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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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His Excellency Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Honorable Council:

I respectfully submit the Department of State's Annual Report for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Sincerely,

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Department of State

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Programs, Services and Functions

ADMINISTRATION

- Keeper of Great Seal, attests Governor's signature and affixes the seal to all official documents. (RSA 5:5)
- Engrossing private acts. (RSA 5:10; 14:8)
- Attends Governor and Council meetings, records minutes, keeps register of all actions of Governor and Council. (Const. of N.H., Pt. 2, Art. 68)
- Prepares extradition and rendition papers. (RSA 612:23)
- Receives and keeps on file any filings made pursuant to: RSA 5-B Pooled Risk Management, RSA 447 Mechanics Liens, RSA 359-D Credit Service Organizations, and RSA 53-A Agreements between Governmental Units.
- Performs certain clerical responsibilities for the Ballot Law Commission and Board of Claims. (RSA 5:13)
- Prepares and issues all Notary Public and Justice of the Peace Commissions as well as Commissioner of Deeds Commissions. (RSA 5:10 and 456-B))
-Keeps a record of all Notary Public's and Justices of the Peace who will be performing e-notarizations and/or remote notarizations.
-Keeps a record of all technology providers for e-notarizations and/or remote notarizations.
- Prepares commissions for persons appointed to special boards by Governor and Council. (RSA 5:10)
- Issues special marriage licenses for out-of-state ministers and priests to perform marriages in this state. (RSA 457:32)
-and for unordained ministers. (RSA 457:31)
- Issues special marriage licenses for judges.
-Issues one-time special marriage licenses for individuals.
- Issues Itinerant Vendor licenses. (RSA 321:4)
- Issues licenses for Bonded Warehouses. (RSA 348)
- Issues Hawker and Peddler licenses. (RSA 320:8)
- Indexes and files highway records. (RSA 233:16, 17; 228:4)
- Records all Treasury bonds and notes.
- Files city charters. (RSA 44:1-a)
- Files names, powers and boundaries of village districts. (RSA 52:24)
- Files records of perambulation of town lines. (RSA 51:4)
- Maintains file of private detective surety bonds. (RSA 106-E:5)
- Licenses Auctioneers. (RSA 311-A:4, 7)
- Receives claims for Board of Claims and makes payment to approved claimants (RSA 541-B)
- Records Athlete Agents (RSA 332-J)
- Issues Apostilles and Certificates (RSA 5-C)
- Lobbyists – registers lobbyists
- Records lobbyists reports filed quarterly (receipts and expenditures) (RSA 15)
- Prepares Justice of the Peace and Notary Public Manual with approval of Attorney General (RSA 455:17) {79 pages}
-Receives and keeps on file all Registrations and Annual Reports for Petroleum Sales Prepaid Contracts (RSA 339:79)

ELECTIONS/LEGISLATIVE DIVISION

- Administers state elections, prints ballots and election forms, instructs local election officials. (RSA 652-668)
- Prepares forms, and keeps on file receipts and expenditures filed under RA 664; Gifts & Honorariums filed by RSA 15-B, and Financial Disclosure form required by Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B, RSA 15-A and RSA 12-G)
- Serves legislature as required, engrosses all bills passed by the legislature, keeps permanent files of all bills introduced. (Const. of N.H., Pt. 2, Art. 68)
- Prepares forms & records reported by Boards & Commissions (RSA 21-G)
- Publishes the Manual for the General Court (Red Book). (RSA 20:5)
- Publishes the New Hampshire Election Laws (RSA 39,40, 655-671)
-prints NH Constitution
- Prepares and distributes with the approval of the Attorney General the Political Calendar {20-26 pages} and the Election Procedure Manual {183 pages}.
- Receives filings of candidacy for all political offices at Presidential Primary, Direct Primary and General Elections and Special Elections. (RSA 655:19, 48)
- Reviews and approves all proposed amendments on revisions to municipal charters for conformity with state law. (RSA 49-B)
-Complies with mandates in the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Public Law 107-252, 42 U.S.C. {63 pages}

