

Bill as Introduced

SB 157 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **157**

AN ACT relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

SPONSORS: Sen. Houde, Dist 5; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 24; Sen. Cilley, Dist 6; Rep. Clemons, Hills 24

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Veterans' Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Establishes a procedure for the random drawing of a candidate's name for the ordering of names on election ballots and requires the rotation of candidate names and party columns on the ballots.
- II. Changes the limitations on a candidate designating a name to be placed on the ballot.
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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

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2 follows:

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4 municipal elections. Under charters providing for election by the Australian ballot system, the
5 ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the procedure provided for in general election laws
6 governing such system. Under charters providing for non-partisan elections, the ballot shall contain
7 the names in alphabetical order by surname ***according to the alphabetization and rotation***
8 ***procedure established in RSA 656:5-a, with the city clerk acting in lieu of the secretary of***
9 ***state***, without party designation, of all who file with the city clerk as candidates for elective office.
10 In the alternative, the charter may provide for a random selection of the order of names on the ballot
11 ***or the city clerk may follow an alphabetization and rotation procedure specified by the***
12 ***secretary of state pursuant to RSA 656:5-a***. The charter shall specify a filing period, the filing fee
13 to be paid for each office, and, as an alternative method of becoming a candidate on the ballot, the
14 number of qualified voters which may be subscribed to a nominating petition in such form as the
15 charter may set out.

16 2 Nominations for Special State Elections; Order of Names on Ballot. Amend RSA 655:81, IX to
17 read as follows:

18 IX. The names of all candidates for a party nomination at a special election primary shall be
19 printed in alphabetical order on the ballot [~~and the same ballot listing shall be used at all polling~~
20 ~~places where the special primary election is held]~~ ***according to the alphabetization and rotation***
21 ***procedure established in RSA 656:5-a***; and

22 3 Preparation of State General Election Voting Materials; Party Columns. Amend RSA 656:5 to
23 read as follows:

24 656:5 Party Columns. The names of all candidates nominated in accordance with the election
25 laws shall be arranged upon the state general election ballot in successive party columns. Each
26 separate column shall contain the names of the candidates of one party; except that, if only a part of
27 a full list of candidates is nominated by a political party, 2 or more such lists may be arranged
28 whenever practicable in the same column. The party columns that list the names of candidates for
29 offices that elect more than one person shall stagger the names of the candidates so that they do not

1 line up evenly in a horizontal direction. The left-most column shall begin one line below the column
2 to its right. The secretary of state shall determine the *vertical* location of any additional columns
3 that may appear on the ballot. *The position of party columns shall be rotated on the ballots*
4 *used so that each party column shall appear thereon, to the extent practicable, an*
5 *approximately equal number of times in the first, last, and each intermediate column*
6 *position across the state, without requiring more than one unique column order or ballot*
7 *format for each town and city ward. The secretary of state shall develop a column rotation*
8 *order plan for each general election starting with a reasonably balanced rotation across,*
9 *each state representative district consisting of more than one town or ward. Only after*
10 *establishing a party column rotation order for all towns and wards shall the secretary of*
11 *state publicly select by lot the actual party column to be positioned in the first column and*
12 *each subsequent column in the first rotation order. Such public selection shall be held*
13 *after the close of the filing period for the state primary as specified in RSA 655:14 and after*
14 *giving at least 3 days written notice of the date, time, and location of such selection to the*
15 *governor, the state chairmen of the parties, the speaker of the house of representatives, the*
16 *president of the senate, and the minority leaders of both houses of the general court.*

17 4 New Section; Preparation of State General Election Voting Materials; Order of Candidate
18 Names on Ballots. Amend RSA 656 by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

19 656:5-a Order of Candidate Names on Ballots. Whenever there are 2 or more candidates for the
20 same office whose names will appear within the same column or list on a ballot, the names of such
21 candidates shall be rotated on the ballots used so that each name shall appear thereon, to the extent
22 practicable, an equal number of times at or near the top, at or near the bottom, and in each
23 intermediate position, if any, of the list in which it belongs, without requiring more than one unique
24 name order or ballot format for each town and city ward. The secretary of state shall randomly
25 select one candidate's name to appear at the top of each such list for the first name order rotation.
26 Other candidates' names shall be arranged to follow in alphabetical order of their surnames with the
27 letter "a" following "z." The random selection of a candidate's name to go first in the first name order
28 rotation, which may be the only name order if there is only one unique ballot format for the office,
29 shall be made by lot or by another procedure in which each candidate has an equal probability of
30 being chosen first. Such random selection of names, and establishment of a random selection
31 procedure for the ordering of lists of names on ballots to be in effect until the next selection, shall be
32 done publicly and after the close of the filing period for the state primary as specified in RSA 655:14
33 and after giving at least 3 days written notice of the date, time, and location of such selection to the
34 governor, the state chairmen of the parties, the speaker of the house of representatives, the
35 president of the senate, and the minority leaders of both houses of the general court.

36 5 Primary Election Voting Materials; Order of Names. Amend RSA 656:24 to read as follows:

37 656:24 Order of Names. With the exception of the office of state representative, whenever there

1 are 2 or more candidates for nomination to the same office, the names of such candidates shall be
2 alternated on the state primary election ballots used so that each name shall appear thereon as
3 nearly as may be an equal number of times at the top, at the bottom, and in each intermediate place,
4 if any, of the list in which it belongs. Names of candidates for nomination to the office of state
5 representative shall be arranged in the alphabetical order of their surnames *according to the*
6 *alphabetization and rotation procedure established in RSA 656:5-a.*

7 6 Presidential Primary Election Voting Materials; Order of Names. Amend RSA 656:32 to read
8 as follows:

9 656:32 Other Provisions. The provisions of RSA 656:24-656:28 relating to state primary election
10 ballots shall apply to presidential primary ballots, except that candidates on the presidential
11 primary ballot shall be listed in the alphabetical order of their surnames *according to the*
12 *alphabetization and rotation procedure established in RSA 656:5-a.*

13 7 Constitutional Convention Ballots; Form. Amend RSA 667:12 to read as follows:

14 667:12 Form. Every ballot for the election shall contain the name and domicile of each
15 candidate who has filed a declaration of candidacy for delegate. The names of candidates upon the
16 ballot shall be arranged in perpendicular columns under the title "For Delegate to the Constitutional
17 Convention." Below the title shall be printed in easily legible type the words "Vote for" followed by a
18 spelled number designating the number of persons to be elected to such office. At the right of the
19 name of each candidate and on the same line, there shall be a square. Following the names there
20 shall be as many blank lines as there are persons to be elected. Whenever there are 2 or more
21 candidates, the names shall be printed upon the ballot in alphabetical order of their surnames
22 *according to the alphabetization and rotation procedure established in RSA 656:5-a.*

23 8 Town Elections; Official Ballot; Voting Materials. Amend RSA 669:23 to read as follows:

24 669:23 Preparation of Voting Materials. The town clerk shall prepare the official ballots for the
25 town and shall arrange the names of candidates upon said ballots in parallel columns. Immediately
26 above the names of each block of candidates shall be printed the title of the office for which they are
27 candidates, such as "For Selectman." Below the title of each office shall be printed in small but
28 easily legible type the words "Vote for not more than (here insert a number designating how many
29 persons are to be voted for)." Directly to the right of the name of each candidate there shall be a
30 square. Whenever there are 2 or more candidates for the same office the names shall be printed
31 upon the ballot in the alphabetical order of their surnames *according to the alphabetization*
32 *procedure established in RSA 656:5-a, with the town clerk acting in lieu of the secretary of*
33 *state. In the alternative, the town clerk may follow an alphabetization procedure specified*
34 *by the secretary of state pursuant to RSA 656:5-a, or the governing body may provide for a*
35 *random selection of the order of names on the ballot.* Following the names printed on the
36 ballot under the title of each office, there shall be as many blank lines as there are persons to be
37 elected to that office.

1 9 Form of Candidate's Name on Ballot; Nicknames. Amend RSA 655:14-b, I-II to read as
2 follows:

3 I. Every candidate for state or federal office who intends to have his or her name printed
4 upon the ballot of any party for a primary shall designate in the declaration of candidacy, or on the
5 primary petitions and assents to candidacy, the form in which the candidate's name shall be printed
6 on the ballot. ~~[The candidate may designate his or her given, first, and middle name, the initials of~~
7 ~~his or her given, first, and middle name, a nickname, or any combination thereof as the form in~~
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9 ~~deceptive name. If the candidate designates a nickname in place of or in combination with the~~
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14 ~~evidence that the candidate has been known by the nickname for at least the 5 years immediately~~
15 ~~preceding the time of filing. If deemed sufficient by the appropriate official, 3 affidavits from voters~~
16 ~~in the district who are not related to the candidate stating that the candidate has been known by the~~
17 ~~nickname for at least 5 years may constitute clear and convincing evidence. Nicknames shall be~~
18 ~~limited to one word, except for 2 word nicknames customarily related to the candidate's given name.]~~
19 ***The designated name may include the candidate's given name or a shortened form of the***
20 ***candidate's given name or a one-word nickname customarily related to the candidate, and***
21 ***by which the candidate is commonly recognized. The designated name may also include an***
22 ***initial for the first or middle name, or both.*** No candidate may designate a nickname that
23 implies that the candidate is some other person, that constitutes a slogan or otherwise associates the
24 candidate with a cause or issue, [or] that has an offensive or profane meaning[-], ***or that creates a***
25 ***perception of a professional or vocational affiliation, such as "Doc" or "Coach."*** A candidate
26 shall include his or her surname in the designation of the form in which the candidate's name shall
27 be printed on the ballot.

28 II. Every candidate for state or federal office who intends to have his or her name placed on
29 the ballot for the state general election by means other than nomination by party primary shall
30 designate in the declaration of intent the form in which the candidate's name shall be printed on the
31 ballot. ~~[The candidate may designate his or her given, first, and middle name, the initials of his or~~
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13 perception of a professional or vocational affiliation, such as "Doc" or "Coach."* A candidate
14 shall include his or her surname in the designation of the form in which the candidate's name shall
15 be printed on the ballot.

16 10 Citizen-Funded Election Task Force.

17 I. There is established a citizen-funded election task force. The members of the task force
18 shall be as follows:

19 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

20 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
21 house of representatives.

22 (c) Two members representing organizations supporting public financing of campaigns,
23 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

24 (d) One member who served on the commission to study the feasibility of public funding
25 of state election campaigns established by 2008, 55, appointed jointly by the president of the senate
26 and the speaker of the house of representatives.

27 II. Legislative members of the task force shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
28 attending to the duties of the task force.

29 III. The task force shall:

30 (a) Review the report of the commission to study the feasibility of public funding of state
31 election campaigns established by 2008, 55, and develop a detailed plan, including proposals for
32 specific legislation, to implement the recommendations of the report.

33 (b) Solicit input from senators, representatives, the governor, executive councilors, the
34 attorney general, the secretary of state, and any other persons deemed appropriate by the task force.

35 (c) Hold public hearings at times and at locations around the state that are likely to
36 elicit substantive input from the general public.

37 (d) Make the schedule and minutes of meetings of the task force, and all testimony and

1 materials presented to the task force, available to the public on a website.

2 IV. The members of the task force shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
3 first meeting of the task force shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of
4 the task force shall be held within 60 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the
5 task force shall constitute a quorum.

6 V. The task force shall submit an initial report on or before November 16, 2009 and a final
7 report on or before November 15, 2010 of its findings and any recommendations for proposed
8 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
9 clerk, the house clerk, the chairmen of the senate election law and veterans' affairs committee, the
10 chairmen of the house election law committee, the governor, and the state library.

11 11 Effective Date.

12 I. Sections 1-8 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

13 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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SB 157 FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Secretary of State states this bill as amended by the Senate (Amendment #2009-1002s) will increase state expenditures by \$102,380 in FY 2010, \$131,900 in FY 2011, \$61,760 in FY 2012, and \$43,900 in FY 2013. There will be no fiscal impact on state, county and local revenue or county and local expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes a procedure for the random drawing of a candidate's name for the ordering of names on election ballots, requires the rotation of candidate names and party columns on the ballots, changes the limitations on a candidate designating a name to be placed on the ballot, and establishes a citizen-funded election task force. The Secretary of State claims this bill would require the use of additional name order rotations and additional party column rotations in determining the order of names on state, local, and presidential primary ballots. The Secretary states the proposed legislation will increase the complexity of designing and organizing the ballot and will require automation of ballot design and configuration with a computerized election management system, which will mean startup costs of \$100,000 per year in FY 2010 and FY 2011, and \$12,000 per year thereafter for ongoing maintenance. The Secretary also states the assistance of a part-time Program Assistant I will be needed to help ensure the accuracy of the ballots at various stages of production. The Secretary states the proposed legislation will also require increased staff time for the programming of the AVS accessible voting system, at a cost of \$10,000 per election. Additionally, the Secretary claims the reinstatement of the name order rotation on the presidential primary ballot in calendar year 2012 will increase state expenditures in FY 2012 by an additional \$35,000. The total increase in state expenditures associated with the implementation of the proposed legislation is as follows:

Program Assistant I (Labor Grade 12, Step 1 salary):	\$26,540
Part-time Benefits at 7.65%	<u>2,030</u>
Total	\$28,570
Divided by 12 months	\$2,380 per month - Part-time help

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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Number of Months of Part-time help	1	5	2	5
Total Costs of Part-time Help	\$2,380	\$11,900	\$4,760	\$11,900
Automated Election Management System	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
AVS Programming @ \$10,000 per election	-	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
<u>Presidential Primary Ballot Rotation</u>	-	-	\$35,000	-
Total Increase in State Expenditures	\$102,380	\$131,900	\$61,760	\$43,900

This bill does not contain an appropriation or establish positions.

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22 656:5-a Order of Candidate Names on Ballots.

23 I. Whenever there are 2 or more candidates for the same office whose names will appear
24 together within the same column or list on a ballot, the position of such names shall be determined
25 according to this section.

26 II. Immediately following the close of the period during which a person may accept the
27 nomination of a party committee pursuant to RSA 655:32, the secretary of state or designee shall
28 conduct a public random selection of a whole number from one to the total number of candidates for
29 each possible list length where a group of candidates for the same office may appear in the same list

1 in state or local elections during the next 2 years. For example, for a possible list of 3 candidates, the
2 number one, 2, or 3 shall be randomly selected. The seed number for each possible list length shall
3 remain in effect for the 2 years until the next random selection of seed numbers.

4 III. To determine the order of names on each ballot, the candidates for each office in the
5 same list shall be temporarily listed alphabetically by surnames and the positions in such list shall
6 be temporarily numbered in ascending order. The candidate whose position in the initial temporary
7 list equals the seed number selected under paragraph II for the appropriate list length shall appear
8 first on the ballot. The order of candidates after the candidate in the first position shall follow
9 alphabetically by surname with “a” following “z.”

10 4 Primary Election Voting Materials; Order of Names. Amend RSA 656:24 to read as follows:

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26 *perception of a professional or vocational affiliation, such as "Doc" or "Coach."* A candidate
27 shall include his or her surname in the designation of the form in which the candidate's name shall
28 be printed on the ballot.

29 II. Every candidate for state or federal office who intends to have his or her name placed on
30 the ballot for the state general election by means other than nomination by party primary shall
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32 ballot. ~~[The candidate may designate his or her given, first, and middle name, the initials of his or~~
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14 perception of a professional or vocational affiliation, such as "Doc" or "Coach."* A candidate
15 shall include his or her surname in the designation of the form in which the candidate's name shall
16 be printed on the ballot.

17 8 Election Fund. Amend RSA 5:6-d, III to read as follows:

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19 this paragraph, expend monies in the election fund received from any party for the purposes of
20 conducting elections, voter and election official education, the purchase or lease of voting equipment
21 which complies with Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, election law enforcement,
22 and improvements to related information technology, *including acquisition and operation of an
23 automated election management system.*

24 9 Rotation of Party Columns; 2010 General Election. Immediately following the filing deadline
25 for nomination papers for the 2010 general election pursuant to RSA 655:43, the secretary of state or
26 designee shall publicly select by lot the actual party columns to be positioned on the 2010 general
27 election ballot according to the generic column rotation plan established in this section. The first
28 actual party column drawn by lot shall occupy all positions corresponding to the generic party
29 column "1" designation; the second actual party column drawn by lot shall occupy all positions
30 corresponding to the generic party column "2" designation and so forth until all actual party columns
31 are assigned positions on all ballots. If more party columns are required, the secretary of state shall
32 establish such generic party column.

