

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 7, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Election Law to which was referred
HB 1264, establishing ranked-choice voting for state
party primary elections and municipal elections.**

WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Election Law
Bill Number:	HB 1264
Title:	establishing ranked-choice voting for state party primary elections and municipal elections.
Date:	March 7, 2022
Consent Calendar:	Regular Calendar
Recommendation:	WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: This bill as amended by 2022-0769h would allow political parties and municipalities to use ranked-choice voting (RCV) in primaries or local elections, respectively, under certain conditions. Ranked-choice voting allows people to vote for multiple candidates, in order of preference. Instead of just choosing one candidate, voters identify their first choice, second choice, or third choice (or more as needed) for each position. A candidate with the majority (more than 50%) of first-choice votes wins outright. If no candidate gets a majority of first-choice votes, then it triggers a new counting process: the candidate who did the worst is eliminated, and that candidate's voters' ballots are redistributed to their second-choice pick. In other words, if a voter's first-ranked candidate loses and the candidate is eliminated, then citizens' votes still count; they just move to second-choice candidates. That process continues until there is a candidate who has the majority of votes. Ranked-choice voting is used for state primary elections in Alaska and Maine and for local elections in more than 20 major US cities.

This bill as amended would provide that political parties may opt-in to RCV after official approval through party procedures. Municipalities may opt-in to RCV after voters have approved that action through a ballot referendum (or charter amendment, if necessary). The political parties and municipalities may rescind that decision, if they choose do so, at a later time using the same process.

This is enabling legislation. Our political parties should have the right to choose the general election candidates they wish in the manner they wish to use. RCV would save municipalities the cost of conducting primary or run-off elections. And if voters in our municipalities wish to use RCV to elect their local officials, they should be allowed to do so. Approving HB1264, as amended, will give our voters an opportunity to fully express their preferences.

Thank you.

Rep. Paul Bergeron

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill establishes procedures for ranked-choice voting (RCV) for which state parties and municipalities may opt in. The methodology changes voting from selecting a winner that receives the most votes to a winner that receives 50% or more of the votes, if you combine voter's preferences when they rank all candidates. It can result in, and has resulted in, the candidate who receives the most "number one" votes, losing the election. Implementing this legislation is problematic for several reasons. The vote counting machines used in New Hampshire would have to be reprogrammed or replaced with new machines in order to handle the potential for several additional counting "rounds" to determine "active preferences" and to

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Amendment to HB 1264

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 11 with the following:

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3 11 Applicability; Implementation.

4 I. The provisions for ranked choice voting outlined in sections 1-10 of this act shall take
5 effect on January 1, 2023 with respect to state party primaries for state and federal office including
6 the presidential primary, if state parties opt-in, and to municipal elections, if municipalities opt-in.
7 Any state party or municipality may opt-in to the provisions for ranked choice voting without regard
8 for whether any other state party or municipality also opts in. Any state party or municipality that
9 seeks to opt-in to the provisions for ranked-choice voting shall do so at least 90 days before the first
10 election in which such party or municipality seeks to utilize ranked choice voting by providing
11 written notice to the New Hampshire secretary of state.

12 II. In the case of a state party, after official approval through appropriate party procedures,
13 the party chair or designee shall provide such notice to the secretary of state. A state party may
14 consider rescinding its action in the same manner, and if so rescinded, the party chair or designee
15 shall notify the secretary of state at least 90 days before the next primary election, of the decision to
16 rescind their opt-in.

17 III. Any town or city may implement ranked choice voting in the following manner:

18 (a) In a town, the question shall be placed on the warrant of an annual town meeting
19 under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, or by initiative petition or referendum petition if a town
20 charter provides for such, and shall be voted on a ballot.

21 (b) In a city, the legislative body may vote to place the question on the official ballot for
22 any special or regular municipal election, or, in the alternative, shall place the question on the
23 official ballot for any municipal election upon submission to the legislative body of a petition signed
24 by 5 percent of the registered voters.

