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HOUSE BILL **1264**

AN ACT relative to construction of the terms "resident," "inhabitant," "residence,"

and "residency."

SPONSORS: Rep. Packard, Rock. 5; Rep. Hinch, Hills. 21; Rep. J. Graham, Hills. 7;

Rep. Hoelzel, Rock. 3

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the general statutory definitions of "resident or inhabitant" and "residence or residency."

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in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.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

AN ACT relative to construction of the terms "resident," "inhabitant," "residence," and "residency."

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

1 370:1 Statutory Construction; Resident; Inhabitant. Amend RSA 21:6 and 21:6-a to read as follows:

21:6 Resident; Inhabitant. A resident or inhabitant or both of this state and of any city, town, or other political subdivision of this state shall be a person who is domiciled or has a place of abode or both in this state and in any city, town, or other political subdivision of this state, and who has, through all of his *or her* actions, demonstrated a current intent to designate that place of abode as his *or her* principal place of physical presence [for the indefinite future] to the exclusion of all others.

21:6-a Residence. Residence or residency shall mean a person's place of abode or domicile. The place of abode or domicile is that designated by a person as his *or her* principal place of physical presence [for the indefinite future] to the exclusion of all others. Such residence or residency shall not be interrupted or lost by a temporary absence from it, if there is an intent to return to such residence or residency as the principal place of physical presence.

370:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

Approved: July 13, 2018 Effective Date: July 01, 2019