CORPORATE DIVISION/BUREAU OF SECURITIES REGULATION

- Reserves names of corporations. (RSA 293-A)
- Examines and records all corporations, issues corporate charters, receives annual returns from all corporations doing business in the state. (RSA 293-A, 56)
- Collects annual return and franchise fees from all corporations. (RSA 293-A, 293:138, 139, 141)
- Prepares list of corporations delinquent for two years or more for dissolution purposes. (RSA 293-A)
- Records voluntary corporations and notifies same of return due every five years; publishes list of those that fail to file. (RSA 292)
- Keeps records of all foreign partnerships, collects fees. (RSA 305-A)
- Notifies all foreign partnerships that may have failed for two consecutive years to pay the fees required that they will be suspended as provided in RSA 305-A.
- Records trademarks, labels and log marks. (RSA 350:3, 453:1)
- Registers trade names and issues certificates for same. Notifies registrants of expiration date. (RSA 349)
- Issues certificates under seal. (RSA 5:10)
- Records filings under Uniform Commercial Code. (RSA 382-A, 402, 403)
- Receives service of process on corporations (RSA 406-B; RSA 510:4)
- Keeps records of all Investment Trusts (RSA 293-B)
- Keeps records of professional corporations (RSA 294-A)
- Keeps records of Limited Liability Partnerships (RSA 304-A)
- Keeps records of Limited Partnerships (RSA 304-B)
- Keeps records of Limited Liability Corporations (RSA 304-C)
- Keeps records of Professional Limited Liability Corporations (RSA 304-D)
- Keeps records of Health Service Corporations (RSA 420-A
- Provides for annual licensing of agents, broker-dealers, and investment advisers. (RSA 421-B:7)
- Receives licensed broker-dealers financial statement each year. (RSA 421-B:8)
- Examines each domestic broker-dealer every 2 years, as well as the NH branches of any foreign broker-dealer. (RSA 421-B:9)
- Outline the certification process all new corporations, limited partnerships, and foreign corporations applying to do business in NH must complete. (RSA 421-B:13)
- Accepts financial statement required by corporations & partnerships with registered securities to file within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year. (RSA 421-B:15)
- Provides a fee schedule for licenses, renewals, and registrations. Annual fees are collected for open-end mutual funds. (RSA 421-B:31)
- Disclosure of Security Takeovers (RSA 421-A)
- Professional Bail Bondsmen & Bail Recovery Agent Statute (RSA 598-A)
-Pooled Risk Management Programs (RSA 5-B)

ARCHIVES/VITAL RECORDS/RECORDS MANAGEMENT

- Establishes and maintains programs for the orderly transferral, reference accessibility, and disposal of records with the various state agencies. (RSA 5)
- Accepts, arranges, describes and makes available to researchers the public archives of permanent historical value.
- Advises and assists state agencies and municipal officials with records retention programs. (RSA 5)
- Services the New Hampshire Historical Records Advisory Board. (RSA 5)
- Services the New Hampshire Municipal Records Board. (RSA 33-A)
- Provide access to vital records and vital records data while assuring the privacy of all New Hampshire citizens.
- Outline the confidentiality requirements for vital records.
- Set forth the procedures, conditions, and criteria for release of information regarding vital records data and statistics.
- Enforce the provisions of this chapter in regard to the collection, maintenance, and dissemination of vital records information.
- Provide guidance to data collectors pursuant to this chapter.
- Describe the informational requirements of the forms used by the division of vital records for the collection of vital records information.
- Establish, in conjunction with the department of health and human services, the procedures, conditions, and criteria for release of information regarding vital records data and statistics for health-related research pursuant to RSA 126:24-d.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION and ELECTIONS

Expenditures

	As of June 30, 2021	As of June 30, 2020
1. Permanent Personnel	$444,138	$469,533
2. Current Expense	16,235	16,364
3. Equipment	92	-0-
4. Other Personal Services	3,900	3,902
5. Benefits	167,929	224,473
6. Travel In-State	-0-	332
7. Travel Out-of-State	-0-	-0-
8. Computer Expenses	-0-	-0-
9. Elections*	312,593	73,683
10. Red Book**	$32,097	-0-
TOTAL	$976,984	$788,287

Receipts

1. Fees and Registrations	$46,969,319	$46,602,118

*State primary and general election held every other year.

**Red Book is printed biennially in the odd numbered years.

Elections Annual Report – FY 2021

In FY 2021, the Secretary of State, in cooperation with local election officials, continued to implement new election laws in state and municipal elections, provided training to over 8,500 election officials, staff and poll workers, executed the September, 2020 State Primary and the November, 2020 General Election. Office resources were further devoted to implementing a new accessible voting system for voters with print disabilities, working with a contracted accounting firm in reimbursing cities and towns federal CARES Act monies, conducting follow-up on voter affidavits, responding to election law changes, and revising and executing election management software for the 2022 election cycle.