25 (c) The selectmen or city council shall hold a public hearing on the question at least 15
26 days but not more than 30 days before the question is to be voted on. Notice of the hearing shall be
27 posted in at least 2 public places in the municipality and published either in a newspaper of general
28 circulation or the municipality's Internet website at least 7 days before the hearing.

29 (d) If one or more amendments to a municipal charter are necessary in order to
30 implement ranked choice voting, the charter shall be amended as provided for in RSA 49-B:5.

1 IV. Once passed according to the applicable procedures outlined in subparagraphs III(a) –
2 (d), ranked choice voting shall apply within the town or city beginning with the next municipal
3 election, provided that a town or city designee notifies the New Hampshire secretary of state of their
4 opt-in at least 90 days before said election.

5 V. A town or city may consider rescinding its action in the same manner, and if so rescinded,
6 the city or town clerk shall notify the secretary of state at least 90 days before the next election, of
7 the decision to rescind their opt-in.

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2022 SESSION

Election Law

Bill #: HB 1264

Motion: ITL

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 AM #: 0769

Exec Session Date: 2/23/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Griffin, Barbara J. Chairman	✓		
MacDonald, Wayne D. Vice Chairman	✓		
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine J.	✓		
Sweeney, Joe	✓		
Hayward, Peter F. <i>Mooney</i>	✓		
Torosian, Peter E.	✓		
Berry, Ross	✓		
Groen, Fenton		✓	
Qualey, James R.	✓		
Wells, Natalie J. Clerk	✓		
Alexander, Joe H.	✓		
Cote, David E. <i>Paige</i>		✓	
Ward, Gerald W.R.		✓	
Bergeron, Paul R.		✓	
Sandler, Catt <i>Pimentel</i>		✓	
Hamer, Heidi M.		✓	
Lane, Connie B.		✓	
Freitas, Mary C.		✓	
Hamblet, Joan L.		✓	
Muirhead, Russell		✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	10	10	



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<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Griffin, Barbara J. Chairman		✓	
MacDonald, Wayne D. Vice Chairman		✓	
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine J.		✓	
Sweeney, Joe		✓	
Hayward, Peter T. <i>Mooney</i>		✓	
Torosian, Peter E.		✓	
Berry, Ross		✓	
Groen, Fenton	✓		
Qualey, James R.		✓	
Wells, Natalie J. Clerk		✓	
Alexander, Joe H.		✓	
Cote, David E. <i>Paige</i>	✓		
Ward, Gerald W.R.	✓		
Bergeron, Paul R.	✓		
Sandler, Catt <i>Pimentel</i>	✓		
Hamer, Heidi M.	✓		
Lane, Connie B.	✓		
Freitas, Mary C.	✓		
Hamblet, Joan L.	✓		
Muirhead, Russell	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	10	10	



2022 SESSION

Election Law

Bill #: HB 264 Motion: OTP AM #: 2022-0769h. Exec Session Date: 2/23/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Griffin, Barbara J. Chairman	✓		
MacDonald, Wayne D. Vice Chairman	✓		
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine J.	✓		
Sweeney, Joe	.	✓	
Hayward, Peter T. <u>Mooney</u>		✓	
Torosian, Peter E.		✓	
Berry, Ross		✓	
Groen, Fenton	✓		
Qualey, James R.		✓	
Wells, Natalie J. Clerk	✓		
Alexander, Joe H.		✓	
Cote, David E. <u>Rep Paige</u>	✓		
Ward, Gerald W.R.	✓		
Bergeron, Paul R.	✓		
Sandler, Catt <u>Rep Pimentel</u>	✓		
Hamer, Heidi M.	✓		
Lane, Connie B.	✓		
Freitas, Mary C.	✓		
Hamblet, Joan L.	✓		
Muirhead, Russell	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	14	6	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1264

BILL TITLE: establishing ranked-choice voting for state party primary elections and municipal elections.

DATE: January 13, 2022

LOB ROOM: 306-308

Time Public Hearing Called to Order:

Time Adjourned: 1:13 p.m.