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Generic party column rotation plan for 3 party columns			
<u>VOTING PLACE</u>	1st column position	2nd column position	3rd column position
Acworth	1	3	2
Albany	2	1	3
Alexandria	3	2	1
Allenstown	3	2	1
Alstead	3	1	2
Alton	2	1	3
Amherst	2	3	1
Andover	1	2	3
Antrim	2	1	3
Ashland	3	1	2
At. & Gil. Ac. Gt.	3	2	1
Atkinson	2	3	1
Auburn	3	1	2
Barnstead	2	3	1
Barrington	3	2	1
Bartlett	2	1	3
Bath	3	1	2
Bean's Grant	1	3	2
Bean's Purchase	1	2	3
Bedford	3	2	1
Belmont	1	3	2
Bennington	2	3	1
Benton	3	1	2
Berlin Ward 1	1	2	3
Berlin Ward 2	3	1	2
Berlin Ward 3	2	3	1
Berlin Ward 4	1	3	2
Bethlehem	1	3	2
Boscawen	2	1	3
Bow	1	3	2
Bradford	3	1	2
Brentwood	1	3	2
Bridgewater	2	1	3

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Bristol	1	2	3
Brookfield	1	2	3
Brookline	3	2	1
Cambridge	3	1	2
Campton	2	3	1
Canaan	1	3	2
Candia	3	2	1
Canterbury	2	3	1
Carroll	2	3	1
Center Harbor	1	2	3
Chandler's Purchase	1	3	2
Charlestown	3	1	2
Chatham	3	2	1
Chester	1	3	2
Chesterfield	1	2	3
Chichester	1	2	3
Claremont Ward 1	1	3	2
Claremont Ward 2	2	3	1
Claremont Ward 3	3	2	1
Clarksville	3	1	2
Colebrook	1	2	3
Columbia	3	2	1
Concord Ward 01	3	1	2
Concord Ward 02	1	3	2
Concord Ward 03	2	3	1
Concord Ward 04	3	2	1
Concord Ward 05	2	3	1
Concord Ward 06	1	3	2
Concord Ward 07	3	1	2
Concord Ward 08	1	3	2
Concord Ward 09	1	2	3
Concord Ward 10	2	3	1
Conway	1	3	2
Cornish	2	1	3
Crawford's Purchase	1	2	3
Croydon	2	1	3
Cutt's Grant	1	3	2
Dalton	2	1	3

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Danbury	3	1	2
Danville	2	3	1
Deerfield	2	1	3
Deering	1	3	2
Derry	3	2	1
Dix's Grant	3	1	2
Dixville	2	1	3
Dorchester	2	3	1
Dover Ward 1	1	3	2
Dover Ward 2	2	3	1
Dover Ward 3	2	1	3
Dover Ward 4	3	1	2
Dover Ward 5	3	1	2
Dover Ward 6	2	1	3
Dublin	3	2	1
Dummer	2	3	1
Dunbarton	2	3	1
Durham	3	2	1
East Kingston	2	3	1
Easton	1	2	3
Eaton	3	2	1
Effingham	3	2	1
Ellsworth	3	2	1
Enfield	3	2	1
Epping	1	3	2
Epsom	2	1	3
Errol	2	1	3
Erving's Location	3	2	1
Exeter	2	1	3
Farmington	2	3	1
Fitzwilliam	2	1	3
Fracestown	3	1	2
Franconia	2	3	1
Franklin Ward 1	3	2	1
Franklin Ward 2	1	3	2
Franklin Ward 3	2	3	1
Freedom	2	3	1
Fremont	2	3	1

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Gilford	3	1	2
Gilmanton	1	3	2
Gilsum	1	3	2
Goffstown	3	2	1
Gorham	2	1	3
Goshen	3	2	1
Grafton	2	1	3
Grantham	3	2	1
Greenfield	2	1	3
Greenland	2	1	3
Green's Grant	1	2	3
Greenville	2	1	3
Groton	1	3	2
Hadley's Purchase	1	2	3
Hale's Location	3	1	2
Hampstead	1	3	2
Hampton	1	2	3
Hampton Falls	2	1	3
Hancock	3	2	1
Hanover	2	1	3
Harrisville	1	2	3
Hart's Location	3	2	1
Haverhill	1	2	3
Hebron	3	1	2
Henniker	2	1	3
Hill	1	2	3
Hillsborough	1	2	3
Hinsdale	3	2	1
Holderness	2	3	1
Hollis	2	1	3
Hooksett	3	1	2
Hopkinton	1	3	2
Hudson	2	3	1
Jackson	3	1	2
Jaffrey	2	1	3
Jefferson	1	2	3
Keene Ward 1	3	1	2
Keene Ward 2	2	3	1

Keene Ward 3	1	3	2
Keene Ward 4	2	1	3
Keene Ward 5	1	2	3
Kensington	3	2	1
Kilkenny	1	3	2
Kingston	3	1	2
Laconia Ward 1	3	1	2
Laconia Ward 2	1	2	3
Laconia Ward 3	3	2	1
Laconia Ward 4	1	3	2
Laconia Ward 5	2	1	3
Laconia Ward 6	2	3	1
Lancaster	3	2	1
Landaff	1	3	2
Langdon	2	3	1
Lebanon Ward 1	1	2	3
Lebanon Ward 2	2	1	3
Lebanon Ward 3	3	2	1
Lee	1	2	3
Lempster	3	1	2
Lincoln	1	2	3
Lisbon	2	1	3
Litchfield	3	1	2
Littleton	1	3	2
Livermore	1	3	2
Londonderry	1	3	2
Loudon	3	1	2
Low & Burbank's Grant	1	3	2
Lyman	2	3	1
Lyme	3	1	2
Lyndeborough	3	1	2
Madbury	2	1	3
Madison	1	2	3
Manchester Ward 01	1	3	2
Manchester Ward 02	2	1	3
Manchester Ward 03	1	2	3
Manchester Ward 04	2	3	1
Manchester Ward 05	2	1	3

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Manchester Ward 06	2	1	3
Manchester Ward 07	1	3	2
Manchester Ward 08	3	2	1
Manchester Ward 09	1	2	3
Manchester Ward 10	3	1	2
Manchester Ward 11	1	3	2
Manchester Ward 12	2	3	1
Marlborough	3	2	1
Marlow	3	2	1
Martin's Location	1	2	3
Mason	1	2	3
Meredith	3	1	2
Merrimack	2	1	3
Middleton	2	3	1
Milan	3	2	1
Milford	1	3	2
Millsfield	2	3	1
Milton	1	2	3
Monroe	3	2	1
Mont Vernon	3	2	1
Moultonborough	2	3	1
Nashua Ward 1	3	1	2
Nashua Ward 2	2	1	3
Nashua Ward 3	1	3	2
Nashua Ward 4	1	3	2
Nashua Ward 5	1	3	2
Nashua Ward 6	3	2	1
Nashua Ward 7	2	1	3
Nashua Ward 8	3	2	1
Nashua Ward 9	1	2	3
Nelson	1	3	2
New Boston	1	2	3
New Castle	1	2	3
New Durham	2	1	3
New Hampton	3	2	1
New Ipswich	1	3	2
New London	1	3	2
Newbury	3	2	1

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Newfields	1	2	3
Newington	2	3	1
Newmarket	3	2	1
Newport	1	2	3
Newton	1	3	2
North Hampton	3	1	2
Northfield	1	3	2
Northumberland	1	3	2
Northwood	3	1	2
Nottingham	1	2	3
Odell	3	1	2
Orange	2	1	3
Orford	1	2	3
Ossipee	3	1	2
Pelham	1	3	2
Pembroke	3	2	1
Peterborough	3	1	2
Piermont	3	2	1
Pinkham's Grant	1	3	2
Pittsburg	2	3	1
Pittsfield	1	2	3
Plainfield	1	2	3
Plaistow	2	3	1
Plymouth	2	1	3
Portsmouth Ward 1	1	2	3
Portsmouth Ward 2	3	1	2
Portsmouth Ward 3	3	2	1
Portsmouth Ward 4	2	1	3
Portsmouth Ward 5	1	3	2
Randolph	1	2	3
Raymond	2	1	3
Richmond	3	2	1
Rindge	1	2	3
Rochester Ward 1	1	3	2
Rochester Ward 2	3	2	1
Rochester Ward 3	2	1	3
Rochester Ward 4	2	3	1
Rochester Ward 5	3	1	2

Rochester Ward 6	1	2	3
Rollinsford	3	1	2
Roxbury	3	1	2
Rumney	3	1	2
Rye	3	2	1
Salem	3	2	1
Salisbury	3	2	1
Sanbornton	1	2	3
Sandown	3	1	2
Sandwich	2	1	3
Sargent's Purchase	1	3	2
Seabrook	1	2	3
Second College Grant	3	2	1
Sharon	2	3	1
Shelburne	3	1	2
Somersworth Ward 1	1	2	3
Somersworth Ward 2	1	3	2
Somersworth Ward 3	2	1	3
Somersworth Ward 4	2	3	1
Somersworth Ward 5	3	2	1
South Hampton	3	1	2
Springfield	2	3	1
Stark	1	3	2
Stewartstown	3	1	2
Stoddard	1	2	3
Strafford	1	3	2
Stratford	3	1	2
Stratham	1	2	3
Success	2	1	3
Sugar Hill	2	3	1
Sullivan	1	2	3
Sunapee	3	1	2
Surry	3	1	2
Sutton	1	2	3
Swanzey	2	3	1
Tamworth	1	3	2
Temple	2	1	3
Thompson & Merserve's Purch.	1	2	3
Thornton	2	1	3

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Tilton	3	2	1
Troy	1	3	2
Tuftonboro	3	1	2
Unity	1	2	3
Wakefield	2	1	3
Walpole	2	1	3
Warner	2	3	1
Warren	2	1	3
Washington	3	1	2
Waterville Valley	3	2	1
Weare	1	2	3
Webster	3	1	2
Wentworth	1	2	3
Wentworth's Location	3	2	1
Westmoreland	2	3	1
Whitefield	2	3	1
Wilmot	2	3	1
Wilton	2	3	1
Winchester	2	1	3
Windham	2	1	3
Windsor	3	1	2
Wolfeboro	1	3	2
Woodstock	3	1	2

1 10 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

LBAO
09-0995
Amended 04/08/09

SB 157 FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Secretary of State states this bill as amended by the Senate (Amendment #2009-1002s) will increase state expenditures by \$102,380 in FY 2010, \$131,900 in FY 2011, \$61,760 in FY 2012, and \$43,900 in FY 2013. There will be no fiscal impact on state, county and local revenue or county and local expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes a procedure for the random drawing of a candidate's name for the ordering of names on election ballots, requires the rotation of candidate names and party columns on the ballots, changes the limitations on a candidate designating a name to be placed on the ballot, and establishes a citizen-funded election task force. The Secretary of State claims this bill would require the use of additional name order rotations and additional party column rotations in determining the order of names on state, local, and presidential primary ballots. The Secretary states the proposed legislation will increase the complexity of designing and organizing the ballot and will require automation of ballot design and configuration with a computerized election management system, which will mean startup costs of \$100,000 per year in FY 2010 and FY 2011, and \$12,000 per year thereafter for ongoing maintenance. The Secretary also states the assistance of a part-time Program Assistant I will be needed to help ensure the accuracy of the ballots at various stages of production. The Secretary states the proposed legislation will also require increased staff time for the programming of the AVS accessible voting system, at a cost of \$10,000 per election. Additionally, the Secretary claims the reinstatement of the name order rotation on the presidential primary ballot in calendar year 2012 will increase state expenditures in FY 2012 by an additional \$35,000. The total increase in state expenditures associated with the implementation of the proposed legislation is as follows:

Program Assistant I (Labor Grade 12, Step 1 salary):	\$26,540
Part-time Benefits at 7.65%	<u>2,030</u>
Total	\$28,570
Divided by 12 months	\$2,380 per month - Part-time help

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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Number of Months of Part-time help	1	5	2	5
Total Costs of Part-time Help	\$2,380	\$11,900	\$4,760	\$11,900
Automated Election Management System	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
AVS Programming @ \$10,000 per election	-	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
<u>Presidential Primary Ballot Rotation</u>	-	-	\$35,000	-
Total Increase in State Expenditures	\$102,380	\$131,900	\$61,760	\$43,900

This bill does not contain an appropriation or establish positions.

SB 157 FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of State states this bill, as amended by the House (Amendment # 2009-2539h), will increase state restricted expenditures by \$20,000 in FY 2011 and in FY 2013. There is no fiscal impact on state, county, and local revenue or on county and local expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of State states this bill requires the use of additional name order rotations and party column rotations in determining the order of names on state and local ballots. The Department assumes this bill will increase the amount of ballot proof reading and the amount of staff time to program and proof the AVS accessible voting system. The Department estimates the cost of the increased ballot proofreading can be absorbed in its current operating budget, however it also assumes the additional staff time to program and proof the AVS accessible voting system will require the hiring of part-time staff for about \$10,000 for each primary and general election. This translates to increased expenditures of \$20,000 per election year. The Department states this increase in expenditures would be eligible to be covered by federal HAVA funds. The Department also states this bill, in conjunction with other recently passed legislation, is moving the Department towards the acquisition of a computerized election management system, with an implementation date in 2016. The Department states it is still too early to predict the cost of such a system, or if federal funds would be available to pay for it.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association could not identify a local impact as a result of this bill.

Amendments

Sen. Houde, Dist. 5
Rep. Pierce, Graf. 9
April 21, 2009
2009-1362s
03/09

Amendment to SB 157

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

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3 4 New Sections; Preparation of State General Election Voting Materials; Order of Candidate
4 Names on Ballots; Waiver of Rotation of Candidate Names for Absentee Ballots. Amend RSA 656 by
5 inserting after section 5 the following new sections:

6 656:5-a Order of Candidate Names on Ballots. Whenever there are 2 or more candidates for the
7 same office whose names will appear within the same column or list on a ballot, the names of such
8 candidates shall be rotated on the ballots used so that each name shall appear thereon, to the extent
9 practicable, an equal number of times at or near the top, at or near the bottom, and in each
10 intermediate position, if any, of the list in which it belongs, without requiring more than one unique
11 name order or ballot format for each town and city ward. The secretary of state shall randomly
12 select one candidate's name to appear at the top of each such list for the first name order rotation.
13 Other candidates' names shall be arranged to follow in alphabetical order of their surnames with the
14 letter "a" following "z." The random selection of a candidate's name to go first in the first name order
15 rotation, which may be the only name order if there is only one unique ballot format for the office,
16 shall be made by lot or by another procedure in which each candidate has an equal probability of
17 being chosen first. Such random selection of names, and establishment of a random selection
18 procedure for the ordering of lists of names on ballots to be in effect until the next selection, shall be
19 done publicly and after the close of the filing period for the state primary as specified in RSA 655:14
20 and after giving at least 3 days written notice of the date, time, and location of such selection to the
21 governor, the state chairmen of the parties, the speaker of the house of representatives, the
22 president of the senate, and the minority leaders of both houses of the general court.

23 656:5-b Waiver of Rotation of Candidate Names for Absentee Ballots. If the secretary of state
24 finds that rotating candidate names pursuant to RSA 656:5-a may risk delay of the timely issuance
25 of absentee ballots for a state general election or presidential primary election, the secretary of state
26 may waive such rotation by giving written notice of such waiver to the governor, the speaker of the
27 house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the minority leaders of both houses of the
28 general court. In any such case the first listed candidate in any multi-candidate list shall still be
29 chosen at random in a manner that gives all candidates in such a list an equal chance of being listed
30 first.

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2 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 10 with the following:

3

4 11 Election Fund. Amend RSA 5:6-d, III to read as follows:

5 III. The secretary of state is authorized to accept, budget, and, subject to the limitations of
6 this paragraph, expend monies in the election fund received from any party for the purposes of
7 conducting elections, voter and election official education, the purchase or lease of voting equipment
8 which complies with Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, election law enforcement,
9 and improvements to related information technology. The secretary of state shall not expend any
10 monies in the election fund unless the balance in the fund following such expenditures shall be at
11 least ~~[20]~~ **19** times the estimated annual cost of maintaining the programs established to comply
12 with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252.

13 12 Effective Date.

14 I. Sections 1-9 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

15 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Amendment to SB 157

1 Amend paragraph I of section 10 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2

3 I. There is established a citizen-funded election task force. The members of the task force
4 shall be as follows:

5 (a) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

6 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives.

8 (c) One member appointed by the governor.

9 (d) Three members who served on the commission to study the feasibility of public
10 funding of state election campaigns established by 2008, 55, appointed jointly by the president of the
11 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

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13 Amend paragraph IV of section 10 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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15 IV. The members of the task force shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
16 first meeting of the task force shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of
17 the task force shall be held within 60 days of the effective date of this section. Six members of the
18 task force shall constitute a quorum.

Amendment to SB 157

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2

3 AN ACT relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots.

4

5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

6

7 1 Municipal Elections; City Charters; Preparation of Ballots. Amend RSA 49-C:6 to read as
8 follows:

9 49-C:6 Preparation of Ballots. The city clerk shall prepare the ballots to be used at the
10 municipal elections. Under charters providing for election by the Australian ballot system, the
11 ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the procedure provided for in general election laws
12 governing such system. Under charters providing for non-partisan elections, the ballot shall contain
13 the names in alphabetical order by surname **according to the alphabetization procedure**
14 **established in RSA 656:5-a**, without party designation, of all who file with the city clerk as
15 candidates for elective office. [~~In the alternative, the charter may provide for a random selection of~~
16 ~~the order of names on the ballot.~~] The charter shall specify a filing period, the filing fee to be paid for
17 each office, and, as an alternative method of becoming a candidate on the ballot, the number of
18 qualified voters which may be subscribed to a nominating petition in such form as the charter may
19 set out.

20 2 New Section; Terms and Definitions; Voting Place. Amend RSA 652 by inserting after section
21 16-a the following new section:

22 652:16-b Voting Place. As used in RSA 656, "voting place" means a town, ward, or
23 unincorporated place.

24 3 Nominations for Special State Elections; Order of Names on Ballot. Amend RSA 655:81, IX to
25 read as follows:

26 IX. The names of all candidates for a party nomination at a special election primary shall be
27 printed in alphabetical order on the ballot [~~and the same ballot listing shall be used at all polling~~
28 ~~places where the special primary election is held]~~ **according to the alphabetization procedure**
29 **established in RSA 656:5-a**; and

30 4 Preparation of State General Election Voting Materials; Party Columns. Amend RSA 656:5 to
31 read as follows:

1 656:5 Party Columns.

2 I. The names of all candidates nominated in accordance with the election laws shall be
3 arranged upon the state general election ballot in successive party columns. Each separate column
4 shall contain the names of the candidates of one party; except that, if only a part of a full list of
5 candidates is nominated by a political party, 2 or more such lists may be arranged whenever
6 practicable in the same column. The party columns that list the names of candidates for offices that
7 elect more than one person shall stagger the names of the candidates so that they do not line up
8 evenly in a horizontal direction. The left-most column shall begin one line below the column to its
9 right. The secretary of state shall determine the *vertical* location of any additional columns that
10 may appear on the ballot.