In cooperation with local election officials conducted an inquiry on 797 challenged voter affidavits, 2,979 domicile affidavits and 663 qualified voter affidavits signed by voters in the second half of 2020 and first half of 2021. We are still in the process of verifying affidavits.

Using the statewide voter registration system (Electio*Net*), an election management system, web reporting tools, and training programs to carry out the Help America Voter Act (HAVA), the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE), the 2020 Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS), implement 2020 election legislation, and respond to legal challenges and court decisions, the Secretary of State:

a. Implemented an increasingly robust election management system that can more efficiently produce 8,640 ballots (640 ballots in the State Primary, plus 320 ballots in the General Election X 9 distinct ballot formats) in an election cycle: printer-ready ballots, UOCAVA ballots, accessible voting system (AVS) ballots-on-demand, AVS pre-printed ballots, AVS voice ballots (with significant improvements), AVS visual user interface ballots, accessible ballots for those who have print disabilities, up-to-date candidate lists, and reports of election results, thereby ensuring compliance with federal and state laws and deadlines.

b. Programmed candidate and column rotations, distributed candidates' data to ballots, prepared procedures and reports, delivered equipment and rolled out training for one4all accessible voting system relying on commercial off-the-shelf hardware to mark a pre-printed ballot (to protect voter privacy) from the accessible voting system.

c. Worked with an accounting firm to establish a standard cost methodology, for the CARES Act Grant, to reimburse towns and cities for the additional absentee ballot costs due to the pandemic. Submitted methodology to the EAC for approval, which they granted. Sent Notice of Grant Opportunity to all cities and towns for participation in Sub-Grant program. Reimbursed 139 cities and towns for the State Primary, 152 for the State General and 55 combination payments for the State Primary and General. Total reimbursement to cities and towns was $2,628,539.66.

d. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic established a toll-free voter information hotline to assist voters with questions on voting for the Primary and General elections. Also, implemented "Ask Alexa", a virtual assistant artificial intelligence technology device developed by Amazon Web Services that is capable of voice interaction aimed at helping the general public obtain answers to typical voter questions.

e. Working with clerks and supervisors in researching and merging of duplicate voters, resulting in ongoing extensive staff follow-up with these officials.

f. Worked with a vendor and clerks relative to the implementation of an accessible vote-by-mail system enabling persons with print disabilities to vote absentee from a location of their choice. Clerks would validate the absentee request and contact the Secretary of State's Office who would send the necessary information and forms to the voter.

g. Provided written procedures, instructions and time sensitive protocol to Clerks and Supervisors of the Checklist relative to the 10-year Verification of the Checklist. Verification required the Supervisors of the Checklist to post notices of their meetings and review their voter list for any voter that did not vote in any election in the past four years preceding the 10-year verification and has a registration date that is on or before the November 3, 2020 (last state general election). If voters met that criteria, Supervisors of the Checklist needed to send notices stating they would be removed from the checklist and would need to re-register. Their first session could not be before April 2, 2021 and removal of any voters could not occur until on or after June 1, 2021 with final completion by September 1, 2021.

h. Trained clerks and provided posters to educate voters about a Secretary of State website that enables voters to: (i) determine whether they are registered to vote, (ii) find their clerk, polling place location and official polling hours, (iii) determine their absentee ballot status if they are an absentee voter, (iv) if their absentee ballot has been rejected, ascertain the reason for the rejection; and (v) view their own ballot in the coming election.

i. Worked with moderators, selectmen, and clerks to upgrade and improve polling places as needed to ensure that all of the state's polling places are accessible, relying on inspectors from the Attorney General's office to personally monitor and report on 2020 election day compliance.

j. Maintained and updated as needed Electio*Net* software to integrate new laws and improved procedures.

k. To ensure compliance with federal and state election laws, the Secretary of State maintains and delivers different election officials training formats and programs aimed at roughly 6,000 election officials. Due to the constraints of COVID-19, many previously training formats were cancelled and we introduced webinars, on-demand webinars and zoom meetings focusing on the roles of moderators, clerks, supervisors of the checklist, selectmen, and inspectors of election, as well as voters:

(1) Election Law Training – 1 live session in August 2020 for moderators, clerks, supervisors of the checklist, selectmen and ballot clerks – 54 in attendance;