Committee Members: Reps. B. Griffin, Wells, Prudhomme-O'Brien, Sweeney, Hayward, Torosian, Berry, Groen, Qualey, Alexander Jr., Ward, Hamer, Lane, Freitas and Hamblet

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Reed

Rep. Hamblet

Rep. Labranche

Rep. Wilhelm

Rep. Somssich

Rep. Veilleux

Rep. Craig

Rep. Wolf

Rep. T. Lekas

Rep. Wuelper

TESTIMONY

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

HB1264 Presented by Rep Reed

- Example 2016-2020 – 17 candidates Democratic candidate specific with CDI
- 7 candidates real potential. 482 requires Ranked Choice

Question – Rep Muirhead – This bill enables no requirement

Answer – For towns not required, not party primary

*Alvin See – Loudon – Representing myself – Oppose

- Notice on primary – applies for General Election also page 80 Constitution
- Municipal does not specify primary or general.
- If cities do Ranked Choice voting – just cities expense to replace
- _____ party chooses, affects all machines in state
- Could need a fiscal note
- I urge ITL on this bill

*Tiana Coleman

- Point out if you pass this bill, just enabling then municipal would opt in to use same for primaries
- Only if party wants to, only one party can do it.
- Can write warrant article for just one primary or all.
- Parties have no right to opt in because public giving parties opportunity – opt in or not vs 1483 mandate for election.

*Nathan Lockwood

- Prof Wheeler RC voting is bi-partisan

- NH spec benefits democratic delegates – VA republican
- Chose to use RC voting Gov. Yonkin

*Charlotte Progue – Brookline – Voter – In favor

1. I want my vote to count.

RC voting we can all feel lets empower voters in RC voting

Rep Hamblet – Testimony – waved off speaking

House Remote Testify

Election Law Committee Testify List for Bill HB1264 on 2022-01-13

Support: 9 Oppose: 3 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Kudlik, Cindy	Grafton, NH CindyKudlik@protonmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/9/2022 1:41 AM
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HOUSE BILL **1264**

AN ACT establishing ranked-choice voting for state party primary elections and municipal elections.

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COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes procedures for ranked-choice voting for which state parties and municipalities may opt in.

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

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT establishing ranked-choice voting for state party primary elections and municipal elections.

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

1 1 New Section; Ranked-Choice Voting. Amend RSA 652 by inserting after section 16-h the
2 following new section:

3 652:16-i Ranked-Choice Voting. "Ranked-choice voting" means the method of casting and
4 tabulating votes in which voters rank candidates in order of choice and tabulation proceeds in
5 rounds, as follows:

6 I. Pursuant to RSA 659:61-b to determine which candidate in a state primary or general
7 election has a plurality of votes for the election to a single-seat office, including office in a single-
8 member representative district.

9 II. Pursuant to RSA 659:61-c to determine which candidates in a state primary or general
10 election have a plurality of votes for the election to an office in a multi-member representative
11 district.

12 III. Pursuant to RSA 659:61-d to determine which candidates in a presidential primary
13 election have received a certain minimum percentage of votes.

14 2 Voting Materials. Amend RSA 656:6 to read as follows:

15 656:6 Designation of Office. Immediately to the left of the set of party columns shall be an
16 offices column which shall list the offices, each preceded by the word "For," for which the candidates
17 whose names are listed in the party columns have been nominated, as in "For Governor[-]" ***or, in the***
18 ***case of multi-representative districts in an election using ranked-choice voting, "For***
19 ***election of [here insert number to be elected] Representatives."*** Below each such phrase shall
20 be printed in small but easily legible letters "Vote for not more than ____ (here insert a number
21 designating how many persons are to be voted for)[-]," ***or in the case of an election using ranked-***
22 ***choice voting, "Rank candidates in order of preference."***

23 3 Ballot Counting Devices; Testing. Amend RSA 656:42, VIII(e)(4) to read as follows:

24 (4) The town or city clerk shall mark the test ballots in such a way as to demonstrate
25 a vote for each candidate on at least one test ballot, as well as votes for less than and more than the
26 number of candidates that may be voted for an office, write-ins, multiple votes for a candidate who
27 appears in more than one party column for the same office on a general election ballot, and ballots on
28 which there are no votes. The clerk shall mark ~~[as many as possible of the combinations of choices~~
29 ~~that a voter may indicate on the ballot.]~~ ***as many variations or rankings as are reasonably***
30 ***necessary to demonstrate the accuracy of the device.***

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1 4 Marking the Ballot; Instructions to Voters. Amend RSA 659:17 to read as follows:

2 659:17 Marking the Ballot; Instructions to Voters. The secretary of state shall provide on the
3 top of the general election ballot the following voting instructions. The secretary of state is
4 authorized to replace the phrase "Make the appropriate mark" with an appropriate description and
5 example of the mark to be made for the type of ballot in use, such as "Make a cross (X) in the box,"
6 "Completely fill in the oval," or "Complete the arrow"[=], **or in the case of an election using**
7 **ranked-choice voting, how to "Rank candidates in order of preference," such as "Completely**
8 **fill in the oval":**

9 1) To Vote

10 Make the appropriate mark to the right of your choice. For each office vote for not more than the
11 number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than ____." If you vote for more than
12 the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted. **For elections using**
13 **ranked-choice voting, rank the candidates in the order of your preference. If you vote for**
14 **more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted or,**
15 **in the case of ranked-choice voting, this means that each ranking may only be used once.**

16 2) To Vote by Write-In

17 To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the
18 "write-in" space. Make the appropriate mark to the right of your choice.

19 5 Optional Counting of Votes at Additional Polling Places. Amend RSA 659:59 to read as
20 follows:

21 659:59 Optional Counting of Votes at Additional Polling Places. The moderator may order the
22 assistant moderator in writing to process absentee ballots and to count the votes cast at the
23 additional polling place in the presence of and with the assistance of the assistant town clerk and
24 election officials in the manner prescribed by this chapter. **The counting of votes in elections**
25 **using ranked-choice voting at an additional polling place shall be coordinated with the**
26 **counting at the central polling place in order to facilitate counting by the ranked-choice**
27 **method described in RSA 659:61-a.** After the processing of absentee ballots and the counting are
28 complete, the assistant moderator shall place the counted ballots in the ballot box and shall seal it,
29 and the assistant town clerk shall certify the same. The assistant moderator shall also seal in a
30 package the duplicate checklists used at the additional polling place together with the absentee
31 envelopes and the spoiled and unused ballots; and he **or she**, together with the assistant town clerk,
32 shall immediately deliver the ballot box, checklists, absentee envelopes, unused and spoiled ballots,
33 and a written report of [his] **the** count signed by [him] **the assistant moderator** and the assistant
34 town clerk to the moderator of the town at the central polling place. If the moderator does not order
35 the counting as provided herein, the assistant moderator shall comply with the provisions of RSA
36 659:62.

1 6 New Sections; Determination of Winner in Election for an Office Elected by Ranked-Choice
2 Voting. Amend RSA 659 by inserting after section 61 the following new sections:

3 659:61-a Definitions Applied to Ranked-Choice Voting.

4 I. As used in this section and in RSA 659:61-b through RSA 659:61-d, unless the context
5 otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

6 (a) "Active preference" means the highest continuing ranking on a continuing ballot.

7 (b) "Batch elimination" means the simultaneous defeat of multiple candidates because,
8 with respect to such candidates, one of the following applies:

9 (1) The candidate cannot be elected because the candidate's active preference total in
10 a round of the ranked-choice voting tabulation plus the total of all continuing ballots that could
11 possibly be transferred to the candidate in future rounds from candidates with fewer active
12 preferences or an equal number of active preferences would not be enough to surpass the candidate
13 with the next higher active preference total in the round.