11 II. *The position of party columns shall be rotated on the ballots used so that each*
12 *party column shall appear thereon, to the extent practicable, an approximately equal*
13 *number of times in the first, last, and each intermediate column position across the state,*
14 *without requiring more than one unique column order or ballot format for each voting*
15 *place. Starting with the general election for 2012 and following each new apportionment*
16 *of representative districts, but before the deadline for nomination papers pursuant to RSA*
17 *655:43 in the year of the apportionment, the secretary of state shall develop as many*
18 *generic column rotation plans for use in general elections as he or she might reasonably*
19 *expect to be needed for different possible numbers of party columns on the general election*
20 *ballot. If the number of party columns expected on the general election ballot changes*
21 *such that one or more additional generic column rotation plans are needed, the secretary*
22 *of state shall, from time to time, prepare such additional plans as are needed for any*
23 *general election.*

24 III. *The generic column rotation plans shall start with a reasonably balanced*
25 *rotation of party columns within and across all non-floterial state representative districts,*
26 *being the smallest representative district to which each voting place is apportioned*
27 *pursuant to part I, article 11 of the New Hampshire constitution. This shall be*
28 *accomplished by first sorting all of the non-floterial representative districts in descending*
29 *order from largest to smallest based on the number of voting places constituting each*
30 *district. Within each group of representative districts consisting of the same number of*
31 *voting places, districts shall be arranged in descending order based on population*
32 *according to the last decennial federal census. Then the voting places within each district*
33 *shall be sorted by population in descending order, resulting in a list of all the voting places*
34 *in the state.*

35 IV. *The secretary of state shall assign whole numbers representing generic party*
36 *columns to each voting place for the first column position in that voting place by assigning*
37 *the number "1" to the largest voting place in the largest representative district with the*

1 most number of voting places. The number "2" shall be assigned to the largest voting place
2 in the next largest district; the number "3" to the largest voting place in the next largest
3 district and so forth up to the number of party columns expected, repeating the pattern
4 through the largest voting place in the first district in the list that has fewer voting places
5 than the number of party columns expected. Then the pattern of number assignments shall
6 continue in sequence through each voting place in each district remaining on the list with
7 fewer voting places than the number of party columns expected.

8 V. For each district consisting of a number voting places equal to the number of
9 party columns expected, the pattern of sequential number assignment begun in paragraph
10 IV shall be completed. For example, for a rotation plan expecting 4 columns, in a district
11 consisting of 4 voting places where the largest voting place was assigned the number "3"
12 pursuant to paragraph IV, the remaining voting places would be assigned, in sequence "4,"
13 "1," and "2."

14 VI. For districts consisting of a number of voting places greater than the number of
15 party columns expected, the pattern of sequential number assignment begun in paragraph
16 IV shall be completed once up to the number of expected columns, then each remaining
17 voting place shall be assigned, in turn, the number already assigned to voting places
18 within each such district that have the least total population compared with voting places
19 with other number assignments, with the goal of more nearly equalizing the party column
20 rotation within each such district. For example in a rotation plan for 3 party columns, in
21 a district with 5 towns with the following populations, Town A - 2,400, Town B - 2,200,
22 Town C - 2,000, Town D - 250, and Town E - 100, assuming Town A was assigned column
23 "1" for the first column position, then Town B would be assigned "2;" Town C would be
24 assigned "3;" Town D would be assigned "3;" and Town E would be assigned "2." Thus
25 party column "1" would appear first in voting places with a population of 2,400 (Town A);
26 party column "2" would appear first in voting places with a total population of 2,300
27 (Towns B and E); and party column "3" would appear first in voting places with a total
28 population of 2,250 (Towns C and D).

29 VII. After initially assigning all voting places a generic party column for the first
30 position on the ballot, the secretary of state shall examine the balance of party column
31 rotations in each state senate district. The secretary of state may make minor adjustments
32 to the party column rotation plan established pursuant to paragraphs III through VI for
33 any obvious, substantial, and avoidable imbalances in senate districts, such as districts
34 that have a number of voting places equal to or greater than the number of expected party
35 columns, but one or more generic party columns are not assigned the first position in any
36 such voting places. The aim of such minor adjustments should be to reduce the average
37 deviation of generic first column positions within all senate districts while also decreasing

1 *the average deviation of first party column positions across the state as whole and*
2 *maintaining a substantially comparable party column rotation balance within*
3 *representative districts as initially established pursuant to paragraphs III through VI.*

4 *VIII. After finalizing the generic party column rotation plan for first column*
5 *position pursuant to paragraphs III through VII, the secretary of state shall establish*
6 *subsequent column positions by alternating in sequence the remaining generic party*
7 *columns that follow. For example, if 3 party columns are expected, then for the first voting*
8 *place assigned "1" as the first party column position, the second column position will go to*
9 *party "2" and the third position to party "3." However for the next voting place in the list*
10 *that is assigned "1" as the first party column position, the second column position will go*
11 *to party "3" and the third position to party "2." Likewise for the first voting place assigned*
12 *"2" as the first party column position, the second column position will go to party "3" and*
13 *the third position to party "1." For the next voting place in the list that is assigned "2" as*
14 *the first party column position, the second column position will go to party "1" and the*
15 *third position to party "3," and so forth until all remaining column positions are assigned.*

16 *IX. Once the generic column rotation plan is finalized for each expected number of*
17 *party columns the secretary of state shall publish such plan to the department's website*
18 *prior to the deadline for nomination papers pursuant to RSA 655:43.*

19 *X. Immediately following the filing deadline for nomination papers pursuant to*
20 *RSA 655:43, the secretary of state or designee shall publicly select by lot the actual party*
21 *columns to be positioned according to the generic column rotation plan established*
22 *pursuant to paragraphs II through IX. The first actual party column drawn by lot shall*
23 *occupy all positions corresponding to the generic party column "1" designation; the second*
24 *actual party column drawn by lot shall occupy all positions corresponding to the generic*
25 *party column "2" designation and so forth until all actual party columns are assigned*
26 *positions on all ballots, provided that the same actual party column shall not be assigned*
27 *the generic party column "1" designation for 2 consecutive general elections.*

28 5 New Section; Preparation of State General Election Voting Materials; Order of Candidate
29 Names on Ballots. Amend RSA 656 by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

30 656:5-a Order of Candidate Names on Ballots.

31 I. Whenever there are 2 or more candidates for the same office whose names will appear
32 together within the same column or list on a ballot, the position of such names shall be determined
33 according to this section.

34 II. Immediately following the close of the period during which a person may accept the
35 nomination of a party committee pursuant to RSA 655:32, the secretary of state or designee shall
36 conduct a public random selection of a whole number from one to the total number of candidates for
37 each possible list length where a group of candidates for the same office may appear in the same list

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1 in state or local elections during the next 2 years. For example, for a possible list of 3 candidates, the
2 number one, 2, or 3 shall be randomly selected. The seed number for each possible list length shall
3 remain in effect for the 2 years until the next random selection of seed numbers.

4 III. To determine the order of names on each ballot, the candidates for each office in the
5 same list shall be temporarily listed alphabetically by surnames and the positions in such list shall
6 be temporarily numbered in ascending order. The candidate whose position in the initial temporary
7 list equals the seed number selected under paragraph II for the appropriate list length shall appear
8 first on the ballot or first in the first rotation order if there is rotation of names across multiple
9 voting places. The order of candidates after the candidate in the first position shall follow
10 alphabetically by surname with "a" following "z."

11 IV. Starting in 2014, if the secretary of state determines that his or her office has sufficient
12 financial, personnel, and technical resources to rotate names of candidates in districts consisting of
13 more than one voting place where 2 or more candidates will appear together in the same list, within
14 the time constraints for preparing ballots for particular elections, then the secretary of state shall
15 establish and implement a procedure for such rotation of names for such elections with the goal that
16 each name shall appear on ballots a more nearly equal number of times at or near the top, at or near
17 the bottom, and in each intermediate position, if any, of the list to which it belongs, without
18 requiring more than one unique name order or ballot format for each voting place.

19 6 Primary Election Voting Materials; Order of Names. Amend RSA 656:24 to read as follows:

20 656:24 Order of Names. With the exception of the office of state representative, whenever there
21 are 2 or more candidates for nomination to the same office, the names of such candidates shall be
22 alternated on the state primary election ballots used so that each name shall appear thereon as
23 nearly as may be an equal number of times at the top, at the bottom, and in each intermediate place,
24 if any, of the list in which it belongs. Names of candidates for nomination to the office of state
25 representative shall be arranged in the alphabetical order of their surnames *according to the*
26 *alphabetization procedure established in RSA 656:5-a.*

27 7 Constitutional Convention Ballots; Form. Amend RSA 667:12 to read as follows:

28 667:12 Form. Every ballot for the election shall contain the name and domicile of each
29 candidate who has filed a declaration of candidacy for delegate. The names of candidates upon the
30 ballot shall be arranged in perpendicular columns under the title "For Delegate to the Constitutional
31 Convention." Below the title shall be printed in easily legible type the words "Vote for" followed by a
32 spelled number designating the number of persons to be elected to such office. At the right of the
33 name of each candidate and on the same line, there shall be a square. Following the names there
34 shall be as many blank lines as there are persons to be elected. Whenever there are 2 or more
35 candidates, the names shall be printed upon the ballot in alphabetical order of their surnames
36 *according to the alphabetization procedure established in RSA 656:5-a.*

37 8 Town Elections; Official Ballot; Voting Materials. Amend RSA 669:23 to read as follows:

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1 669:23 Preparation of Voting Materials. The town clerk shall prepare the official ballots for the
2 town and shall arrange the names of candidates upon said ballots in parallel columns. Immediately
3 above the names of each block of candidates shall be printed the title of the office for which they are
4 candidates, such as "For Selectman." Below the title of each office shall be printed in small but
5 easily legible type the words "Vote for not more than (here insert a number designating how many
6 persons are to be voted for)." Directly to the right of the name of each candidate there shall be a
7 square. Whenever there are 2 or more candidates for the same office the names shall be printed
8 upon the ballot in the alphabetical order of their surnames *according to the alphabetization*
9 *procedure established in RSA 656:5-a*. Following the names printed on the ballot under the title
10 of each office, there shall be as many blank lines as there are persons to be elected to that office.

11 9 Form of Candidate's Name on Ballot; Nicknames. Amend RSA 655:14-b, I-II to read as
12 follows:

13 I. Every candidate for state or federal office who intends to have his or her name printed
14 upon the ballot of any party for a primary shall designate in the declaration of candidacy, or on the
15 primary petitions and assents to candidacy, the form in which the candidate's name shall be printed
16 on the ballot. ~~[The candidate may designate his or her given, first, and middle name, the initials of~~
17 ~~his or her given, first, and middle name, a nickname, or any combination thereof as the form in~~
18 ~~which the candidate's name shall be printed on the ballot, but the candidate shall not designate a~~
19 ~~deceptive name. If the candidate designates a nickname in place of or in combination with the~~
20 ~~candidate's given name or the initials thereof, the nickname shall be set off with quotation marks~~
21 ~~and shall be placed immediately before his or her surname. If the candidate designates a nickname,~~
22 ~~the nickname shall be customarily related to the candidate's given name, or, if the nickname is not~~
23 ~~customarily related to the candidate's given name, the candidate shall submit clear and convincing~~
24 ~~evidence that the candidate has been known by the nickname for at least the 5 years immediately~~
25 ~~preceding the time of filing. If deemed sufficient by the appropriate official, 3 affidavits from voters~~
26 ~~in the district who are not related to the candidate stating that the candidate has been known by the~~
27 ~~nickname for at least 5 years may constitute clear and convincing evidence. Nicknames shall be~~
28 ~~limited to one word, except for 2 word nicknames customarily related to the candidate's given name.]~~
29 *The designated name may include the candidate's given name or a shortened form of the*
30 *candidate's given name or a one-word nickname customarily related to the candidate, and*
31 *by which the candidate is commonly recognized. The designated name may also include an*
32 *initial for the first or middle name, or both.* No candidate may designate a nickname that
33 implies that the candidate is some other person, that constitutes a slogan or otherwise associates the
34 candidate with a cause or issue, [ø] that has an offensive or profane meaning[-], *or that creates a*
35 *perception of a professional or vocational affiliation, such as "Doc" or "Coach."* A candidate
36 shall include his or her surname in the designation of the form in which the candidate's name shall
37 be printed on the ballot.

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1 II. Every candidate for state or federal office who intends to have his or her name placed on
2 the ballot for the state general election by means other than nomination by party primary shall
3 designate in the declaration of intent the form in which the candidate's name shall be printed on the
4 ballot. ~~[The candidate may designate his or her given, first, and middle name, the initials of his or~~
5 ~~her given, first, and middle name, a nickname, or any combination thereof as the form in which the~~
6 ~~candidate's name shall be printed on the ballot, but the candidate shall not designate a deceptive~~
7 ~~name. If the candidate designates a nickname in place of or in combination with the candidate's~~
8 ~~given name or the initials thereof, the nickname shall be set off with quotation marks and shall be~~
9 ~~placed immediately before his or her surname. If the candidate designates a nickname, the~~
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12 ~~evidence that the candidate has been known by the nickname for at least the 5 years immediately~~
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19 *by which the candidate is commonly recognized. The designated name may also include an*
20 *initial for the first or middle name, or both.* No candidate may designate a nickname that
21 implies that the candidate is some other person, that constitutes a slogan or otherwise associates the
22 candidate with a cause or issue, [or] that has an offensive or profane meaning[-], *or that creates a*
23 *perception of a professional or vocational affiliation, such as "Doc" or "Coach."* A candidate
24 shall include his or her surname in the designation of the form in which the candidate's name shall
25 be printed on the ballot.

26 10 Election Fund. Amend RSA 5:6-d, III to read as follows:

27 III. The secretary of state is authorized to accept, budget, and, subject to the limitations of
28 this paragraph, expend monies in the election fund received from any party for the purposes of
29 conducting elections, voter and election official education, the purchase or lease of voting equipment
30 which complies with Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, election law enforcement,
31 and improvements to related information technology, *including acquisition and operation of an*
32 *automated election management system.*

33 11 Rotation of Party Columns; 2010 General Election. For the 2010 general election the
34 secretary of state shall rotate party columns by using the procedure specified in RSA 656:5, X to
35 select actual parties to correspond to the generic party column rotation plan set forth in this
36 section, assuming the number of party columns required for the general election ballot is 3. If more
37 party columns are required, the secretary of state shall establish such generic party column rotation

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- 1 plans using the procedures specified in RSA 656:5, except that the actual number of ballots cast in
- 2 the 2008 general election shall be used in lieu of population counts for each voting place.

Generic party column rotation plan for 3 party columns			
VOTING PLACE	1st column position	2nd column position	3rd column position
Acworth	1	3	2
Albany	2	1	3
Alexandria	3	2	1
Allenstown	3	2	1
Alstead	3	1	2
Alton	2	1	3
Amherst	2	3	1
Andover	1	2	3
Antrim	2	1	3
Ashland	3	1	2
At. & Gil. Ac. Gt.	3	2	1
Atkinson	2	3	1
Auburn	3	1	2
Barnstead	2	3	1
Barrington	3	2	1
Bartlett	2	1	3
Bath	3	1	2
Bean's Grant	1	3	2
Bean's Purchase	1	2	3
Bedford	3	2	1
Belmont	1	3	2
Bennington	2	3	1
Benton	3	1	2
Berlin Ward 1	1	2	3
Berlin Ward 2	3	1	2
Berlin Ward 3	2	3	1
Berlin Ward 4	1	3	2
Bethlehem	1	3	2
Boscawen	2	1	3
Bow	1	3	2
Bradford	3	1	2
Brentwood	1	3	2
Bridgewater	2	1	3
Bristol	1	2	3
Brookfield	1	2	3
Brookline	3	2	1
Cambridge	3	1	2
Campton	2	3	1
Canaan	1	3	2
Candia	3	2	1
Canterbury	2	3	1
Carroll	2	3	1
Center Harbor	1	2	3
Chandler's Purchase	1	3	2
Charlestown	3	1	2
Chatham	3	2	1

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Chester	1	3	2
Chesterfield	1	2	3
Chichester	1	2	3
Claremont Ward 1	1	3	2
Claremont Ward 2	2	3	1
Claremont Ward 3	3	2	1
Clarksville	3	1	2
Colebrook	1	2	3
Columbia	3	2	1
Concord Ward 01	3	1	2
Concord Ward 02	1	3	2
Concord Ward 03	2	3	1
Concord Ward 04	3	2	1
Concord Ward 05	2	3	1
Concord Ward 06	1	3	2
Concord Ward 07	3	1	2
Concord Ward 08	1	3	2
Concord Ward 09	1	2	3
Concord Ward 10	2	3	1
Conway	1	3	2
Cornish	2	1	3
Crawford's Purchase	1	2	3
Croydon	2	1	3
Cutt's Grant	1	3	2
Dalton	2	1	3
Danbury	3	1	2
Danville	2	3	1
Deerfield	2	1	3
Deering	1	3	2
Derry	3	2	1
Dix's Grant	3	1	2
Dixville	2	1	3
Dorchester	2	3	1
Dover Ward 1	1	3	2
Dover Ward 2	2	3	1
Dover Ward 3	2	1	3
Dover Ward 4	3	1	2
Dover Ward 5	3	1	2
Dover Ward 6	2	1	3
Dublin	3	2	1
Dummer	2	3	1
Dunbarton	2	3	1
Durham	3	2	1
East Kingston	2	3	1
Easton	1	2	3
Eaton	3	2	1
Effingham	3	2	1
Ellsworth	3	2	1
Enfield	3	2	1
Epping	1	3	2
Epsom	2	1	3
Errol	2	1	3