(2) Election Procedure Manual 2020 – 2021 – published (402 pages) for all election officials

(3) Webinars and Zoom Meetings:

a. Moderator's Q & A Zoom Sessions – 1,648 attendees (multiple sessions)

b. Clerk's Q & A Zoom Sessions – 1,263 attendees (multiple sessions)

c. Supervisors' Q & A Zoom Sessions – 1,847 attendees (multiple sessions)

d. Moderator's and Supervisors' Q & A Zoom Sessions – 382 attendees (multiple sessions)

e. All Election Officials Debrief Q & A Zoom Session – 68 attendees

f. 2020 Polling Places & Voting During Covid 19 – Dr. Chan – 339 attendees

g. USC Election Cybersecurity Initiative – NH Workshop – 103 attendees

h. 2020 Polling Places & Voting During Covid 19 – Dr. Chan On Demand Webinar – 69 attendees

i. What is New (Joint Guidance) & Election Law Changes – On Demand Webinar – 24 attendees

j. 2020 CARES Act Sub-Grants to Towns/Cities – more than 40 attendees

k. 2020 Pre-Processing Absentees Ballots – 214 attendees (multiple sessions)

l. 2020 Pre-Processing Absentees Ballots On Demand Webinar – 188 attendees

m. 2020 Summer Election Law Training Webinar – 263 attendees (multiple sessions)

n. 2020 Summer Election Law Training On Demand Webinar – 38 attendees

o. 2020 What is New – Election Law Changes Webinar – 195 attendees (multiple sessions)

p. 2020 Reconciliation – State Primary Webinar – 167 attendees (multiple sessions)

q. 2020 Reconciliation – State Primary On Demand Webinar – 47 attendees

r. 2020 De-escalation Webinar – 135 attendees

s. 2020 De-escalation On Demand Webinar – 84 attendees

t. 2020 Ballot Clerk Procedure at State Primary Webinar – 139 attendees

u. 2020 Ballot Clerk Procedure at State Primary On Demand Webinar – 120 attendees

v. Ballot Clerk Procedure – General Election On Demand Webinar – 545 attendees

w. 2020 General Election Reconciliation On Demand Webinar – 163 attendees

x. 2021 Town/School/Village District Elections Meetings and Deliberative Sessions Webinar – 114 attendees (multiple sessions)

y. 2021 Town/School/Village District Elections Meetings and Deliberative Sessions On Demand Webinar – 131 attendees

z. 2021 Managing Cybersecurity Risk for Local Government – Statewide Cyber Summit NHDoIT, NHMA and Primex – more than 40 election official attendees

aa. Zoom Informational Briefing for Clerks, Supervisors and Moderators on HR1 and S1 – 196 attendees

(4) Comprehensive written and graphic how-to instructions, forms and procedures compiled and updated in Electio*Net*/Help/Instructions;

(5) Secretary of State's election website (new forms and procedures each year);

(6) Direct communications and new forms implementing updated affidavits, Ballot Clerk Procedure, MOVE Act notices, HAVA reporting, Electio*Net* changes, importing disk files to Excel, and FPCA flowchart.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
CORPORATION DIVISION AND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE SECTION
NEW BUSINESS CREATIONS

FILING TYPE	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019	FY2018	FY2017
New Hampshire					
Corporations	724	635	725	962	591
Nonprofits	445	426	495	686	452
Ltd. Liability Companies	14426	10320	10681	12320	7953
Trade Names	3755	5969	6040	7676	6147
Trade Name Renewals	5533	5266	4977	6037	6118
Limited Partnerships	29	27	25	38	25
Trademarks	157	153	121	209	119
Ltd. Liability Partnerships	68	46	71	90	40
Foreign					
Corporations	1461	1127	1197	1639	1266
Nonprofits	78	93	87	132	78
Ltd. Liability Companies	1866	1383	1428	1696	1172
Ltd. & General Partnerships	30	12	16	32	23
Ltd. Liability Partnerships	7	11	14	19	12
Uniform Commercial Code					
Initial Filings	22736	21980	19454	14264	18104
Searches	14409	12492	13426	13730	13430
Total Revenues (Unrestricted)					
(000's)	4569	4194	4499	4064	4205