14 (2) The candidate has a lower active preference total than a candidate described in
15 subparagraph (1).

16 (c) "Continuing ballot" means a ballot that is not an exhausted ballot.

17 (d) "Continuing candidate" means a candidate who has not been defeated or, in a multi-
18 member representative district, who is not an elected candidate.

19 (e) "Elected candidate" means a candidate determined to be a winner in a multi-member
20 representative district.

21 (f) "Election threshold" means the number of active preferences sufficient for a candidate
22 to be elected in a multi-member representative district, equal to the quotient of the number of
23 continuing ballots in the first round of counting divided by the number of candidates to be elected in
24 a particular multi-member representative district plus one, such quotient rounded down to the
25 nearest whole number, plus one.

26 (g) "Excess preferences" means, for each candidate who becomes an elected candidate in
27 a particular round, the positive difference between such elected candidate's total number of active
28 preferences and the election threshold.

29 (h) "Exhausted ballot" means a ballot that does not rank any continuing candidate,
30 contains an overvote at the highest continuing ranking, or contains 2 or more sequential skipped
31 rankings before its highest continuing ranking.

32 (i) "Highest continuing ranking" means the highest ranking on a voter's ballot for a
33 continuing candidate.

34 (j) "Last-place candidate" means the candidate with the lowest active preference total in
35 a round of the ranked-choice voting tabulation or any other candidate subject to batch elimination.

1 (k) "Minimum percentage of votes" means a percentage threshold reported by a political
2 party to the secretary of state not less than 60 days prior to a presidential primary election, above
3 which all continuing candidates shall be apportioned delegates.

4 (l) "Overvote" means a circumstance in which a voter has ranked more than one
5 candidate at the same ranking.

6 (m) "Ranking" means the number assigned on a ballot by a voter to a candidate to
7 express the voter's preference for that candidate. Ranking number one is the highest ranking,
8 ranking number 2 is the next-highest ranking and so on.

9 (n) "Round" means an instance of the sequence of voting tabulation steps established in
10 RSA 659:61-b.

11 (o) "Skipped ranking" means a circumstance in which a voter has left a ranking blank
12 and ranks a candidate at a subsequent ranking.

13 (p) "Transfer ratio" means for each elected candidate in a particular round, the quotient
14 of the excess preferences for such elected candidate divided by the number of active preferences for
15 such candidate.

16 (q) "Transfer value" means the proportion of an active preference that a ballot will
17 contribute to its highest continuing ranking. Each ballot begins with a transfer value of 1 and is
18 subsequently multiplied by the applicable transfer ratio.

19 659:61-b Determination of Winner in Elections for an Office Elected by Ranked Choice Voting;
20 Single Seat Offices.

21 I. Except as provided in paragraphs II and III, the following procedures shall be used to
22 determine which candidate has the plurality of votes for purposes of identifying the winner in an
23 state primary election and a state general election for a single seat office by ranked-choice voting.
24 Tabulation shall proceed in rounds. In each round, the number of active preferences for each
25 continuing candidate shall be counted. Each continuing ballot counts as one active preference for its
26 highest-ranked continuing candidate for that round. Exhausted ballots are not counted for any
27 continuing candidate. The round then ends with one of the following 2 potential outcomes:

28 (a) If there are 2 or fewer continuing candidates, the candidate with the most active
29 preferences is determined to be the person receiving the plurality of votes and is declared the winner
30 of the election.

31 (b) If there are more than 2 continuing candidates, the last-place candidate, or
32 candidates, is defeated and a new round begins.

33 II. If 2 or more last-place candidates are tied and batch elimination does not apply, the last-
34 place candidate who was credited with the fewest active preferences in the prior round shall be
35 declared defeated. If 2 or more of such tied candidates were tied in the prior round also, the second
36 tie shall be decided by referring similarly to the standing of candidates, in terms of active
37 preferences, in the second-prior round. This principle shall be applied successively as many times as

1 may be necessary; a tie shown in any prior round being decided by referring to the standing of the
2 tied candidates in the round immediately preceding the round in which the tie exists. Any tie not
3 otherwise provided for shall be decided by lot.

