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HOUSE BILL ***539-FN***

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the implementation of Accessible Ballots.

SPONSORS: Rep. Berrien, Rock. 18; Rep. Bunker, Rock. 18; Rep. Gilman, Rock. 18; Rep. Hoelzel, Rock. 3; Rep. Ward, Rock. 28; Rep. Porter, Hills. 1

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

AMENDED ANALYSIS

 This bill establishes a committee to study the implementation of the Accessible Ballot in municipal elections.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the implementation of Accessible Ballots.

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

1 262:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the feasibility of the
2 use of existing technology to implement the Accessible Ballots in New Hampshire municipal
3 elections.

4 262:2 Membership and Compensation.

5 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

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

8 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

9 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
10 the duties of the committee.

11 262:3 Duties. The committee shall:

12 I. Study the potential use of the Accessible Ballots technology by the electorate, the
13 availability of and access to appropriate hardware and software, municipal administration of the
14 technology, municipal interest in using the technology, legal conflicts to the use of this technology,
15 and other appropriate issues relating to the use of the Accessible Ballots in New Hampshire
16 municipal elections.

17 II. Prepare generic implementation and application procedures for municipalities to follow if
18 the committee determines that the technology can be efficiently and effectively used by
19 municipalities.

20 262:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson
21 from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named
22 house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date
23 of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

24 262:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
25 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
26 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2019.

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28 262:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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