Corporation Division Summary FY 2021

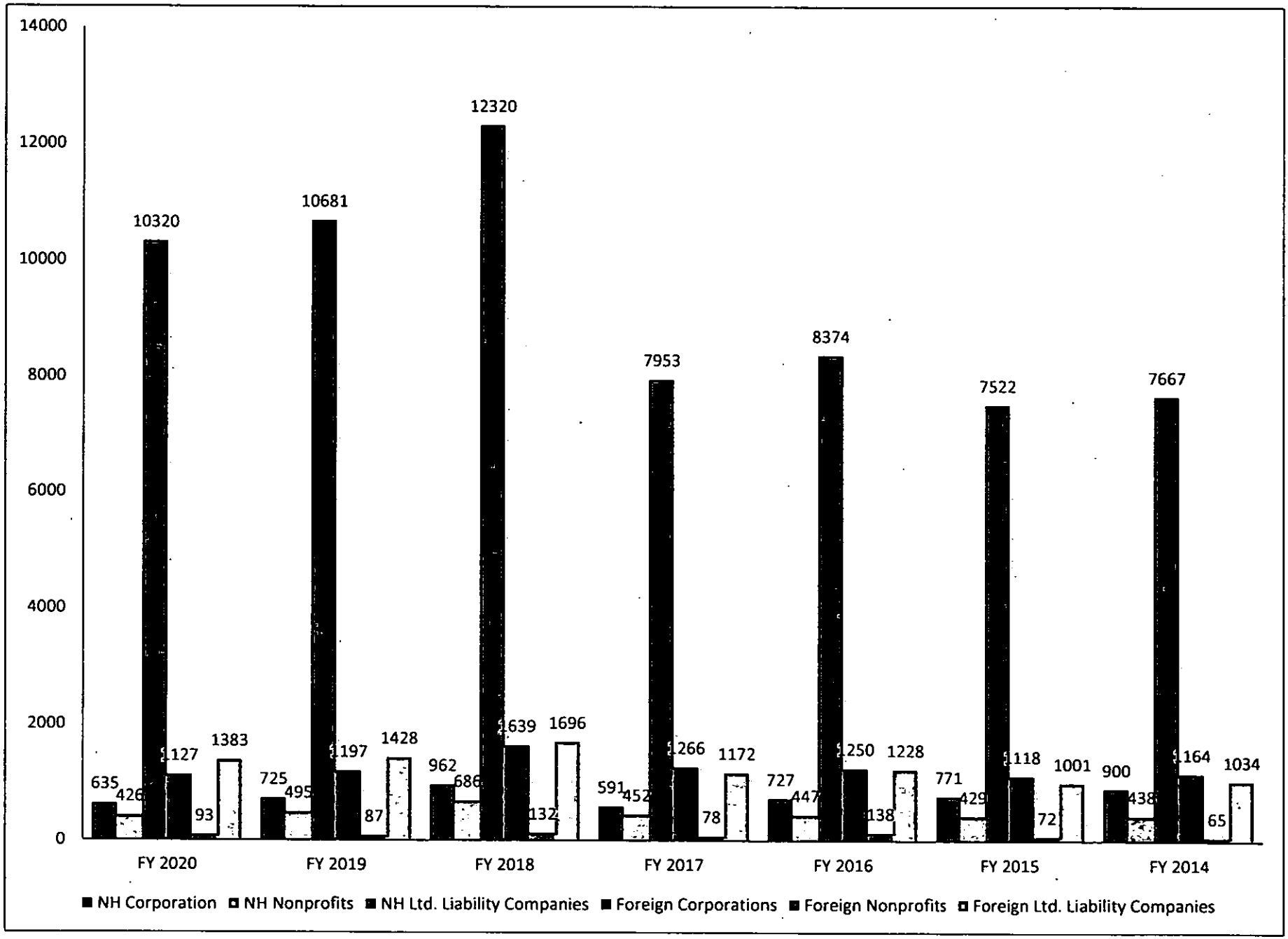
Both Corporate and UCC filing activity at record highs

Fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) has been a period of unprecedented growth in new business entity formations in New Hampshire. Limited liability companies, or LLCs, formed in this State hit a record 14,426, which far exceeded the State's previous peak of 12,320, which occurred in Fiscal year 2018. Registration of LLCs from neighboring states, as well as LLCs formed in Delaware, also reached an all-time high of 1866, beating FY2018's total again by 170.

