



New Hampshire Senate

## News Release

For Immediate Release:

April 6, 2017

Media Contact:

Kate Spiner

(603) 271-3043

[Kate.Spiner@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Kate.Spiner@leg.state.nh.us)

### **Birdsell, Bradley praise solution to town election ratification process**

Concord, NH -Today, the Senate passed a measure to ratify town elections moved due to a March 14, 2017 winter storm.

Senator Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead), chair of Election Law and Internal Affairs, and Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) issued the following statements:

"I am pleased that the Senate passed a workable solution that would allow those towns who moved their town meeting day elections due to the storm on March 14, 2017 to properly ratify the results and adopt bond measures ahead of critical local bonding deadlines," said Senator Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead).

"This solution came by working with communities to address the specific challenges faced by moving an election and will allow results to take effect following a public hearing and a vote of the governing body. This balances the need for towns to quickly ratify election results while giving the voters a voice in the solution through a public meeting," added Birdsell.

"By introducing legislation that narrowly allows for towns to ratify elections moved due to the March 14, 2017 storm," said Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro). "Locally elected officials will now have a path forward to legally implement municipal bonds. I look forward to working with the legislature and the Governor to create a system to make sure the confusion the resulted from the storm does not happen again."

###