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Cc: Rep. Canario, Dennis M.; Rep. Edwards, John G.; Rep. Cortvriend, Terri-Denise; Sen. Seveney, James A.
Subject: Portsmouth BOC Support of Emergency Voting Legislations H7896 and S2598
Attachments: BOC Support H7896 and S2598.pdf

Dear Honorable Leaders,

Attached is a letter of support from the Portsmouth Board of Canvassers for pending legislation that will enhance emergency voting efficiency and voter confidence to be considered this evening by both the House and Senate Judiciary committees (H7896 and S2598).

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee
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Dear Honorable Members:

The Portsmouth Canvassing Authority is submitting this letter in support of bills introduced to streamline emergency voting during the 2020 election cycle (H7896 and S2598).

Our voters need safe opportunities to cast their ballots and confidence that their voices are heard and counted. These bills allow local Board of Canvassers to use electronic poll pads and DS200 ballot machines during the emergency voting period. The identity of the voter is ascertained and the accuracy of the ballot is assured. The DS200 alerts voters to errors. Voters then have the opportunity to correct their ballot immediately.

More than nine hundred voters came to the Portsmouth Canvassing office prior to the 2016 November Presidential election. More are expected in 2020. The process proposed will allow local offices to safely and efficiently administer emergency voting.

We respectfully request that the General Assembly approve this legislation.

Please contact this office if you have any questions (401-683-3157).

Respectfully submitted,

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