

Support for Automatic Voter Registration in New Hampshire



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- **A survey of n=500 registered voters was conducted in New Hampshire. The survey was conducted by telephone using professional interviewers.**
- **A voter file sample was used.**
- **Interviews were conducted December 6th-9th, 2018.**
- **The margin of error for the sample as a whole is plus or minus 4.4 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The margin of error for subgroups varies and is higher.**
- **Throughout this report we refer to “younger” and “older” voters. Younger voters are under age 50 and older voters are age 50 and up.**
- **Throughout this report we also refer to “AVR Targets”. “AVR Targets” are defined as voters who started out as soft supporters or undecided on the initial AVR proposal.**



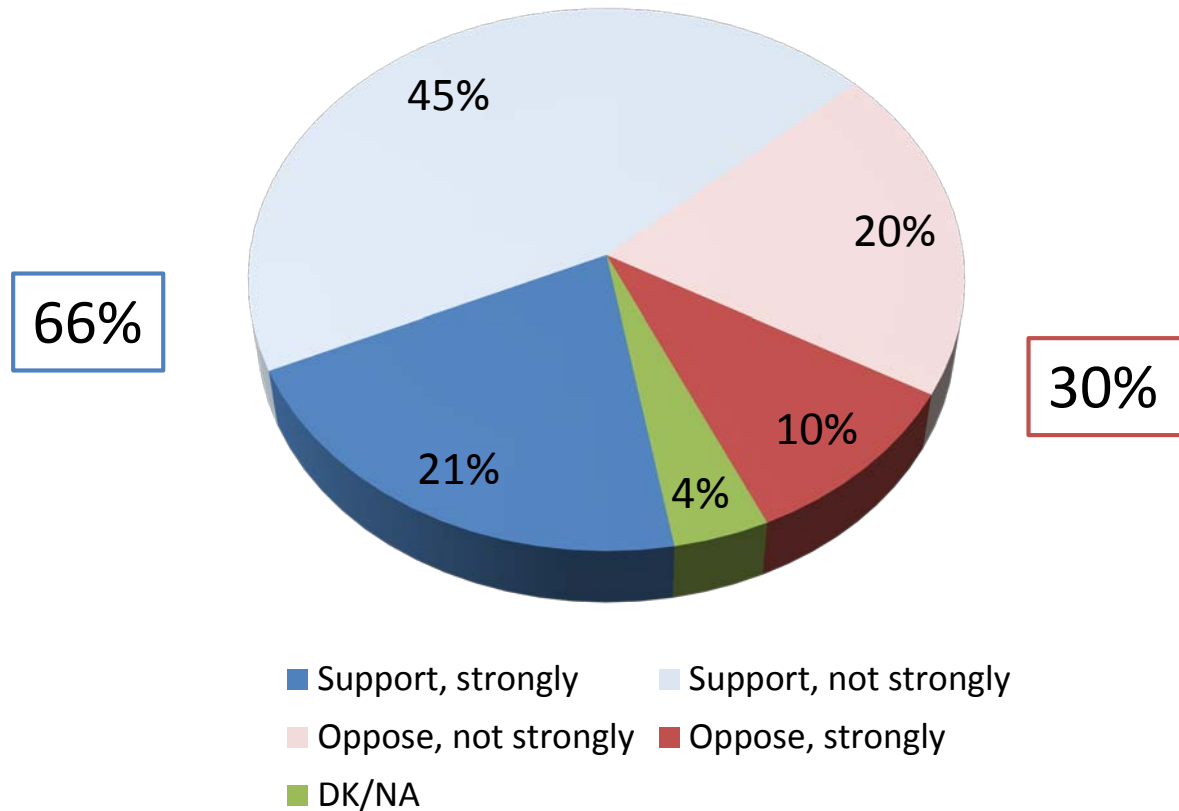
Perceptions of Elections



Two-thirds of voters support a law that would allow any registered voter to apply for an absentee ballot without needing an excuse



Intensity of feeling is lacking, however, with 45% supporting “not strongly”.



As you may know, in order to vote in New Hampshire with a mailed out, absentee ballot, a registered voter, at the risk of criminal prosecution, must have a legally valid excuse for why they can't get to their polling place on Election Day. These excuses could include illness or disability, attending school out of the area, travel or overseas military deployment. The New Hampshire legislature may consider a law this year that would allow any registered voter to apply for an absentee ballot, without needing an excuse. These voters could mail back their completed ballots, or return them to their town hall. Having hard this, do you support or oppose this proposed law?

Support is partisan with nearly nine-in-10 Democrats supporting and just over half of Republicans opposing this proposed law



	Support	Oppose	Don't know	Support Margin
Men	62%	33%	5%	+29
Women	69%	27%	4%	+42
Under age 50	65%	32%	3%	+33
Over age 50	65%	31%	4%	+34
Over age 70	58%	35%	7%	+23
No college educ.	67%	29%	4%	+38
College+	65%	32%	4%	+33
Democrats	88%	9%	3%	+79
Independents	68%	31%	1%	+37
Republicans	41%	51%	8%	-10
TOTAL	66%	30%	4%	+36