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Erving's Location	3	2	1
Exeter	2	1	3
Farmington	2	3	1
Fitzwilliam	2	1	3
Francestown	3	1	2
Franconia	2	3	1
Franklin Ward 1	3	2	1
Franklin Ward 2	1	3	2
Franklin Ward 3	2	3	1
Freedom	2	3	1
Fremont	2	3	1
Gilford	3	1	2
Gilmanton	1	3	2
Gilsum	1	3	2
Goffstown	3	2	1
Gorham	2	1	3
Goshen	3	2	1
Grafton	2	1	3
Grantham	3	2	1
Greenfield	2	1	3
Greenland	2	1	3
Green's Grant	1	2	3
Greenville	2	1	3
Groton	1	3	2
Hadley's Purchase	1	2	3
Hale's Location	3	1	2
Hampstead	1	3	2
Hampton	1	2	3
Hampton Falls	2	1	3
Hancock	3	2	1
Hanover	2	1	3
Harrisville	1	2	3
Hart's Location	3	2	1
Haverhill	1	2	3
Hebron	3	1	2
Henniker	2	1	3
Hill	1	2	3
Hillsborough	1	2	3
Hinsdale	3	2	1
Holderness	2	3	1
Hollis	2	1	3
Hooksett	3	1	2
Hopkinton	1	3	2
Hudson	2	3	1
Jackson	3	1	2
Jaffrey	2	1	3
Jefferson	1	2	3
Keene Ward 1	3	1	2
Keene Ward 2	2	3	1
Keene Ward 3	1	3	2
Keene Ward 4	2	1	3
Keene Ward 5	1	2	3

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Kensington	3	2	1
Kilkenny	1	3	2
Kingston	3	1	2
Laconia Ward 1	3	1	2
Laconia Ward 2	1	2	3
Laconia Ward 3	3	2	1
Laconia Ward 4	1	3	2
Laconia Ward 5	2	1	3
Laconia Ward 6	2	3	1
Lancaster	3	2	1
Landaff	1	3	2
Langdon	2	3	1
Lebanon Ward 1	1	2	3
Lebanon Ward 2	2	1	3
Lebanon Ward 3	3	2	1
Lee	1	2	3
Lempster	3	1	2
Lincoln	1	2	3
Lisbon	2	1	3
Litchfield	3	1	2
Littleton	1	3	2
Livermore	1	3	2
Londonderry	1	3	2
Loudon	3	1	2
Low & Burbank's Grant	1	3	2
Lyman	2	3	1
Lyme	3	1	2
Lyndeborough	3	1	2
Madbury	2	1	3
Madison	1	2	3
Manchester Ward 01	1	3	2
Manchester Ward 02	2	1	3
Manchester Ward 03	1	2	3
Manchester Ward 04	2	3	1
Manchester Ward 05	2	1	3
Manchester Ward 06	2	1	3
Manchester Ward 07	1	3	2
Manchester Ward 08	3	2	1
Manchester Ward 09	1	2	3
Manchester Ward 10	3	1	2
Manchester Ward 11	1	3	2
Manchester Ward 12	2	3	1
Marlborough	3	2	1
Marlow	3	2	1
Martin's Location	1	2	3
Mason	1	2	3
Meredith	3	1	2
Merrimack	2	1	3
Middleton	2	3	1
Milan	3	2	1
Milford	1	3	2
Millsfield	2	3	1

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Milton	1	2	3
Monroe	3	2	1
Mont Vernon	3	2	1
Moultonborough	2	3	1
Nashua Ward 1	3	1	2
Nashua Ward 2	2	1	3
Nashua Ward 3	1	3	2
Nashua Ward 4	1	3	2
Nashua Ward 5	1	3	2
Nashua Ward 6	3	2	1
Nashua Ward 7	2	1	3
Nashua Ward 8	3	2	1
Nashua Ward 9	1	2	3
Nelson	1	3	2
New Boston	1	2	3
New Castle	1	2	3
New Durham	2	1	3
New Hampton	3	2	1
New Ipswich	1	3	2
New London	1	3	2
Newbury	3	2	1
Newfields	1	2	3
Newington	2	3	1
Newmarket	3	2	1
Newport	1	2	3
Newton	1	3	2
North Hampton	3	1	2
Northfield	1	3	2
Northumberland	1	3	2
Northwood	3	1	2
Nottingham	1	2	3
Odell	3	1	2
Orange	2	1	3
Orford	1	2	3
Ossipee	3	1	2
Pelham	1	3	2
Pembroke	3	2	1
Peterborough	3	1	2
Piermont	3	2	1
Pinkham's Grant	1	3	2
Pittsburg	2	3	1
Pittsfield	1	2	3
Plainfield	1	2	3
Plaistow	2	3	1
Plymouth	2	1	3
Portsmouth Ward 1	1	2	3
Portsmouth Ward 2	3	1	2
Portsmouth Ward 3	3	2	1
Portsmouth Ward 4	2	1	3
Portsmouth Ward 5	1	3	2
Randolph	1	2	3
Raymond	2	1	3

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Richmond	3	2	1
Rindge	1	2	3
Rochester Ward 1	1	3	2
Rochester Ward 2	3	2	1
Rochester Ward 3	2	1	3
Rochester Ward 4	2	3	1
Rochester Ward 5	3	1	2
Rochester Ward 6	1	2	3
Rollinsford	3	1	2
Roxbury	3	1	2
Rumney	3	1	2
Rye	3	2	1
Salem	3	2	1
Salisbury	3	2	1
Sanbornton	1	2	3
Sandown	3	1	2
Sandwich	2	1	3
Sargent's Purchase	1	3	2
Seabrook	1	2	3
Second College Grant	3	2	1
Sharon	2	3	1
Shelburne	3	1	2
Somersworth Ward 1	1	2	3
Somersworth Ward 2	1	3	2
Somersworth Ward 3	2	1	3
Somersworth Ward 4	2	3	1
Somersworth Ward 5	3	2	1
South Hampton	3	1	2
Springfield	2	3	1
Stark	1	3	2
Stewartstown	3	1	2
Stoddard	1	2	3
Strafford	1	3	2
Stratford	3	1	2
Stratham	1	2	3
Success	2	1	3
Sugar Hill	2	3	1
Sullivan	1	2	3
Sunapee	3	1	2
Surry	3	1	2
Sutton	1	2	3
Swanzey	2	3	1
Tamworth	1	3	2
Temple	2	1	3
Thompson & Merserve's Purch.	1	2	3
Thornton	2	1	3
Tilton	3	2	1
Troy	1	3	2
Tuftonboro	3	1	2
Unity	1	2	3
Wakefield	2	1	3
Walpole	2	1	3

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Warner	2	3	1
Warren	2	1	3
Washington	3	1	2
Waterville Valley	3	2	1
Weare	1	2	3
Webster	3	1	2
Wentworth	1	2	3
Wentworth's Location	3	2	1
Westmoreland	2	3	1
Whitefield	2	3	1
Wilmot	2	3	1
Wilton	2	3	1
Winchester	2	1	3
Windham	2	1	3
Windsor	3	1	2
Wolfeboro	1	3	2
Woodstock	3	1	2

1 12 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Establishes a procedure for the ordering of names and party columns on the ballots.
- II. Changes the limitations on a candidate designating a name to be placed on the ballot.

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1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2

3 AN ACT relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots.

4

5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

6

7 1 Municipal Elections; City Charters; Preparation of Ballots. Amend RSA 49-C:6 to read as
8 follows:

9 49-C:6 Preparation of Ballots. The city clerk shall prepare the ballots to be used at the
10 municipal elections. Under charters providing for election by the Australian ballot system, the
11 ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the procedure provided for in general election laws
12 governing such system. Under charters providing for non-partisan elections, the ballot shall contain
13 the names in alphabetical order by surname **according to the alphabetization procedure**
14 **established in RSA 656:5-a**, without party designation, of all who file with the city clerk as
15 candidates for elective office. [~~In the alternative, the charter may provide for a random selection of~~
16 ~~the order of names on the ballot.~~] The charter shall specify a filing period, the filing fee to be paid for
17 each office, and, as an alternative method of becoming a candidate on the ballot, the number of
18 qualified voters which may be subscribed to a nominating petition in such form as the charter may
19 set out.

20 2 Nominations for Special State Elections; Order of Names on Ballot. Amend RSA 655:81, IX to
21 read as follows:

22 IX. The names of all candidates for a party nomination at a special election primary shall be
23 printed in alphabetical order on the ballot [~~and the same ballot listing shall be used at all polling~~
24 ~~places where the special primary election is held]~~ **according to the alphabetization procedure**
25 **established in RSA 656:5-a**; and

26 3 New Section; Preparation of State General Election Voting Materials; Order of Candidate
27 Names on Ballots. Amend RSA 656 by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

28 656:5-a Order of Candidate Names on Ballots.

29 I. Whenever there are 2 or more candidates for the same office whose names will appear
30 together within the same column or list on a ballot, the position of such names shall be determined
31 according to this section.

32 II. Immediately following the close of the period during which a person may accept the

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1 nomination of a party committee pursuant to RSA 655:32, the secretary of state or designee shall
2 conduct a public random selection of a whole number from one to the total number of candidates for
3 each possible list length where a group of candidates for the same office may appear in the same list
4 in state or local elections during the next 2 years. For example, for a possible list of 3 candidates, the
5 number one, 2, or 3 shall be randomly selected. The seed number for each possible list length shall
6 remain in effect for the 2 years until the next random selection of seed numbers.

7 III. To determine the order of names on each ballot, the candidates for each office in the
8 same list shall be temporarily listed alphabetically by surnames and the positions in such list shall
9 be temporarily numbered in ascending order. The candidate whose position in the initial temporary
10 list equals the seed number selected under paragraph II for the appropriate list length shall appear
11 first on the ballot. The order of candidates after the candidate in the first position shall follow
12 alphabetically by surname with "a" following "z."

13 4 Primary Election Voting Materials; Order of Names. Amend RSA 656:24 to read as follows:

14 656:24 Order of Names. With the exception of the office of state representative, whenever there
15 are 2 or more candidates for nomination to the same office, the names of such candidates shall be
16 alternated on the state primary election ballots used so that each name shall appear thereon as
17 nearly as may be an equal number of times at the top, at the bottom, and in each intermediate place,
18 if any, of the list in which it belongs. Names of candidates for nomination to the office of state
19 representative shall be arranged in the alphabetical order of their surnames *according to the*
20 *alphabetization procedure established in RSA 656:5-a.*

21 5 Constitutional Convention Ballots; Form. Amend RSA 667:12 to read as follows:

22 667:12 Form. Every ballot for the election shall contain the name and domicile of each
23 candidate who has filed a declaration of candidacy for delegate. The names of candidates upon the
24 ballot shall be arranged in perpendicular columns under the title "For Delegate to the Constitutional
25 Convention." Below the title shall be printed in easily legible type the words "Vote for" followed by a
26 spelled number designating the number of persons to be elected to such office. At the right of the
27 name of each candidate and on the same line, there shall be a square. Following the names there
28 shall be as many blank lines as there are persons to be elected. Whenever there are 2 or more
29 candidates, the names shall be printed upon the ballot in alphabetical order of their surnames
30 *according to the alphabetization procedure established in RSA 656:5-a.*

31 6 Town Elections; Official Ballot; Voting Materials. Amend RSA 669:23 to read as follows:

32 669:23 Preparation of Voting Materials. The town clerk shall prepare the official ballots for the
33 town and shall arrange the names of candidates upon said ballots in parallel columns. Immediately
34 above the names of each block of candidates shall be printed the title of the office for which they are
35 candidates, such as "For Selectman." Below the title of each office shall be printed in small but
36 easily legible type the words "Vote for not more than (here insert a number designating how many
37 persons are to be voted for)." Directly to the right of the name of each candidate there shall be a

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1 square. Whenever there are 2 or more candidates for the same office the names shall be printed
2 upon the ballot in the alphabetical order of their surnames *according to the alphabetization*
3 *procedure established in RSA 656:5-a*. Following the names printed on the ballot under the title
4 of each office, there shall be as many blank lines as there are persons to be elected to that office.

5 7 Form of Candidate's Name on Ballot; Nicknames. Amend RSA 655:14-b, I-II to read as
6 follows:

7 I. Every candidate for state or federal office who intends to have his or her name printed
8 upon the ballot of any party for a primary shall designate in the declaration of candidacy, or on the
9 primary petitions and assents to candidacy, the form in which the candidate's name shall be printed
10 on the ballot. [~~The candidate may designate his or her given, first, and middle name, the initials of~~
11 ~~his or her given, first, and middle name, a nickname, or any combination thereof as the form in~~
12 ~~which the candidate's name shall be printed on the ballot, but the candidate shall not designate a~~
13 ~~deceptive name. If the candidate designates a nickname in place of or in combination with the~~
14 ~~candidate's given name or the initials thereof, the nickname shall be set off with quotation marks~~
15 ~~and shall be placed immediately before his or her surname. If the candidate designates a nickname,~~
16 ~~the nickname shall be customarily related to the candidate's given name, or, if the nickname is not~~
17 ~~customarily related to the candidate's given name, the candidate shall submit clear and convincing~~
18 ~~evidence that the candidate has been known by the nickname for at least the 5 years immediately~~
19 ~~preceding the time of filing. If deemed sufficient by the appropriate official, 3 affidavits from voters~~
20 ~~in the district who are not related to the candidate stating that the candidate has been known by the~~
21 ~~nickname for at least 5 years may constitute clear and convincing evidence. Nicknames shall be~~
22 ~~limited to one word, except for 2 word nicknames customarily related to the candidate's given name.]
23 *The designated name may include the candidate's given name or a shortened form of the*
24 *candidate's given name or a one-word nickname customarily related to the candidate, and*
25 *by which the candidate is commonly recognized. The designated name may also include an*
26 *initial for the first or middle name, or both.* No candidate may designate a nickname that
27 implies that the candidate is some other person, that constitutes a slogan or otherwise associates the
28 candidate with a cause or issue, [or] that has an offensive or profane meaning[-], *or that creates a*
29 *perception of a professional or vocational affiliation, such as "Doc" or "Coach."* A candidate
30 shall include his or her surname in the designation of the form in which the candidate's name shall
31 be printed on the ballot.~~

32 II. Every candidate for state or federal office who intends to have his or her name placed on
33 the ballot for the state general election by means other than nomination by party primary shall
34 designate in the declaration of intent the form in which the candidate's name shall be printed on the
35 ballot. [~~The candidate may designate his or her given, first, and middle name, the initials of his or~~
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17 *perception of a professional or vocational affiliation, such as "Doc" or "Coach."* A candidate
18 shall include his or her surname in the designation of the form in which the candidate's name shall
19 be printed on the ballot.

20 8 Election Fund. Amend RSA 5:6-d, III to read as follows:

21 III. The secretary of state is authorized to accept, budget, and, subject to the limitations of
22 this paragraph, expend monies in the election fund received from any party for the purposes of
23 conducting elections, voter and election official education, the purchase or lease of voting equipment
24 which complies with Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, election law enforcement,
25 and improvements to related information technology, *including acquisition and operation of an*
26 *automated election management system.*

27 9 Rotation of Party Columns; 2010 General Election. Immediately following the filing deadline
28 for nomination papers for the 2010 general election pursuant to RSA 655:43, the secretary of state or
29 designee shall publicly select by lot the actual party columns to be positioned on the 2010 general
30 election ballot according to the generic column rotation plan established in this section. The first
31 actual party column drawn by lot shall occupy all positions corresponding to the generic party
32 column "1" designation; the second actual party column drawn by lot shall occupy all positions
33 corresponding to the generic party column "2" designation and so forth until all actual party columns
34 are assigned positions on all ballots. If more party columns are required, the secretary of state shall
35 establish such generic party column.

