements to absentee ballots. Senate Bill 54 was retained in committee. [[NH SB 54](#), retained in committee, 5/20/2021]