4 III. Two or more candidates may be defeated simultaneously by batch elimination in any
5 round of tabulation.

6 IV. For purposes of determining the eligibility of and status as political parties, the number
7 of votes cast for a party's or political organization's candidate in a state general election is the
8 number of active preferences credited to that candidate after the initial counting in the first round
9 described in paragraph I.

10 659:61-c Determination of Winners in Elections for Offices Elected by Ranked-Choice Voting;
11 Multi-Member Representative Districts.

12 I. Except as provided in paragraphs II and III, the following procedures shall be used to
13 determine which candidates have the plurality of votes for purposes of identifying the winners in a
14 state primary election and a state general election in a multi-member representative district.
15 Tabulation shall proceed in rounds. In each round, the number of active preferences for each
16 continuing candidate shall be counted. Each continuing ballot counts as an active preference at its
17 transfer value for its highest-ranked continuing candidate for that round. Exhausted ballots are not
18 counted for any continuing candidate. The round then ends with one of the following 3 potential
19 outcomes, to be tested sequentially:

20 (a) If one or more continuing candidates have a number of active preferences that are
21 greater than or equal to the election threshold, such candidates are determined to be winners of the
22 election by a plurality of votes. If the number of candidates determined to have been winners of the
23 election, collectively and in any round, equals the number of members to be elected in a particular
24 multi-member representative district, the tabulation shall then cease. If the number of candidates
25 determined to have been winners of the election, collectively and in any round, is less than the
26 number of members to be elected in a particular multi-member representative district, then the
27 transfer values of the active preferences for the elected candidates in the current round are
28 calculated and a new round begins.

29 (b) If the number of continuing candidates plus elected candidates equals the number of
30 members to be elected in a particular multi-member representative district, then all remaining
31 continuing candidates shall be determined to be winners of the election by a plurality of votes and
32 the tabulation shall then cease.

33 (c) If no continuing candidate has received a number of active preferences that are
34 greater than or equal to the election threshold, then the last-place candidate, or candidates, is
35 defeated and a new round begins.

36 II. If 2 or more last-place candidates are tied and batch elimination does not apply, the last-
37 place candidate who was credited with the fewest active preferences in the prior round shall be

1 declared defeated. If 2 or more of such tied candidates were tied in the prior round also, the second
2 tie shall be decided by referring similarly to the standing of candidates, in terms of active
3 preferences, in the second-prior round. This principle shall be applied successively as many times as
4 may be necessary, a tie shown in any prior round being decided by referring to the standing of the
5 tied candidates in the round immediately preceding the round in which the tie exists. Any tie not
6 otherwise provided for shall be decided by lot.

7 III. Two or more candidates may be defeated simultaneously by batch elimination in any
8 round of tabulation.

9 659:61-d Presidential Primaries; Determining the Minimum Percentage of Votes.

10 I. Preferences for party candidates to national party conventions, as provided for in RSA
11 653:5, shall be determined using ranked-choice voting pursuant to this section. Tabulation shall
12 proceed in rounds. In each round, the number of active preferences for each continuing candidate
13 shall be counted. Each continuing ballot counts as one active preference for its highest-ranked
14 continuing candidate for that round. Exhausted ballots are not counted for any continuing
15 candidate. The round then ends with one of the following 2 potential outcomes:

16 (a) All continuing candidates have received a sufficient number of active preferences
17 such that the quotient of each candidate's active preferences, divided by the number of continuing
18 ballots in the applicable round, is greater than or equal to the minimum percentage of votes, in
19 which case the tabulation shall cease and the secretary of state shall report to the applicable
20 political party the names of the continuing candidates and the number of active preferences received
21 by them in the final round.

22 (b) At least one continuing candidate has received a number of active preferences such
23 that the quotient of such candidate's active preferences, divided by the number of continuing ballots
24 in the applicable round, is less than the minimum percentage of votes, in which case the last-place
25 candidate is eliminated and a new round begins.