The LLC strongly preferred for new businesses/business formations

The continued drop in new trade name registrations (an indicator of new sole proprietorships and general partnerships), along with the growth of foreign and NH LLC numbers, reflect that New Hampshire's entrepreneurs and investors are choosing the LLC as their preferred business structure. And New Hampshire's modern LLC law, 24/7 online availability, a simple on-line formation process, and low fees continue to make New Hampshire an attractive place to form and maintain your business.

Corporation Division and Uniform Commercial Code Section



DIVISION OF ARCHIVES & RECORDS MANAGEMENT
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Receipts and expenditures

Receipts:

All money received is included in the receipts reported by the Department of State.

Expenditures – General Fund

	As of June 30, 2021	As of June 30, 2020
010 & 011 Permanent personnel	$287,132.86	$341,055.54
020 Current expense	$12,062.88	$8,231.73
022 Rents/Lease other than State	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
024 Maintenance, other than Bldg/Grounds	-0-	-0-
026 Organizational Dues	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
030 Equipment	-0-	-0-
050 Other Personnel Services	-0-	$3,010.11
060 Benefits	$137,124.37	$162,677.91
073 Grants Non Federal	-0-	-0-
080 Travel Out-of-State	-0-	-0-
211 Catastrophic Casualty Insurance	$50.00	-0-
TOTAL	***$438,370.11***	***$517,045.79***

Personnel Data

Unclassified	1	1
Classified Permanent	8	8
TOTAL	**9**	**9**
Temporary	0	0
Summer Interns	0	0
TOTAL	**9**	**9**

Records Transactions (Individual Files)

	Year ending 6/30/2021	Year ending 6/30/2020
Public & Agency Records Pulled	6132	5165
Public & Agency Records Refiled	3109	3994

Box of Records Transferred

Box Count at start of Fiscal Year	88986	83657
Cubic Feet Acquired (1 box = 1 cu. ft.)	+6182	+7486
Cubic Feet Destroyed	-3104	-2157
Box Count at End of FY at Records Center	**91964**	**88986**

Public Interaction

Visitors	106	676

Summary of FY 2021

Acquisitions to the Records Collections added in FY 2021 include the following:
Microfilm of Town records (due to Moose Plate Grants):

- Barrington
- Newport
- Pelham
- Tilton
- Windham

Other Security Microfilm Records

- Carroll County Deeds
- Manchester Police Department
- Strafford County Farm records

Other archival collections

Surveyor Records

- Rhupert Batchelder survey records
- Gilbert Castle survey records
- Cornerstone Surveyors survey records
- Stanley H. Prescott survey records
- Donald Blanchard survey records
- Robert Palmer survey records

County Records

- Merrimack County Superior Court records
- Merrimack County Marital Court records
- Strafford County Probate Court files

John Gfroerer video tapes and digital files collection
Victor Bourre Papers – collection documenting Maine-NH Boundary dispute over Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard
Melvin Bowne Papers – collection concerning practices of town proprietors about the issue of ownership of range ways
Robert Fuller collection of photographic prints (early 1900s)
Representative John Plumer collection of Artifacts

Construction

- Completion of construction of new addition (Sections I, J and K), containing new archival vault and space for 90,000 boxes. The Relative Humidity levels in the J Vault rose too high for safe storage of fragile documents, and a study and design was prepared during the spring and summer of 2021, for installation in FY 2022
- Electrical efficiency upgrades were made by Administrative Services under a contract with ConEd, including lighting and weather stripping

Imaging

- Purchased an SMA Book Scanner
- Purchased a microfilm Scanner
- Completed imaging Presidential Primary Voter Checklists
- Imaged State Primary Voter Checklists
- Imaged General Election Voter Checklists
- Completed scanning Petitions Collection
- Miscellaneous (Original) Deeds Collection
- Continued imaging Legislative Committee hearing minutes

Other matters

- The Archives closed to research patrons except on an emergency basis between March 2020 and May 2021. During that time, the Archives staff needed to do the research for the patron that they would typically have done themselves had they come to the Archives and were given the records to examine. Once we have found what we feel the patrons want, we have imaged ("on demand") as many documents as possible, and sent the images to the requestors. Some of the digital files have been very large, and we have needed to send the files on a USB flash drive by US Mail.
- Brian Burford made presentations to:
  (a) New Hampshire Archives Group, Keene (Digital Preservation), 2019-10-13
  (b) Colonial Dames, Concord (Early Roads), 2020-02-12
  (c) New Hampshire Archives Group, Nashua (Archival Profession), 2020-05-14
- Transcription and redaction of volume of NH Reform School student records from 1850s-1872
- Played a role in delivering ballots to polling places and picking up ballots for recounts for State Primary, Sept-October 2020
- Played a role in delivering ballots to polling places and picking up ballots for recounts for General Election (November 2020)