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Generic party column rotation plan for 3 party columns			
<u>VOTING PLACE</u>	1st column position	2nd column position	3rd column position
Acworth	1	3	2
Albany	2	1	3
Alexandria	3	2	1
Allenstown	3	2	1
Alstead	3	1	2
Alton	2	1	3
Amherst	2	3	1
Andover	1	2	3
Antrim	2	1	3
Ashland	3	1	2
At. & Gil. Ac. Gt.	3	2	1
Atkinson	2	3	1
Auburn	3	1	2
Barnstead	2	3	1
Barrington	3	2	1
Bartlett	2	1	3
Bath	3	1	2
Bean's Grant	1	3	2
Bean's Purchase	1	2	3
Bedford	3	2	1
Belmont	1	3	2
Bennington	2	3	1
Benton	3	1	2
Berlin Ward 1	1	2	3
Berlin Ward 2	3	1	2
Berlin Ward 3	2	3	1
Berlin Ward 4	1	3	2
Bethlehem	1	3	2
Boscawen	2	1	3
Bow	1	3	2
Bradford	3	1	2
Brentwood	1	3	2
Bridgewater	2	1	3

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Bristol	1	2	3
Brookfield	1	2	3
Brookline	3	2	1
Cambridge	3	1	2
Campton	2	3	1
Canaan	1	3	2
Candia	3	2	1
Canterbury	2	3	1
Carroll	2	3	1
Center Harbor	1	2	3
Chandler's Purchase	1	3	2
Charlestown	3	1	2
Chatham	3	2	1
Chester	1	3	2
Chesterfield	1	2	3
Chichester	1	2	3
Claremont Ward 1	1	3	2
Claremont Ward 2	2	3	1
Claremont Ward 3	3	2	1
Clarksville	3	1	2
Colebrook	1	2	3
Columbia	3	2	1
Concord Ward 01	3	1	2
Concord Ward 02	1	3	2
Concord Ward 03	2	3	1
Concord Ward 04	3	2	1
Concord Ward 05	2	3	1
Concord Ward 06	1	3	2
Concord Ward 07	3	1	2
Concord Ward 08	1	3	2
Concord Ward 09	1	2	3
Concord Ward 10	2	3	1
Conway	1	3	2
Cornish	2	1	3
Crawford's Purchase	1	2	3
Croydon	2	1	3
Cutt's Grant	1	3	2
Dalton	2	1	3
Danbury	3	1	2

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Danville	2	3	1
Deerfield	2	1	3
Deering	1	3	2
Derry	3	2	1
Dix's Grant	3	1	2
Dixville	2	1	3
Dorchester	2	3	1
Dover Ward 1	1	3	2
Dover Ward 2	2	3	1
Dover Ward 3	2	1	3
Dover Ward 4	3	1	2
Dover Ward 5	3	1	2
Dover Ward 6	2	1	3
Dublin	3	2	1
Dummer	2	3	1
Dunbarton	2	3	1
Durham	3	2	1
East Kingston	2	3	1
Easton	1	2	3
Eaton	3	2	1
Effingham	3	2	1
Ellsworth	3	2	1
Enfield	3	2	1
Epping	1	3	2
Epsom	2	1	3
Errol	2	1	3
Erving's Location	3	2	1
Exeter	2	1	3
Farmington	2	3	1
Fitzwilliam	2	1	3
Francestown	3	1	2
Franconia	2	3	1
Franklin Ward 1	3	2	1
Franklin Ward 2	1	3	2
Franklin Ward 3	2	3	1
Freedom	2	3	1
Fremont	2	3	1
Gilford	3	1	2
Gilmanton	1	3	2

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Gilsum	1	3	2
Goffstown	3	2	1
Gorham	2	1	3
Goshen	3	2	1
Grafton	2	1	3
Grantham	3	2	1
Greenfield	2	1	3
Greenland	2	1	3
Green's Grant	1	2	3
Greenville	2	1	3
Groton	1	3	2
Hadley's Purchase	1	2	3
Hale's Location	3	1	2
Hampstead	1	3	2
Hampton	1	2	3
Hampton Falls	2	1	3
Hancock	3	2	1
Hanover	2	1	3
Harrisville	1	2	3
Hart's Location	3	2	1
Haverhill	1	2	3
Hebron	3	1	2
Henniker	2	1	3
Hill	1	2	3
Hillsborough	1	2	3
Hinsdale	3	2	1
Holderness	2	3	1
Hollis	2	1	3
Hooksett	3	1	2
Hopkinton	1	3	2
Hudson	2	3	1
Jackson	3	1	2
Jaffrey	2	1	3
Jefferson	1	2	3
Keene Ward 1	3	1	2
Keene Ward 2	2	3	1
Keene Ward 3	1	3	2
Keene Ward 4	2	1	3
Keene Ward 5	1	2	3

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Kensington	3	2	1
Kilkenny	1	3	2
Kingston	3	1	2
Laconia Ward 1	3	1	2
Laconia Ward 2	1	2	3
Laconia Ward 3	3	2	1
Laconia Ward 4	1	3	2
Laconia Ward 5	2	1	3
Laconia Ward 6	2	3	1
Lancaster	3	2	1
Landaff	1	3	2
Langdon	2	3	1
Lebanon Ward 1	1	2	3
Lebanon Ward 2	2	1	3
Lebanon Ward 3	3	2	1
Lee	1	2	3
Lempster	3	1	2
Lincoln	1	2	3
Lisbon	2	1	3
Litchfield	3	1	2
Littleton	1	3	2
Livermore	1	3	2
Londonderry	1	3	2
Loudon	3	1	2
Low & Burbank's Grant	1	3	2
Lyman	2	3	1
Lyme	3	1	2
Lyndeborough	3	1	2
Madbury	2	1	3
Madison	1	2	3
Manchester Ward 01	1	3	2
Manchester Ward 02	2	1	3
Manchester Ward 03	1	2	3
Manchester Ward 04	2	3	1
Manchester Ward 05	2	1	3
Manchester Ward 06	2	1	3
Manchester Ward 07	1	3	2
Manchester Ward 08	3	2	1
Manchester Ward 09	1	2	3

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Manchester Ward 10	3	1	2
Manchester Ward 11	1	3	2
Manchester Ward 12	2	3	1
Marlborough	3	2	1
Marlow	3	2	1
Martin's Location	1	2	3
Mason	1	2	3
Meredith	3	1	2
Merrimack	2	1	3
Middleton	2	3	1
Milan	3	2	1
Milford	1	3	2
Millsfield	2	3	1
Milton	1	2	3
Monroe	3	2	1
Mont Vernon	3	2	1
Moultonborough	2	3	1
Nashua Ward 1	3	1	2
Nashua Ward 2	2	1	3
Nashua Ward 3	1	3	2
Nashua Ward 4	1	3	2
Nashua Ward 5	1	3	2
Nashua Ward 6	3	2	1
Nashua Ward 7	2	1	3
Nashua Ward 8	3	2	1
Nashua Ward 9	1	2	3
Nelson	1	3	2
New Boston	1	2	3
New Castle	1	2	3
New Durham	2	1	3
New Hampton	3	2	1
New Ipswich	1	3	2
New London	1	3	2
Newbury	3	2	1
Newfields	1	2	3
Newington	2	3	1
Newmarket	3	2	1
Newport	1	2	3
Newton	1	3	2

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North Hampton	3	1	2
Northfield	1	3	2
Northumberland	1	3	2
Northwood	3	1	2
Nottingham	1	2	3
Odell	3	1	2
Orange	2	1	3
Orford	1	2	3
Ossipee	3	1	2
Pelham	1	3	2
Pembroke	3	2	1
Peterborough	3	1	2
Piermont	3	2	1
Pinkham's Grant	1	3	2
Pittsburg	2	3	1
Pittsfield	1	2	3
Plainfield	1	2	3
Plaistow	2	3	1
Plymouth	2	1	3
Portsmouth Ward 1	1	2	3
Portsmouth Ward 2	3	1	2
Portsmouth Ward 3	3	2	1
Portsmouth Ward 4	2	1	3
Portsmouth Ward 5	1	3	2
Randolph	1	2	3
Raymond	2	1	3
Richmond	3	2	1
Rindge	1	2	3
Rochester Ward 1	1	3	2
Rochester Ward 2	3	2	1
Rochester Ward 3	2	1	3
Rochester Ward 4	2	3	1
Rochester Ward 5	3	1	2
Rochester Ward 6	1	2	3
Rollinsford	3	1	2
Roxbury	3	1	2
Rumney	3	1	2
Rye	3	2	1
Salem	3	2	1

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Salisbury	3	2	1
Sanbornton	1	2	3
Sandown	3	1	2
Sandwich	2	1	3
Sargent's Purchase	1	3	2
Seabrook	1	2	3
Second College Grant	3	2	1
Sharon	2	3	1
Shelburne	3	1	2
Somersworth Ward 1	1	2	3
Somersworth Ward 2	1	3	2
Somersworth Ward 3	2	1	3
Somersworth Ward 4	2	3	1
Somersworth Ward 5	3	2	1
South Hampton	3	1	2
Springfield	2	3	1
Stark	1	3	2
Stewartstown	3	1	2
Stoddard	1	2	3
Strafford	1	3	2
Stratford	3	1	2
Stratham	1	2	3
Success	2	1	3
Sugar Hill	2	3	1
Sullivan	1	2	3
Sunapee	3	1	2
Surry	3	1	2
Sutton	1	2	3
Swanzey	2	3	1
Tamworth	1	3	2
Temple	2	1	3
Thompson & Merserve's Purch.	1	2	3
Thornton	2	1	3
Tilton	3	2	1
Troy	1	3	2
Tuftonboro	3	1	2
Unity	1	2	3
Wakefield	2	1	3
Walpole	2	1	3

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Warner	2	3	1
Warren	2	1	3
Washington	3	1	2
Waterville Valley	3	2	1
Weare	1	2	3
Webster	3	1	2
Wentworth	1	2	3
Wentworth's Location	3	2	1
Westmoreland	2	3	1
Whitefield	2	3	1
Wilmot	2	3	1
Wilton	2	3	1
Winchester	2	1	3
Windham	2	1	3
Windsor	3	1	2
Wolfeboro	1	3	2
Woodstock	3	1	2

1 10 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Establishes a procedure for the ordering of names on the ballots.
- II. Changes the limitations on a candidate designating a name to be placed on the ballot.
- III. Establishes a party column ordering procedure for the 2010 general election.

Committee Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

BILL NUMBER: SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: April 29, 2009

THE COMMITTEE HAS VOTED TO RETAIN THIS BILL.

Jane A. Clemons, Chairman

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

WORK SESSION ON SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: January 27, 2010

LOB ROOM: 210-211 **Time Work Session Called to Order:** 10:52

Time Adjourned: 11:10

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. M. Smith, Nordgren, Foster, Eaton, Baroody, Benn, Leishman, DeJoie, Bucco, Poose, Mitchell, Keane, Casey, Harris, Kurk, D. Scamman, E. Anderson, Emerton, Rodeschin, Wendelboe, L. Ober, Dokmo, Bergin, Belvin and R. Elliott.

Bill Sponsors: Sen. Houde, Dist 5; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 24; Sen. Cilley, Dist 6; Rep. Clemons, Hills 24

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Chairman M. Smith: Fiscal note status?

Mr. Gerard Murphy, Legislative Budget Assistant (LBA): Old fiscal note sent to Secretary of State and Municipal Association for review.

Rep. L. Ober: When will we have?

Mr. Murphy: System referred to will be covered from election fund.

Chairman M. Smith: Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds?

Mr. Murphy: Bulk is federal funds, election fines and fees and interest. Now interest earned.

Chairman M. Smith: Funds deposited into general funds? Have funds been transferred? If not could we hear from Secretary of State? Balance?

Mr. Murphy: Between \$ 14-\$15 million.

Rep. D. Scamman: Any other funds controlled by Secretary of State?

Chairman M. Smith: Check financial audit.

Rep. Kurk: Question regarding use of "claims".

Mr. Murphy: Style.

Chairman M. Smith (to Bud Fitch, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice): Are you here to testify?

Atty. Fitch: No.

Chairman M. Smith: Lots of questions.

Atty. Fitch: Don't work with those bills. We do have \$14-\$15 million funds to support Help America Vote Act particularly disabled voters. Trying to not use state money to pay for federal mandate.

Chairman M. Smith: Amends law. We want to make sure these funds will support this expenditure.

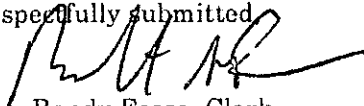
Atty. Fitch: Not an expert on this but I think it's appropriate.

Chairman M. Smith: We will continue the work session on February 2. Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy: Updated note will replace "claim" with "state".

Work session adjourned.

Respectfully submitted


Rep. Randy Foose, Clerk

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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LOB ROOM: 210-211 Time Work Session Called to Order: 10:12

Time Adjourned:

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Chairman M. Smith: Revised fiscal note?

Mr. Gerard Murphy, Legislative Budget Assistant (LBA): Waiting a response from Secretary of State.

Mr. David Scanlan, Deputy Secretary of State: Did turn in revised note last week. Amendment on House side dramatically reduced process; makes it workable. We'll need some help, \$10,000 or less.

Chairman Smith: We revised cost not policy.

Deputy Secretary Scanlan: General fund must support. Not HAVA (Help America Vote Act) funds under HAVA rules.

Chairman Smith: Current balance in HAVA?

Deputy Secretary Scanlan: \$13 million – costs driven by proof reading and ADA system for blind voters.

Chairman Smith: HAVA pays for ADA work.

Deputy Secretary Scanlan: Yes. ADA system is complex and requires \$10,000. Move to section 8. Pressure from this and other bills. There will be some federal money over 6 years. Total cost will be \$100,000. We may get HAVA or other federal money.

Rep. Kurk: Can department absorb \$10,000?

Deputy Secretary Scanlan: Yes.

Rep. L. Ober: This bill not prime driver on upgrades.

Deputy Secretary Scanlan: Yes. There is a move to make ballots more readable.

Chairman Smith: Senator you okay?

Sen. Matthew Houde: Okay.

Rep. Anderson: Will all this make us more confident in results of elections?

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Chairman Smith: Mr. Murphy?

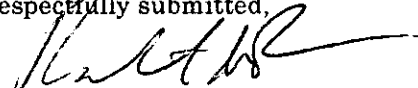
Mr. Murphy: Waiting for Municipal Association response not Secretary of State.

Rep. L. Ober: Want to see fiscal note. LBA can reference lack of response.

Chairman Smith: Mr. Dianis (LBA) please chase Municipal.

Work session adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Randy Foose, Clerk

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

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Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

WORK SESSION ON SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: February 02, 2010

LOB ROOM: 210-211

Time Work Session Called to Order:

10:12

Time Adjourned:

10:30

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. M. Smith, Nordgren, Foster, Eaton, Baroody, Benn, Leishman, DeJoiè, Buco, Foose, Mitchell, Keans, Casey, Harris, Kurb, O. Scamman, E. Anderson, Emerton, Rodeschin, Wendelboe, L. Ober, Dokno, Bergin, Belvin and R. Elliott.

Bill Sponsors: Sen. Houde, Dist 5; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 24; Sen. Cilley, Dist 6; Rep. Clemons, Hills 24

TESTIMONY

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Work Session

SB 157

10:12

Smith Revised Fiscal note ?

Murphy Writing a response from Sec of State

Scanlon Did turn in revised note last week

Amend. on house side dramatically reduced process makes it workable

We'll need some help \$10,000 or less

Smith We're revising cost not policy

Scanlon General fund must support

Not HAVA funds under HAVA rules

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Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: April 22, 2009

LOB ROOM: 308 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:30 am-
1:00
Time Adjourned: noon
2:20

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Clemons, Pierce, Splaine, C. Chase Perry, Levesque, Bartlett, Caron,
Hodges, Horrigan, Komi, Drisko, Jasper, Maybeck, Hoelze, Bates, Comerford, Doherty and Scala.

Bill Sponsors: Sen. Houde, Dist 5; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 24; Sen. Cilley, Dist 6; Rep. Clemons, Hills 24

TESTIMONY

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*Sen. Houde, prime sponsor, introduced bill. Current ballot orders do not fairly represent our duties to be fair – privacy a factor. This bill requires rotation among columns for state representatives. If adopted, this bill would allow candidates with same letter in surname to be listed first at same election in different ward/town. Fiscal note discussed. See amendment #1362s. He feels current law may not be constitutional.

*Sen. Fuller Clark, co sponsor. Spoke of primacy affect and Obama/Clinton primary results being so close in NH. Will submit written material. Spoke of citizen funded election task force and need for, in order to lower costs of elections. See line 16, page 5. It would serve to extend work of HB 794 commission and would address shortcomings of that commission. Explained functioning of public funding, in general, in response to committee member's question. Free media coverage is one element of lower costs to candidate. New methods would allow more people to run for office. Objective of this bill is to continue work of previous commission, not to start over. She has no objection to increasing membership in task force. Says cost of task force to taxpayers would be mileage.

Sen. Cilley, co sponsor. Addresses primacy affect and supports this bill. Aids in constitutionality. Addressed use of nicknames – supports same. Addressed creation of task force, no cost shifting to taxpayers, but more democratic means of funding and leveling playing field between candidate and corporate monies. Says task force is continuation of HB794 commission.

*Rep. Winters, supports bill. Discussed primacy affect. Distributed "fun" sheet. Supports task force. Referenced Carol Shea-Porter, i.e. large amounts of money not necessary to win a race.

Paul Twomey, Supports bill. Makes reference to page 3. Does not support discretion reference. Should all be the same. Says there will be a lawsuit if ballot order is not remedied. Discussed primacy affect and percentage of advantage/disadvantage to first and last named on ballot. Says not a perfect bill, but advances "mandate" of Akens vs. State. Will cost state money to implement but

money available through HAVA for software assistance. Spoke of corrosive affect of earmarks. Spoke of McLaughlin/Lynch race – McLaughlin retracted due to Lynch money available.

John Rauh, representing Americans for Campaign Reform. Supports bill. Says commission report under HB 794 may be better law than used in other states: ME, CT, AZ... Governor's race in NH might be most expensive, per-capita, than other states \$5 million – by 2 year term, instead of 4 year term. Congressional bills submitted 10 days ago, similar to work of commission.

Cordell Johnson, representing NH Municipal Assn. Page 3, line 34 – concerned with discretionary language “governing body”

*Cathy Silber, representing coalition for Open Democracy. Supports bill. Read from written report on behalf of supporter of SB 157, Brad Cook, not able to be present. Her remarks: Groups represent about 12,000 members, discussed various advantages of public funding. Public funding lowers ultimate campaign funding. Will supply proof. Cited polling results. Supports CACR 9

*David Scanlan, Dep. Sec. of State. Strongly supports inclusive language in bill. No position on task force. Ballots must be accurate to prevent future problems including recounts. Voters prefer candidates in alphabetical order. Voters also prefer color coding of ballot columns. Said recent court decision by Judge Conboy infers constitutionality of present ballot order. Says secretary of state does not want discretion in bill. Suggests bill be amended to dictate policy of secretary of state. Reference to handout provided. Says some degree of subjectivity exists in ballot structure. Referred to 2010/2011 calendar provided. Has serious concerns getting ballots ready, especially overseas ballots with additional layers of work under this bill.

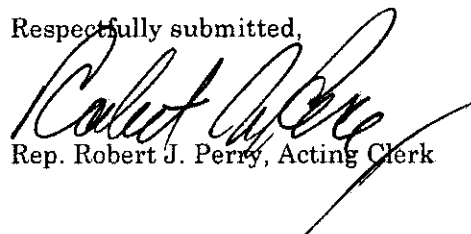
Recessed for lunch at 12:00

Secretary of state relies on absentee ballots as double check to find errors. Redistricting will affect ballot structure. Cost: \$30,000, plus, inflation from 2006 costs, additional staff. Election management system will need to be implemented sooner under this bill. D. Scanlan says bill is too complex given secretary of state resources.