26 II. If 2 or more last-place candidates are tied, the last-place candidate who was credited with
27 the fewest active preferences in the prior round shall be declared eliminated. If 2 or more of such
28 tied candidates were tied in the prior round also, the second tie shall be decided by referring
29 similarly to the standing of candidates, in terms of active preferences, in the second-prior round.
30 This principle shall be applied successively as many times as may be necessary, a tie shown in any
31 prior round being decided by referring to the standing of the tied candidates in the round
32 immediately preceding the round in which the tie exists. Any tie not otherwise provided for shall be
33 decided by lot.

34 7 Content of Return. Amend RSA 659:73, I(a) to read as follows:

35 (a) The name of each candidate printed on the ballot and the number of votes that
36 candidate received for the listed office including any write-in votes for the same office on the same
37 ballot where the voter did not mark the printed candidate name. *In an election using ranked-*

1 *choice voting, the vote count shall be the number of active preference votes for the*
2 *candidate at the conclusion of counting by the ranked-choice method described in RSA*
3 *659:61-a through RSA 659:61-d.*

4 8 General Election; Canvas and Declaration. Amend RSA 659:81 to read as follows:

5 659:81 Canvass and Declaration Generally. Except as provided in RSA 659:82, when the
6 secretary of state has received the returns for an office from all towns or wards comprising the
7 elective district for that office, he *or she* shall examine, record and total such returns and shall
8 declare elected to the office the same number of persons as the number of officers to which the
9 district is entitled; provided that those persons declared officers-elect shall be those persons who
10 received the highest number of votes cast for said office[-], *or in an election using ranked-choice*
11 *voting the highest number of active preferences at the conclusion of counting by the*
12 *ranked-choice method described in RSA 659:61-a through RSA 659:61-d.*

13 9 Primary Election; Canvas and Declaration. Amend RSA 659:86 to read as follows:

14 659:86 Canvass and Declaration Generally. Except as provided in RSA 659:87, when, for each
15 political party having an official state primary election ballot, the secretary of state has received the
16 returns for a nomination from all towns or wards comprising the elective district for that office, he *or*
17 *she* shall examine, record and total such returns and, for each political party, shall declare
18 nominated for the office the same number of persons as the number of officers to which the district is
19 entitled; provided that those persons declared nominated for the office shall be those persons who, on
20 each party ballot, received the highest number of votes cast for the office, except as provided in RSA
21 659:91. *In a state primary election, the nominees shall be those persons with the highest*
22 *number of active preferences at the conclusion of counting by the ranked-choice method*
23 *described in RSA 659:61-a through RSA 659:61-d.*

24 10 Nominations. Amend RSA 659:88, II to read as follows:

25 II. If a person is disqualified from a nomination in accordance with the provisions of
26 paragraph I, then the nomination shall be awarded to the qualified person who received the highest
27 number of votes, provided that person received at least 25 votes or votes equaling 10 percent or more
28 of the total votes cast for that party on the state primary election ballot, whichever is smaller. *In a*
29 *state primary election, the nominee shall be the person with the highest number of active*
30 *preferences at the conclusion of counting by the ranked-choice method described in RSA*
31 *659:61-a through RSA 659:61-d.*

32 11 Applicability. The provisions for ranked choice voting outlined in sections 1-10 of this act
33 shall take effect with respect to state party primaries, if state parties opt in, and to municipal
34 elections, if municipalities opt in, on January 1, 2023. Any state party or municipality may opt in to
35 the provisions for ranked choice voting without regard for whether any other state party or
36 municipality also opts in. Any state party or municipality that seeks to opt in to the provisions for
37 ranked-choice voting shall do so at least 90 days before the election in which such party or

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1 municipality seeks to utilize ranked choice voting by providing written notice the New Hampshire
2 secretary of state.

3 12 Effective Date.

4 I. Sections 1-10 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 11 of this act.

5 II. The remainder shall take effect upon its passage.