BUREAU OF SECURITIES REGULATION FY 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the Bureau of Securities Regulation is to administer and enforce the N.H. Securities Act, RSA 421-B. Our focus is to protect and educate N.H. investors while promoting the integrity of securities sales and capital formation. 2021 was again a very active period for the Bureau. Although the Covid pandemic continues to impact the day-to-day operation of broker-dealers and investment advisors, the Bureau has maintained in-person operations at the State House Annex without interruption. The number of existing registrants licensed to conduct business in New Hampshire remains strong. 1,284 broker- dealer firms and 118,589 broker-dealer agents renewed licenses in 2021. 2,394 Investment Advisor firms and 4,534 Investment Advisor representatives also renewed during the period. Total registration revenues for all registration types including investment advisors, broker dealers, mutual funds, and a variety of securities filings exceeded $43.0 million. Several major enforcement actions were initiated with record-setting restitution amounts returned to aggrieved investors as well as fines and penalties assessed to violators of the Securities Act. . Although in-person investor protection presentations were curtailed due to Covid restrictions, the Bureau continues to disseminate investor protection information via various outlets. Bureau leadership and staff attorneys are actively involved and hold leadership positions with the North American Securities Administrators Association. The Bureau also participates as a member of an inter-agency working group of New Hampshire financial services regulators to improve inter-agency cooperation and information sharing.

	REVENUE	EXPENSES	FINES
2021	$41,606,439	$1,056,644	$2,951,716
2020	$41,628,792	$1,099,185	$1,253,353

DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS FY 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The Division of Vital Records Administration (hereinafter "DVRA") oversaw and completed the registration of several different kinds of life events. For the time interval between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021 (hereinafter "FY 2021"), the number and types of New Hampshire vital events/records saved in the state database are as follows:

Births	12,123
Deaths	13,461
Marriages	9,111
Opposite gender	*8,829*
Same gender	*282*
Divorces	3,597
Legal separations	34
Annulments	5
Civil Union dissolutions	0

A total of 10,553 certificates were issued by DVRA staff during fiscal year 2021. This includes 7,825 first copies, 2,660 additional copies, 19 heirloom birth certificates, and 19 certificates of foreign birth. Demand for pre-adoption records during that time interval stood at 30 requests. DVRA produced an additional 92 vital records for the Vermont Office of Child Support through a pre-paid contract with that office.

DVRA and CNSI, a software vendor have collaborated in creating a new comprehensive electronic system for security of users and registering deaths. This system, which builds upon the current NH Vital Records Information Network system ("NHVRIN"), is called NH Vital Records Information Network Plus system (hereinafter referred to as "NHVRIN*plus*"). The death module and the security module of NHVRIN*plus* was launched on September 23, 2020. Other vital event modules will be launched within the next few years, collaborating with another software vendor named WSD Digital, Inc. The new birth module in NHVRIN*plus* is expected to be launched during late fiscal year 2022.

The COVID-19 epidemic continued to create challenges for DVRA. The Archives & Records Building, which had been on lockdown since March 2020, was no longer in lockdown as of May 2021. The number of customers which have purchased vital records from DVRA in person has increased, although DVRA had accepted walk-in customers since the lockdown began.

The COVID-19 epidemic had influenced New Hampshire vital statistics. While there was a significant reduction in the number of marriages occurring in New Hampshire during the summer of 2020, the number of marriages since then has nearly rebounded to pre-epidemic levels. Although there has been extremely rare and isolated cases of COVID transmission from

mother to newborn during the birthing process, such a transmission has not occurred in New Hampshire since the epidemic started. DVRA, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control, monitors New Hampshire deaths due to COVID-19.

Vital Records Expenditures – General Fund

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
1. Permanent Personnel	$345,452	$285,947
2. Current Expense	14,899	11,826
3. Equipment	-0-	-0-
4. Other Personal Services	54,777	43,591
5. Benefits	165,032	131,837
6. Travel In-State	-0-	-0-
7. Travel Out-of-State	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	$580,160	$473,201