Anthony Stevens, Secretary of State office. Gave detailed explanation of man hours utilized in election preparation. See color chart with red, blue, yellow, lt. blue showing overtime and concentrated time constraints. Spoke of new rigid federal election guidelines re: absentee ballots. N.H. near bottom of list as poor performing states re: absentee ballots. Discussed federal reporting requirements as very time consuming. Reporting to feds will continue to escalate beyond 2012. NH HAVA spending lowest among similarly situated states. \$438,000 total cost to implement SB 157 and \$35,000 for primary costs.

*Clifton Below, here in his personal capacity, not as member of PUC. .009% of vote determined Gore vs. Bush, average primacy affect 2-3%. Consistent primary affect in N.H. as high as 8%. Discussed his suit against secretary of state's office as to ballot structure. Detailed discussion about randomness and change of names with different letters being picked first. Unintended consequences to not implementing SB 157, offers formula for ballot rotation sequence.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Robert J. Perry, Acting Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: April 14, 2009 4/22/09

LOB ROOM: 308 Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:30

Time Adjourned: 10:30 - 12:00
1:00 - 2:20 PM.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Clemons, Pierce, Splaine, C. Chase, Perry, Levesque, Bartlett, Caron, Hodges, Morrigan, Komi, Drisko, Jasper, Maybeck, Hoelze, Bates, Comerford, Doherty and Scala.

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TESTIMONY

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* SEN. HOODE - CURRENT BALLOT ORDERS DO NOT FAIRLY REPRESENT OUR DUTIES TO BE FAIR - PRIMACY A FACTOR. THIS BILL REQUIRES ROTATION AMONG COLUMNS FOR STATE REPS. IF ADOPTED, THIS BILL WOULD ALLOW CANDIDATES W/SAME LETTER IN SURNAME TO BE LISTED FIRST AT SAME ELECTION IN DIFFERENT WARD / TOWN. FISCAL NOTE DISCUSSED. SEE AMENDMENT 1362 S. HE FEELS CURRENT LAW MAY NOT BE CONSTITUTIONAL.

SEN. FULLER CLARK - SPOKE OF PRIMACY AFFECT AND OBAMA/CLINTON PRIMARY RESULTS BEING SO CLOSE IN NH. WILL SUBMIT WRITTEN MATERIAL. SPOKE OF CITIZEN-FUNDED ELECTION TASK FORCE AND NEED FOR, IN ORDER TO LOWER COSTS OF ELECTIONS. SEE LINE 16, PG. 5. IT WOULD SERVE TO EXTEND WORK OF H.B. 794 COMMISSION AND WOULD ADDRESS SHORT COMINGS OF THAT COMMISSION. EXPLAINED FUNCTIONING OF PUBLIC FUNDING IN OHIO.

IN RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE MEMBER'S QUESTION. FREE MEDIA COVERAGE IS ONE OF ELEMENTS OF LOWER COSTS TO CANDIDATE. NEW METHODS WOULD ALLOW MORE ~~OR~~ PEOPLE TO RUN FOR OFFICE. OBJECTIVE OF 154 IS TO CONTINUE ~~THE~~ WORK OF PREVIOUS COMMISSION, NOT TO START OVER. SHE HAS NO OBJECTION TO INCREASING MEMBERSHIP IN TASK FORCE. SAYS COST OF TASK FORCE TO TAXPAYERS WOULD BE MINIMAL.

^{SEN} JACKIE CILKEY - ADDRESSES PRIMACY AFFECT AND SUPPORTS THIS BILL. AIDS IN CONSTITUTIONALITY. ADDRESSED USE OF NICKNAMES - SUPPORTS SAME. ADDRESSED CREATION OF TASK FORCE. NOT COST SHIFTING TO TAXPAYERS, BUT MORE DEMOCRATIC MEANS OF FUNDING AND LEVELING PLAYING FIELD BETWEEN CANDIDATE AND CORPORATE MONIES. SAYS TASK FORCE IS CONTINUATION OF 794 COMMISSION.

JOEL LEWIS - SUPPORTS ~~THE~~ ^{SB} 154. DISCUSSED PRIMACY AFFECT. DISTRIBUTED "FUN" SHEET. SUPPORTS TASK FORCE. REITERATED CARGO SHEET PORTAL, I.E. MONEY NOT NECESSARY TO WIN A RACE.

PAUL TWIMLEY - SUPPORTS BILL. MAKES REFERENCE TO FC-3. DOES NOT SUPPORT DISCRETION REFERENCE. SHOULD ALL BE THE SAME, SAYS THERE WILL BE A LAWSUIT IF BALLOT ORDER IS NOT REMEDIATED. DISCUSSED PRIMACY AFFECT AND PERCENTAGE OF ADVANTAGE/DISADVANTAGE TO FIRST + LAST ~~AS~~ NAMED ON BALLOT. SAYS NOT A PERFECT BILL BUT ADVANCES MANDATE OF AIKE'S U. STATE. WILL COST STATE MONEY TO IMPLEMENT, BUT MONEY AVAILABLE THROUGH HAVA FOR SOFTWARE ASSISTANCE. SPOKE OF CORROSIVE AFFECT OF ERAMACKS. SPOKE OF MCLAUGHLIN/LYNCH RACE - MCLAUGHLIN RETRACTED DUE TO LYNCH MONEY AVAILABLE.

JOHN ~~COOPER~~ - RAUH - SUPPORTS BILL. SAYS COMMISSION REPORT UNDER ~~THE~~ 794 MAY BE BETTER WAY ~~THAN~~ THAN USED IN OTHER STATES - MAINE, CONNECTICUT, ARIZONA.

brought to light the very real costs of a 2 year term. The League study in 1971 did not consider the escalating costs of a gubernatorial campaign. Now, the cost for a statewide campaign are so extensive, it requires significant effort to raise the funds and can take real time away from the role and responsibilities of the Governor.

New Hampshire residents expect our Governors to serve at least four years. Since 1941, New Hampshire has had 16 Governors, 3 who served for 6 years, 10 who served for 4 years and only 2 who served just one term. Governor Lynch is now in his third term.

In 1964 the legislature was given the power and responsibility to propose constitutional amendments to be placed as a referendum to voters. In 1970, 1981 and 1983 the legislature placed a constitutional amendment for a 4 year term for Governor on the ballot. Not only was the term of the Governor increased to 4 years but there was also a 2 term limit included in the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment gained increasing support in each of those elections. In 1983 the issue garnered 63.61% of the required 66% needed for passage.

It's time now for the voters to decide whether the Governor of New Hampshire should serve for a 4 year term. The League of Women Voters respectfully requests support for placing this issue in the capable hands of New Hampshire voters.

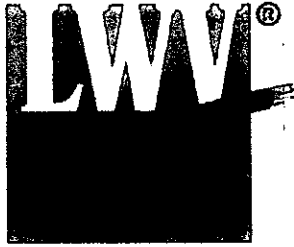
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Gov. RAISE in N.H. MIGHT BE MOST EXPLOSIVE, PER CAPITA, THAN OTHER STATES - \$5 million ÷ 134,2, INSTEAD OF 4. CONGRESSIONAL RULES SUBMITTED 10 DAYS AGO SIMILAR TO WORK OF COMMISSION.

CORDELL JONASSEN - N.H. MUN. ASSOC. PG. 3, L. 34 - CONCERNED w/ DISCRETIONARY LANGUAGE. "UNBENEFICIAL".

CAROL SILBER - COALITION FOR OPEN DEMOCRACY. READ FROM WRITTEN REPORT ON BEHALF OF SUPPORTERS OF 154 NOT FREE TO BE PRESENT - DEAN COOK. HER REMARKS: GROUPS REPRESENT ABOUT 12,000 MEMBERS DISCUSSED VARIOUS ADVANTAGES OF PUBLIC FUNDING. PUBLIC FUNDING LOWERS ULTIMATE CAMPAIGN FUNDING. WILL SUPPLY PROOF. CITED POLLING RESULTS. SUPPORTS CAEL-9.

EXTRA



**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Testimony to: New Hampshire House of Representatives Election Law Committee
April 21, 2009**

Contact: Jane Armstrong, LWVNH President

janelnh@tds.net

The League of Women Voters of New Hampshire supports legislation only if it fits within stringent guidelines established after intensive study, research and then agreement by our members. In the late 1960's Leagues all over New Hampshire studied the structure of the New Hampshire state government. In 1971 the League developed a position that New Hampshire would be best served with a 4 year term for the Governor.

Forty eight states have 4 year terms for their Governors, only New Hampshire and Vermont have 2 year terms and it is again under consideration in the Vermont legislature. In this case, perhaps setting ourselves apart from other states does not lead to efficiency and effectiveness.

We believe that two years does not give the Governor enough opportunity to determine long term goals, identify long term problems and strategies to alleviate them, consider investments in New Hampshire's growth and development and then to implement long term solutions. Governors who want to serve more than two years tend not to take on major issues, preferring instead to maintain a status quo. The first year of a Governor's term is spent learning about the role and preparing the 2 year budget within 2 months of taking office. At the beginning of the second year, it's already time to initiate a campaign for re-election although some might argue that the re-election campaign has to start on inauguration day.

When Governor Lynch, upon winning his third term, wisely decided to hold a reception in the State House rather than an inaugural ball due to the economic crisis facing our state and nation, it again

SB. 157

(3)

DAVE SEARLOW - SYNONYMOUS SUPPORTS NICKNAME
LANGUAGE IN BILL NO POSITION ON TASK FORCE.
BALLOTS MUST BE ACCURATE TO PREVENT FUTURE
PROBLEMS, INCLUDING RECOUNTS. VOTES SORTED
CANDIDATES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. VOTES ALSO
PREFER COLOR CODING OF BALLOT COLUMNS. SAID
RECENT COURT DECISION BY CONROY, J. INFERS
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF PRESENT BALLOT ORDER.
SAYS SOS DOES NOT WANT DISCRETION IN BILL. SUGGESTS
BILL BE AMENDED TO DICTATE POLICY OF SOS.
REFERRED TO HANDOUT PROVIDED. SAYS SOME DEGREE
OF SUBJECTIVITY EXISTS IN BALLOT STRUCTURE. REFERRED TO
2010/2010 CALENDAR PROVIDED. HAS SERIOUS CONCERNS
CUTTING BALLOTS READY, ESPECIALLY OVERSEAS BALLOTS
W/ ADDITIONAL LAUNDS OF WORK UNDER THE BILL.
CESS FOR LUNCH. @ 12:00.

SOS RELIES ON ABSOLUTE BALLOTS AS DOUBLE CHECK TO FIND
ERRORS. REDISTRICTING WILL AFFECT BALLOT STRUCTURE.
COST: \$30,000 PLUS INFLATION FROM 2006 COSTS. ADDITIONAL
STAFF. ELECTION ATTACHMENT SYSTEM WILL NEED TO BE
IMPLEMENTED SOONER UNDER THIS BILL. DAVE SAYS BILL
IS TOO COMPLEX GIVEN SOS RESOURCES.

ANTHONY STEVENS - GAVE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF MANHOURS
UTILIZED IN ELECTION PREPARATION. SEE COLOR CHART W/ RED
BLUE YELLOW, LT. ~~GREEN~~ BLUE, SHOWING OVERTIME AND CONCENTRATED
TIME CONSTRAINTS. SPOKE OF NEW RIGID FEDERAL ELECTION
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AVERAGE PRIMARY AFFECT 2-3%. CONSISTENT PRIMARY →

CACR 9 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

03/25/09 0702s
03/25/09 1025s

2009 SESSION

09-0899
06/09

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **9**

RELATING TO: term of office.

PROVIDING THAT: beginning with the 2012 general election, there shall be a 4-year term of office for governor.

SPONSORS: Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 24; Rep. Splaine, Rock 16

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Veterans' Affairs

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that the governor's term of office shall be 4 years.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

AFFECT in N.A. AS HIGH AS 4. DISCUSSED HIS SUIT
AGAINST SOS OFFICE AS TO BALLOT STRUCTURE. DETAILED
DISCUSSION ABOUT RANDOMNESS AND ~~CHANGE~~ OF NAMES W/ DIFFERENT
LETTERS BE PICKED FIRST. CHANGE
UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES TO NOT IMPLEMENTING 15%
OFFERS FORMULA FOR BALLOT ROTATION SEQUENCE.

Sub-Committee Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW
SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION ON SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: October 20, 2009`

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Splaine, Pierce, Levesque, Jasper, Pierce, Horrigan, and Bates

Comments and Recommendations: Will meet again Wednesday, November 4th at 10:30 a.m.

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep.	OLS Document #:
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Vote:

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Rep. Jim Splaine
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

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*REP. TIM HARRIGAN ADDED
NEXT MEETING WED, NOV 4TH
1030AM*

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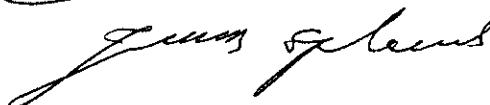
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RICHARD KOY

Comments and Recommendations:

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW
SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION ON SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: November 17, 2009

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Splaine, Pierce, Levesque, Jaaper, Komi, Horrigan, and Bates

Comments and Recommendations:

Amendments:

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Testimony

"FUN" SHEET BY WINTERS

4 New Section; Preparation of State General Election Voting Materials; Order of Candidate Names on Ballots.

Amend RSA 656 by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

656:5-a Order of Candidate Names on Ballots.

(I) Definitions:

"Seed number" means the number chosen in the following manner: On the Thursday following the expiration of the period for filing declarations of candidacy as provided in RSA 655:14, the secretary of state or designee shall hold a public drawing in the secretary of state's office to choose randomly a number greater than zero but less than one, carried to four decimal places. This seed number shall remain in effect for two years. The drawing shall be attended by the governor, the chairmen of the parties, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the minority leaders of both houses of the general court, or their designees.

"Rotational number" means the greater of the following quotients, carried to four decimal places:

- (i) One divided by the number of candidates in a district, or;
- (ii) One divided by the number of towns and/or city wards in a district.

For example, if there are 8 candidates in a district with 3 city wards, the rotational number would be .3333, the greater of 1 divided by 8 (.1250) and 1 divided by 3 (.3333)

"Town number" means the temporary number assigned to a town or city ward in manner according to the method in (a), unless the number of candidates for an office is greater than the number of towns or city wards in the district, in which case the procedure in (b) shall be used.

(a) In each district, the secretary of state will organize the list of towns or city wards in ascending order based on the number of total registered voters and temporarily number them in ascending order. If any towns or city wards have the same number of registered voters, alphabetical order will determine the order of those towns or city wards. For example, in a district of five towns with the following totals of registered voters, A=150, B=120, C=130, D=200, and E=100, the secretary of state shall number them in the following order - E=1, B=2, C=3, A=4, D=5.

(b) In each district, the secretary of state shall divide the towns or city wards into as many groups as there are candidates, making each group as equal as possible in the total number of registered voters. The groups shall be numbered in ascending order based on the number of total registered voters, and each town or city ward within the group shall be assigned the number of the group. If any group of towns or city wards has the same number of registered voters, the group with the smallest town or city ward shall be numbered before the other. For example, when there are three candidates in a district of five towns with the following totals of registered voters, A=150, B=120, C=130, D=200, and E=100, the secretary of state shall group and number them as follows - D-1, B-2, C-2, A-3, E-3.

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Testimony

I'm Cathy Silber, representing the Coalition for Open Democracy, a group of organizations and individuals dedicated to strengthening democracy in New Hampshire. Our members include League of Women Voters of New Hampshire, New Hampshire Citizens Alliance, PACE: Public Action for Clean Elections, and many individuals across the state, including Doris Granny D Haddock--who is here with us now--former governor Walter Peterson, as well as many legislators. Altogether, our organizations represent about 12,000 people.

Coalition for Open Democracy supports SB157 because making our ballots fair and constitutional will improve our democracy. The Citizen Funded Election Task Force in the amendment to SB157 will help move our state one step closer to campaign finance reforms that will help break the link between large campaign contributions and public policy, thus helping restore the electorate's faith in the integrity of our democracy.

Our coalition is convinced that because the primacy effect can and does change election outcomes, it is a priority problem that must be addressed in the manner SB157 proposes. Yet we also take the secretary of state's concerns about the bill very seriously. Two of us met with David Scanlan and Anthony Stevens for over an hour to hear and understand those concerns. We believe that none of them should be insurmountable, and can provide the committee with written testimony on these points if it would be useful.

As many of you know, Coalition for Open Democracy's priority issue has been public funding of state elections in New Hampshire. We all can imagine the benefits of a system of campaign financing that will enable any qualified candidate to run a competitive campaign for elected office, not just those with access to money. Voters get more choice, elections become contests of ideas not fundraising, and we get a wider diversity of talent and perspective at the policy table. Once elected, officials are accountable only to voters, not donors; no longer distracted from the people's business by the endless need to raise money, public servants can focus on the job they were elected to do.

Last year, HB794 established a bipartisan commission of public funding advocates to recommend a way for publicly funded elections to be implemented in our state. The public-private hybrid model recommended by the commission takes into account lessons learned in other states like Maine and Arizona, and improves upon their models by recognizing the democratic value of the latest advances in small dollar fundraising over the internet. For example, senate candidates who qualify for the program and agree to accept no contributions over \$25, and only from New Hampshire voters, would receive a limited amount of public matching funds, enough for an unknown candidate to run a competitive race. COD has spoken with many policymakers here in NH and this model is well-received because it limits the cost to the state, allows a role for people's contributions to the candidates they like, while taking the big money – the money that carries undue influence – out of politics.

We know there is broad and growing support, here in New Hampshire, and nationally, for such a system. A majority of our legislators claim to support it, the secretary of state strongly supports it, and the governor has shown some support. Three quarters of New Hampshire voters support public funding of elections. A new national poll shows that a vast majority of American voters from all political parties

see the connection between our broken campaign finance system and our current economic crisis--and see a hybrid public-private elections financing system as the solution. Nearly 3/4--76% of Democrats and 74% of Republicans--believe that campaign contributions to members of Congress were a major factor in the current financial crisis on Wall Street. Roughly 4 out of 5 voter see large campaign contributions as a roadblock to solving our most pressing economic issues. 67% of voters nationally support a solution just like the one recommended by the commission for New Hampshire. I'm happy to email anyone a copy of these poll results--pass around sheet for email.

Just a few months ago, I imagined I would be testifying here today in support of a pilot program of publicly funded elections for state senate races. With a very modest investment of \$400,000 a year, we'd be on the way to joining Maine, Arizona and Connecticut in getting big special interest money out of politics, and making votes, not dollars, the currency of our democracy. We'd be on the way to joining the many other states and cities that have some form of public funding or that are also working to establish it. Think Illinois. But then the recession hit and even the most ardent advocates of reform said we must wait.

Though not the pilot program we'd hoped for, creating this task force will be a solid step forward this year. The task force will take up where the commission left off. Unlike the commission, the task force includes legislators--in fact, a majority of legislators--who can translate policy recommendations into proposals for actual legislation. Unlike the commission, which operated last fall, when everyone--especially legislators--was concentrating on the election, the task force will be able to get necessary information and input from legislators, the secretary of state and the public. Having these conversations in meetings and public hearings around the state will result in a strong proposal for viable legislation, because all interested parties have contributed. The task force process will make this issue a real priority--which means not some utopian concept easy to support in principle, but a real system with real funding, working in our state by 2012.

It's time for this. It's past time. New Hampshire has been ready and waiting for this for over ten years. People want to believe in the integrity of the political process, but they know they have good reason not to. People are disgusted and disillusioned by the role of money in our politics and want change. This transcends partisan politics--one of the most telling findings of that new national poll is that, on question after question, only five points separate the views of Democrats, Republicans and Independents--and this up in the range of three quarters of the electorate. This is not a partisan issue. When 67% of voters nationally support public funding of elections, when more than 85% of the Maine legislature is elected this way, when the system is popular and working in other states, this was the year for New Hampshire to step up. Let's at least take a step in the right direction.

Finally, one quick note on the other bills you're hearing today. We support CACR9 for all the reasons mentioned, but especially because it will make public funding of gubernatorial elections more affordable, and it might help place some divide between governing and fundraising. On SB116, we accept the fairness rationale, but note that there was surely a good reason for the ban it overturns, and that Citizen Funded Elections will help solve that problem.

I thank the members of this committee who have led the way on campaign finance reform, year-in and year-out, and urge your support for the Citizen Funded Election Task Force and for the ballot fairness measures in SB157.

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Re: SB 157

Dear Rep. Clemons and Members of the Committee:

As Chair of the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Public Funding of State Election Campaigns, created by the last legislature, which conducted hearings last fall and produced what we believe was a thorough and credible report, I am writing to you in support of Senate Bill 157. I regret that a meeting in New York City prevents my addressing you personally today on this issue.

Senate Bill 157 with the amendment creating the Citizen Funded Elections Task Force, will allow continuation of the work done by the above-referenced Commission. While the Commission was able to propose a structure and state principles for public funded state election campaigns in New Hampshire, further work to fill in details needs to be done. Further, while the Commission report favored action by the present legislature to create and fund at least a pilot program, the fiscal situation seems to have made that politically unlikely. Passing SB 157 will keep the effort and momentum going. The members of our Commission put in countless hours, created a good report (which I hope members of your Committee have read or will be able to read), and hope that it does not become one more study consigned to a shelf somewhere. Publicly funded election campaigns are a good idea, and passing SB 157 will keep that idea moving ahead.

I urge you to pass SB 157 and would be pleased to have the chance to address your committee on the work of the Commission and related matters if you wish to do so. Thank you for your service to the State of New Hampshire

Sincerely,


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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To Vote. Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. For each office vote for not more than the number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than ____." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.

2. To Vote a Straight Ticket. To vote for all candidates running in the same political party (straight ticket), completely fill in the oval to the right of the party name in the straight ticket section of the ballot. You may vote a straight ticket and also vote for individual candidates from any party. If you vote for an individual candidate, the straight ticket vote for only that office is canceled. If more than one candidate is to be elected for an office, you must mark each of your choices for that office. If you vote a straight ticket

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OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
DERRY
GENERAL ELECTION
November 2, 2004**



Wesley Barber
SECRETARY OF STATE

STRAIGHT TICKET
REPUBLICAN
For all candidates of this party fill in the oval

STRAIGHT TICKET
DEMOCRATIC
For all candidates of this party fill in the oval

**For President and Vice President
of the United States**
Vote for not more than **ONE**:

- GEORGE W. BUSH**
REPUBLICAN
- "DICK" CHENEY**
REPUBLICAN
- JOHN F. KERRY**
DEMOCRATIC
- JOHN EDWARDS**
DEMOCRATIC
- RALPH NADER**
INDEPENDENT
- PETER MIGUEL CAMEJO**
INDEPENDENT

WRITE-IN

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Vote for not more than **ONE**:

- CRAIG R. BENSON**
REPUBLICAN
- JOHN LYNCH**
DEMOCRATIC

WRITE-IN

For United States Senator
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- JUDD GREGG**
REPUBLICAN
- DORIS GRANNY D HADDOCK**
DEMOCRATIC

WRITE-IN

For Representative in Congress
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- JEB BRADLEY**
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- JUSTIN NADEAU**
DEMOCRATIC

WRITE-IN

For Executive Councilor
Vote for not more than **ONE**:

- RAYMOND J. WIECZOREK**
REPUBLICAN
- RAYMOND BUCKLEY**
DEMOCRATIC

WRITE-IN

For State Senator
Vote for not more than **ONE**:

- "BOB" LETOURNEAU**
REPUBLICAN
- GRACE L. REISDORF**
DEMOCRATIC

WRITE-IN

For State Representatives
Vote for not more than **ELEVEN (11)**:

- JOHN "JACK" DOWD**
REPUBLICAN
- PATRICIA "PAT" DOWLING**
REPUBLICAN
- "BOB" FESH**
REPUBLICAN
- KENNETH H. GOULD**
REPUBLICAN
- PAUL R. HOPFGARTEN**
REPUBLICAN
- GEORGE N. KATSAKIORES**
REPUBLICAN
- PHYLLIS M. KATSAKIORES**
REPUBLICAN
- "HOWIE" LUND**
REPUBLICAN
- JAMES B. RAUSCH**
REPUBLICAN
- ROBERT W. WILEY**
REPUBLICAN
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DEMOCRATIC
- "CONNIE" DIMMOCK**
DEMOCRATIC
- JOSEPH DONAHUE**
DEMOCRATIC
- MARY A. EISNER**
DEMOCRATIC
- "CHRIS" O'NEILL**
DEMOCRATIC
- LISA O'NEILL**
DEMOCRATIC
- JOSEPH PARODI**
DEMOCRATIC
- CHARLES ZOELLER**
DEMOCRATIC

For Sheriff
Vote for not more than **ONE**:

- "DAN" LINEHAN**
REPUBLICAN
- BRETT ANTUL-CABRAL**
DEMOCRATIC

WRITE-IN

For County Attorney
Vote for not more than **ONE**:

- "JIM" REAMS**
REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC

WRITE-IN

For County Treasurer
Vote for not more than **ONE**:

- EDWARD R. BUCK III**
REPUBLICAN
- DAVID AHEARN**
DEMOCRATIC

WRITE-IN

For Register of Deeds
Vote for not more than **ONE**:

- CATHY STACEY**
REPUBLICAN
- "HERB" MOYER**
DEMOCRATIC

WRITE-IN

For Register of Probate
Vote for not more than **ONE**:

- ANDREW CHRISTIE, JR.**
REPUBLICAN
- DEBRA CRAPO**
DEMOCRATIC

WRITE-IN

For County Commissioner
Vote for not more than **ONE**:

- "DON" STRITCH**
REPUBLICAN
- RUTH-ELLEN POST**
DEMOCRATIC

WRITE-IN

**Question Relating to
Constitutional Amendment
Proposed by the 2004 General Court**

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(This question is submitted to the voters by the 2004 Legislature on votes of 256 to 69 in the House of Representatives and 18 to 6 in the Senate. CACR 5)

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Simple random whole number generator for selecting one candidate's name to go first in a list of candidates or in the first name order rotation.

Each time the **F9** key is hit, a new list of random numbers for each list size is generated between 1 and the total number of candidates in the list. If this doesn't work on your copy of EXCEL, see instructions below on how to add-in this function from Microsoft Excel Help.

Number of candidates in a list.	Random # generated to select one candidate from a regular alphabetical list to go first in a ballot name order list or the first name order rotation.
2	2
3	1
4	3
5	1
6	6
7	1
8	2
9	5
10	3
11	2
12	6
13	3
14	10
15	3
16	11
17	15
18	7
19	6
20	7
21	6
22	18
23	1
24	11
25	13
26	4
27	1
28	25
29	24
30	13
31	18
32	20
33	16
34	26
35	23
36	35
37	22
38	8
39	18
40	18
41	19
42	42
43	14
44	37

RANDBETWEEN

Returns a random number between the numbers you specify. A new random number is returned every time the worksheet is calculated. If this function is not available, and returns the #NAME? error, install and load the Analysis ToolPak add-in.

How?

1. On the **Tools** menu, click **Add-Ins**.
2. In the **Add-Ins available** list, select the **Analysis ToolPak** box, and then click OK.
3. If necessary, follow the instructions in the setup program.

Syntax

RANDBETWEEN(bottom,top)

Bottom is the smallest integer RANDBETWEEN will return.

Top is the largest integer RANDBETWEEN will return.

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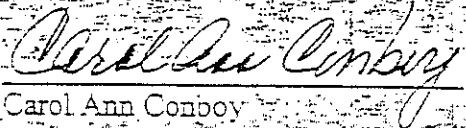
election process. However, here, as in *Akins*, the State has failed to demonstrate that listing candidates according to the KABC plan is necessary to the creation of a manageable ballot. The State has proffered nothing to support the proposition that a KLMN arrangement would be less manageable or that voters would be unable to locate candidates or otherwise be confused.

Moreover, there are alternative plans that would withstand strict judicial scrutiny. For example, the KLMN plan to which the petitioners do not object, would address the Supreme Court's primacy concerns by arranging the candidates' names beginning with a randomly selected letter and continuing from that letter in alphabetical order. There are also nondiscriminatory methods of ballot arrangement described in *Akins* that other states have used to generate candidate lists wherein candidate names are selected randomly or rotated equitably in order to avoid any discriminatory effect. See id.

The court finds that the KABC plan regarding the listing of candidates' names violates candidates' equal rights to be elected as guaranteed by Part I, Article 11 of the New Hampshire Constitution. Accordingly, the court GRANTS the petitioners' request for a preliminary injunction and the Secretary of State is hereby enjoined from implementing his proposed KABC plan.

So ordered.

September 28, 2006


Carol Ann Conboy
Presiding Justice

STATE

MERRIMACK COUNTY

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Derry	34,200					
Salem		29,703				
Merrimack			26,297			
Hudson			24,608			
Londonderry		24,590				
Bedford	20,856					
Goffstown	17,688					
Hampton		15,185				
Milford			14,965			
Exeter			14,533			
Durham		13,985				
Hooksett	13,218			13,218		
Windham	12,682					
Pelham		12,440				
Amherst			11,563			
Hanover			10,896			
Raymond		10,786				
Nashua 8	10,188					
Nashua 4	9,808					
Nashua 2		9,704				
Nashua 3			9,698			
Nashua 5			9,625			
Nashua 9		9,578				
Nashua 1	9,551					
Nashua 6	9,387					
Newmarket		9,314				
Conway			9,201			
Manchester 2			9,073			
Manchester 7		9,070				
Nashua 7	9,066					
Manchester 5	9,062					
Manchester 1		9,033				
Manchester 3			9,013			
Manchester 6			8,986			
Weare		8,952				
Manchester 8	8,921					
Manchester 4	8,900					
Manchester 9		8,846				
Hampstead			8,739			
Manchester 10			8,715			
Manchester 11		8,708				
Manchester 12	8,679					
Seabrook	8,477					
Litchfield		8,408				
Barrington			8,354			
Bow			7,748			7,748
Plaistow		7,664				
Hollis	7,576					
Gilford	7,338					
Pembroke		7,308			7,308	
Stratham			7,193			
Belmont			7,177			
Swanzey		7,175				
Farmington	6,883					
Plymouth	6,473					
Atkinson		6,468				
Meredith			6,449			
Newport			6,344			
Wolfeboro		6,341				
Rindge	6,331					
Littleton	6,313					
Peterborough		6,186				

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Kingston			6,161			
Epping			6,053			
Portsmouth 4		5,945				
Sandown	5,927					
Keene 5	5,810					
Hillsborough		5,779				
Jaffrey			5,722			
Hopkinton			5,590			5,590
Rye		5,171				
New Boston	5,110					
Loudon	5,105			5,105		
New Ipswich		5,093				
Auburn			5,092			
Northfield			5,064			5,064
Alton		5,054				
Allenstown	5,012			5,012		
Henniker	4,922			4,922		
Moultonborough		4,897				
Charlestown			4,874			
Brookline			4,858			
Enfield		4,845				
Wakefield	4,834					
Rochester 3	4,833					
Rochester 5		4,754				
Rochester 1			4,746			
Rochester 2			4,734			
Rochester 6		4,716				
Haverhill	4,709					
Rochester 4	4,678					
Ossipee		4,651				
Epsom			4,622			4,622
Chester			4,617			
Milton		4,604				
Claremont 1	4,589					
Keene 1	4,584					
Keene 3		4,547				
Barnstead			4,542			
Newton			4,526			
Dover 1		4,518				
Dover 6	4,504					
Lebanon 2	4,492					
Dover 5		4,492				
Dover 2			4,480			
Dover 4			4,479			
Nottingham		4,466				
Keene 2	4,464					
North Hampton	4,439					
Portsmouth 5		4,435				
Lebanon 1			4,425			
Claremont 2			4,417			
Danville		4,417				
Lee	4,412					
Dover 3	4,411					
Portsmouth 2		4,391				
New London			4,372			4,372
Pittsfield			4,353			4,353
Deerfield		4,349				
Winchester	4,342					
Hinsdale	4,278					
Concord 3		4,228			4,228	
Concord 5			4,210			4,210
Concord 1			4,191			4,191

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A B C A B C

Concord 2		4,175			4,175
Brentwood	4,160				
Concord 10	4,159			4,159	
Claremont 3		4,145			
Fremont			4,144		
Candia			4,100		
Northwood		4,062			
Wilton	4,049				
Concord 8	4,029			4,029	
Strafford		3,992			
Concord 9			3,967		3,967
Concord 7			3,950		3,950
Boscawen		3,927			3,927
Concord 4	3,907			3,907	
Concord 6	3,871			3,871	
Chesterfield		3,772			
Walpole			3,679		
Lebanon 3			3,651		
Tilton		3,646			
Canaan	3,589				
Portsmouth 1	3,475				
Gilmanton		3,447			
Lancaster			3,415		
Greenland			3,383		
Sunapee		3,249			
Keene 4	3,158				
Bristol	3,153				
Campton		3,153			
Bartlett			2,938		
Warner			2,938		2,938
Gorham	2,920				
Franklin 1	2,885			2,885	
Sanbornton		2,867			
Franklin 3			2,795		2,795
Laconia 6			2,788		
Berlin 3		2,788			
Laconia 3	2,757				
Laconia 1	2,751				
Franklin 2		2,725			2,725
Laconia 4			2,715		
Laconia 5			2,704		
Laconia 2		2,696			
Rollinsford	2,641				
Tamworth	2,638				
Antrim		2,626			
Berlin 2			2,592		
Dunbarton			2,564		2,564
New Durham		2,563			
Somersworth 1	2,547				
Portsmouth 3	2,538				
Berlin 1		2,515			
Chichester			2,481		2,481
Somersworth 3			2,470		
Bethlehem		2,461			
Grantham	2,458				
Northumberland	2,442				
Berlin 4		2,436			
Colebrook			2,427		
Plainfield			2,410		
Mont Vernon		2,370			
Tuftonboro	2,340				
Madison	2,271				

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Fitzwilliam		2,264			
Greenville			2,262		
Somersworth 4			2,258		
Canterbury		2,248			2,248
East Kingston	2,222				
Andover	2,215			2,215	
Somersworth 2		2,177			
New Hampton			2,151		
Thornton			2,140		
Kensington		2,091			
Whitefield	2,089				
Marlborough	2,087				
Hampton Falls		2,080			
Deering			2,065		
Newbury			2,039		2,039
Troy		2,034			
Ashland	2,033				
Somersworth 5	2,025				
Alstead		2,013			
Holderness			2,007		
Westmoreland			1,860		
Hancock		1,816			
Sutton	1,792			1,792	
Lyndeborough	1,791				
Greenfield		1,784			
Webster			1,774		1,774
Lisbon			1,713		
Cornish		1,706			
Lyme	1,701				
Unity	1,673				
Newfields		1,650			
Bradford			1,576		1,576
Fracestown			1,575		
Rumney		1,558			
Dublin	1,540				
Temple	1,536				
Alexandria		1,511			
Bennington			1,508		
Effingham			1,467		
Freedom		1,410			
Milan	1,367				
Sandwich	1,366				
Mason		1,330			
Lincoln			1,316		
Wilmot			1,296		1,296
Salisbury		1,270			1,270
Grafton	1,242				
Woodstock	1,199				
Danbury		1,182			1,182
Orford			1,162		
Richmond			1,141		
Lempster		1,100			
Harrisville	1,093				
Center Harbor	1,088				
Jefferson		1,085			
Hill			1,079		1,079
Springfield			1,074		
Bridgewater		1,032			
Franconia	1,028				
Dalton	1,025				
Stoddard		1,023			
Stewartstown			1,022		

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New Castle			1,022			
Stratford		997				
Washington	980					
Bath	963					
Warren		936				
Pittsburg			920			
South Hampton			885			
Jackson		869				
Wentworth	864					
Columbia	846					
Goshen		818				
Monroe			812			
Gilsum			808			
Newington		787				
Sullivan	786					
Carroll	782					
Croydon		770				
Marlow			769			
Surry			741			
Piermont		729				
Albany	688					
Brookfield	677					
Nelson		661				
Sugar Hill			641			
Langdon			629			
Lyman		559				
Hebron	542					
Stark	520					
Groton		510				
Eaton			425			
Randolph			416			
Landaff		401				
Shelburne	383					
Sharon	376					
Dorchester		373				
Dummer			348			
Errol			349			
Clarksville		342				
Benton	335					
Orange	306					
Easton		299				
Waterville Valley			284			
Chatham			279			
Roxbury		247				
Windsor	200					
Ellsworth	88					
Hart's Location		32				
	437,238	432,105	431,229	51,115	27,063	66,609

RANGE

6,009

39,546

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MERRIMACK COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICTS

A B C

District 1			
2	New London		4,372
	Wilmot		1,296
	Danbury	<u>1,182</u>	
		0	1,182
			5,668
District 2			
3	Franklin 1	2,885	
	Franklin 3		2,795
	Franklin 2		2,725
	Hill		<u>1,079</u>
		2,885	2,725
			3,874
District 3			
1	Newbury		2,039
	Sutton	<u>1,792</u>	
		1,792	0
			2,039
District 4			
3	Hopkinton		5,590
	Warner		2,938
	Webster		<u>1,774</u>
		0	0
			10,302
District 5			
2	Henniker	4,922	
	Bradford		<u>1,576</u>
		4,922	0
			1,576
District 6			
6	Northfield		5,064
	Boscawen	3,927	
	Canterbury	2,248	
	Andover	2,215	
	Salisbury		1,270
	Loudon	<u>5105</u>	
		7,320	7,445
			5,064
District 7			
3	Pembroke	7,308	
	Chichester		<u>2,481</u>
		0	7,308
			2,481
District 8			
4	Alienstown	5,012	
	Epsom		4,622
	Pittsfield		4,353
		5,012	0
			8,975
District 9			
4	Hooksett	<u>13,218</u>	
		13,218	

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	District 10			
4	Concord 3		4,228	
	Concord 1			4,191
	Concord 2		4,175	
		0	8,403	4,191
	District 11			
5	Concord 10	4,159		
	Concord 8	4,029		
	Concord 9			3,967
	Concord 4	3,907		
		12,095	0	3,967
	District 12			
4	Concord 7			3,950
	Concord 5			4,210
	Concord 6	3,871		
		3,871	0	8,160
	District 13			
3	Bow			7,748
	Dunbarton			2,564
		0	0	10,312

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DM SCANLAN S.B. 157

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September 2010 - October 2010

September 2010							October 2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
							31						

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 12 - 18	Sep 12	13	14 State Primary	15	16	17 Return of Votes	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sep 19 - 25	Ballot Preparation / Proofing						
	Prepare for Recounts			Recounts			
Sep 26 - Oct 2	Absentee Ballot Printing						
	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2
Oct 3 - 9	Ballot Preparation / Proofing						
	Recounts						
Oct 10 - 16	Absentee Ballot Printing						
			Absentee Ballot Deli			Absentee Ballots to Ballot Law Commise	
Oct 10 - 16	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Ballot Preparation / Proofing			Print Official Ballots			
Oct 10 - 16	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Print Official Ballots						
Oct 10 - 16	To Oct 22 ↻						

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SB 157 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE
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SB 157 FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Secretary of State states this bill as amended by the Senate (Amendment #2009-1002s) will increase state expenditures by \$102,380 in FY 2010, \$131,900 in FY 2011, \$61,760 in FY 2012, and \$43,900 in FY 2013. There will be no fiscal impact on state, county and local revenue or county and local expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes a procedure for the random drawing of a candidate's name for the ordering of names on election ballots, requires the rotation of candidate names and party columns on the ballots, changes the limitations on a candidate designating a name to be placed on the ballot, and establishes a citizen-funded election task force. The Secretary of State claims this bill would require the use of additional name order rotations and additional party column rotations in determining the order of names on state, local, and presidential primary ballots. The Secretary states the proposed legislation will increase the complexity of designing and organizing the ballot and will require automation of ballot design and configuration with a computerized election management system, which will mean startup costs of \$100,000 per year in FY 2010 and FY 2011, and \$12,000 per year thereafter for ongoing maintenance. The Secretary also states the assistance of a part-time Program Assistant I will be needed to help ensure the accuracy of the ballots at various stages of production. The Secretary states the proposed legislation will also require increased staff time for the programming of the AVS accessible voting system, at a cost of \$10,000 per election. Additionally, the Secretary claims the reinstatement of the name order rotation on the presidential primary ballot in calendar year 2012 will increase state expenditures in FY 2012 by an additional \$35,000. The total increase in state expenditures associated with the implementation of the proposed legislation is as follows:

Program Assistant I (Labor Grade 12, Step 1 salary):	\$26,540
Part-time Benefits at 7.65%	<u>2,030</u>
Total	\$28,570
Divided by 12 months	\$2,380 per month - Part-time help

SB 157 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Number of Months of Part-time help	1	5	2	5
Total Costs of Part-time Help	\$2,380	\$11,900	\$4,760	\$11,900
Automated Election Management System	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
AVS Programming @ \$10,000 per election	-	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
<u>Presidential Primary Ballot Rotation</u>	-	-	\$35,000	-
Total Increase in State Expenditures	\$102,380	\$131,900	\$61,760	\$43,900

This bill does not contain an appropriation or establish positions.

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: April 15, 2009

LOB ROOM: 308

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.) **RETAIN**

Moved by Rep. Pierce

Seconded by Rep. Jasper

Vote: 17-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Claudia Chase, Clerk

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.) *retain*

Moved by Rep. *Pierce*

Seconded by Rep. *Jasper*

Vote: *A/1* (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Claudia Chase, Clerk



ELECTION LAW

Bill #: SB 157 Title: relative to the procedure for listing candidates, et

PH Date: 4 / 15 / 2009

Exec Session Date: 4 / 29 / 2009

Motion: retain

Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Clemons, Jane A, Chairman	✓	
Pierce, David M, V Chairman	✓	
Splaine, James R		✓
Chase, Claudia A, Clerk	✓	
Perry, Robert J	✓	
Levesque, Melanie A	✓	
Bartlett, Michael J	✓	
Caron, June M	✓	
Hodges, Kevin D	✓	
Horrigan, Timothy	✓	
Komi, Richard N	✓	
Drisko, Richard B		
Jasper, Shawn N	✓	
Maybeck, Margie L	✓	
Hoelzel, Kathleen M	✓	
Mead, Robert D		
Bates, David	✓	
Comerford, Timothy P	✓	
Doherty, Shaun S	✓	
Scala, Dino A	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	17/1	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: November 17, 2009

LOB ROOM: 308

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. Pierce OLS Document #: 2009 2499h

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Splaine

Seconded by Rep. Levesue

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Claudia Chase, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: November 17, 2009

LOB ROOM: 308

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. *Perre*

OLS Document #: *2009-2499L*

Sponsor: Rep.

OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep.

OLS Document #:

Motions: OTR OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. *Splaine*

Seconded by Rep. *Jusque*

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Claudia Chase, Clerk



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: December 1, 2009

LOB ROOM: 308

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. Election Law	OLS Document #:	2009	2539h
Sponsor: Rep.	OLS Document #:		
Sponsor: Rep.	OLS Document #:		

Motions: OTP OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Pierce

Seconded by Rep. Jasper

Vote: 12-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: NO

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Claudia Chase, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: December 1, 2009

LOB ROOM: 308

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. *Committee Amendment* OLS Document #: *2009-2539h*
Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:
Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Motions: OTP, OTP/A ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. *Purcell*

Seconded by Rep. *Jasper*

Vote: *12/0* (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: NO

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Claudia Chase, Clerk



ELECTION LAW

Bill #: SB 157 Title: relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots.

PH Date: 10 / 20 / 2009 Exec Session Date: 12 / 1 / 09

Motion: _____ Amendment #: 2009-2539 h

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
*Clemons, Jane A, Chairman	X	
*Pierce, David M, V Chairman	X	
*Splaine, James R	X	
*Chase, Claudia A, Clerk	X	
*Perry, Robert J	X	
Levesque, Melanie A		
Bartlett, Michael J		
Caron, June M		
Hodges, Kevin D		
*Horrigan, Timothy	X	
Komi, Richard N		
Drisko, Richard B		
*Jasper, Shawn N	X	
Maybeck, Margie L		
*Hoelzel, Kathleen M	X	
Garcia, Marilinda J		
*Bates, David	X	
*Comerford, Timothy P	X	
Doherty, Shaun S		
Scala, Dino A		
Osborne, Jessie	X	
McMahon, Robert Robert	X	
TOTAL VOTE: <u>12/6</u>		

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: February 04, 2010

LOB ROOM: 210-211

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Motions: OTP OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Foose

Seconded by Rep. Bergin

Vote: 24-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

REGULAR or CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: (Please circle one)

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Robert A. Foose, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 157

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.

DATE: 2-4-10

LOB ROOM: 210-211

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Foose

Seconded by Rep. Bergin

Vote: 24-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

REGULAR or CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: (Please circle one)

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Robert A. Foose, Clerk

FINANCE

Bill #: SB 157 Title: _____

PH Date: 1/1

Exec Session Date: 02/04/2010

Motion: OTF

Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Smith, Marjorie K, Chairman	24	
Nordgren, Sharon, V Chairman Hernandez	23	
Foster, Linda T	1	
Eaton, Daniel A	2	
Baroody, Benjamin C	3	
Benn, Bernard L	4	
Leishman, Peter R	5	
DeJoie, John	6	
Buco, Thomas L	7	
Foose, Robert A, Clerk	8	
Mitchell, Bonnie	9	
Keans, Sandra B	10	
Casey, Kimberley S	11	
Harris, Sandra C	12	
Kurk, Neal M	13	
Scamman, W. Douglas	14	
Anderson, Eric	15	
Emerton, Larry A	16	
Rodeschin, Beverly T	17	
Wendelboe, Fran	18	
Ober, Lynne M	18	1
Dokmo, Cynthia J	19	
Bergin, Peter F	20	
Belvin, William S	21	
Elliott, Robert J	22	
	24	1
TOTAL VOTE:		

Printed: 1/9/2009

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

December 1, 2009

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on ELECTION LAW to which was referred SB157,

AN ACT (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. David M Pierce

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	ELECTION LAW
Bill Number:	SB157
Title:	(New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.
Date:	December 1, 2009
Consent Calendar:	NO
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Part I Article 11 of the New Hampshire Constitution requires that every citizen "has an equal right to be elected to office." The equal right to be elected means that the order of names and columns on the ballot must be randomized. The current name order and column rotation statutes do not provide for this and, therefore, do not guarantee the equal right to be elected. SB 157 randomizes name order and column rotation for the 2010 ballot in order to satisfy the constitutional mandate.

Vote 12-0.

Rep. David M Pierce
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

ELECTION LAW

SB157, (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**
Rep. David M Pierce for ELECTION LAW. Part I Article 11 of the New Hampshire Constitution requires that every citizen "has an equal right to be elected to office." The equal right to be elected means that the order of names and columns on the ballot must be randomized. The current name order and column rotation statutes do not provide for this and, therefore, do not guarantee the equal right to be elected. SB 157 randomizes name order and column rotation for the 2010 ballot in order to satisfy the constitutional mandate. **Vote 12-0.**

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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SB 157

OTP/A

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David Pierce

Jane Clemens

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Election Law
BILL NUMBER: SB 157
TITLE: relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots
DATE: 12/1/09 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
- OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT
- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- RE-REFER
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No. <u>2009-2539 L</u>

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

see attached

COMMITTEE VOTE: 12/0

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Rep. David Pierce
For the Committee

Rep. Jane Chen

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 4, 2010

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on FINANCE to which was referred SB157,
AN ACT (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing
candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-
funded election task force. Having considered the same, report
the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO
PASS.

Rep. Robert A Foose

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	FINANCE
Bill Number:	SB157
Title:	(New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force.
Date:	February 4, 2010
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

With the amendment that the House adopted when this bill came from the policy committee, the secretary of state's office estimated that it could comply with the requirements of the bill for less than \$10,000.

Vote 24-1.

Rep. Robert A Foose
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

FINANCE

SB157, (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Robert A Foose for FINANCE. With the amendment that the House adopted when this bill came from the policy committee, the secretary of state's office estimated that it could comply with the requirements of the bill for less than \$10,000. Vote 24-1.

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Docket of SB157

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots.*Official Docket of SB157:*

Date	Body	Description
1/8/2009	S	Introduced and Referred to Election Law and Veterans' Affairs; SJ 2 , Pg.30
2/5/2009	S	Hearing; March 3, 2009, Room 101, LOB, 8:45 a.m.; SC10
3/24/2009	S	Committee Report; Ought to Pass with Amendment{1002s} (New Title) [03/25/09]; SC16A
3/25/2009	S	Committee Amendment {1002s} (New Title), RC 21Y - 2N, AA; SJ 9 , pgs.138-141
3/25/2009	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment {1002s} (New Title), RC 14Y - 9N, MA; OT3rdg; SJ 9 , pg.141
3/25/2009	S	Passed by Third Reading Resolution; SJ 9 , pg.156
3/26/2009	H	Introduced and Referred to Election Law; HJ 29 , PG.1196
4/1/2009	H	==CANCELLED== Executive Session: 4/15/2009 9:30 AM LOB 308
4/8/2009	H	===CANCELLED=== Public Hearing: 4/14/2009 10:30 AM LOB 304
4/8/2009	H	Public Hearing: 4/21/2009 10:30 AM LOB 308
4/9/2009	H	Executive Session: 4/22/2009 9:30 AM LOB 308 ==RECESSED==
4/22/2009	H	==CONTINUED== Executive Session: 4/29/2009 11:00 AM LOB 308
4/29/2009	H	Retained in Committee
9/29/2009	H	Retained Bill - Subcommittee Work Session: 10/20/2009 11:00 AM LOB 308 =Date Change (Orig 10/14/09)=
10/20/2009	H	Retained Bill - Subcommittee Work Session: 11/4/2009 10:30 AM LOB 308
10/21/2009	H	Retained Bill - Subcommittee Work Session: 11/17/2009 9:00 AM LOB 308
10/22/2009	H	==CANCELLED== Retained Bill - Executive Session: 11/17/2009 9:30 AM LOB 308
11/17/2009	H	Retained Bill - Executive Session: 12/1/2009 9:30 AM LOB 308
12/1/2009	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with AM #2539h (New Title) for Jan 6 RC (vote 12-0); HC 2 , PG.93
12/1/2009	H	Proposed Committee Amendment #2539h (New Title); HC 1 , PG.66-74
1/6/2010	H	Special Ordered to Next Session Date in Regular Calendar Order; HJ 6 , PG.310
1/13/2010	H	Amendment #2539h (New Title) Adopted, VV; HJ 9 , PG.388-395
1/13/2010	H	Ought to Pass with AM #2539h (New Title): MA VV; HJ 9 , PG.388-395
1/13/2010	H	Referred to Finance; HJ 9 , PG.395
1/14/2010	H	Full Committee Work Session: 1/27/2010 10:03 AM LOB 210-211
1/27/2010	H	Full Committee Work Session: 2/2/2010 10:02 AM LOB 210-211
1/28/2010	H	Executive Session: 2/4/2010 10:00 AM LOB 210-211

2/4/2010	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass for Feb 17 CC (vote 24-1); HC 14 , PG.588
2/17/2010	H	Ought to Pass: MA VV; HJ 18 , PG.958
5/19/2010	S	Sen. Lasky Moved Nonconcur with House Amendment 2539h; Requests C of C, MA, VV; SJ 20 , Pg.644
5/19/2010	S	President Appoints: Senators Houde, Lasky and Barnes; SJ 20 , Pg.644
5/19/2010	H	House Accedes to Request for Comm of Conf (Rep Hess): MA VV; HJ 46 , PG.2240
5/19/2010	H	Speaker Appoints: Reps Pierce, Perry, Chase & Jasper; HJ 46 , PG.2240
5/20/2010	S	Committee of Conference Meeting: 5/26/2010 2:30 p.m., Room 103, State House
5/21/2010	H	Conferee Change: Rep Clemons Replaces Rep Chase; HJ 46 , PG.2246
5/26/2010	S	C of C Meeting: == TIME CHANGE == May 26, 2010, Room 103, State House, 3:30 p.m.
5/27/2010	H	Conference Committee Report #2262, House Amendment + New Amendment, Filed; HC 43 , PG.2157
6/2/2010	H	Conference Committee Report #2262 Adopted, VV; HJ 51 , PG.2273-2274
6/2/2010	S	Conference Committee Report 2262; Adopted, VV; SJ 21 , Pg.708
6/2/2010	S	Enrolled Bill Amendment #2427 Adopted; SJ 21 , Pg.744
6/2/2010	H	Enrolled Bill Amendment #2427 Adopted; HJ 51 , PG.2326
6/2/2010	S	Enrolled; SJ 21 , Pg.774
6/2/2010	H	Enrolled; HJ 51 , PG.2332
7/20/2010	S	Signed by the Governor on 07/20/10; Chapter 0330
7/20/2010	S	I. Section 2 Effective as Prov. in Sec. 11
7/20/2010	S	II. Section 10 Effective 1/1/11
7/20/2010	S	III. Section 12 Effective as Prov. in Sec. 13
7/20/2010	S	IV. Remainder Effective 07/20/10

NH House

NH Senate