

Amendment to SB 33

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 2-4 with the following:

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3 2 New Subparagraph; Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; Commission on Native
4 American Affairs. Amend RSA 12-A:14-a, VI by inserting after subparagraph (c) the following new
5 subparagraph:

6 (d) Review recommendations from municipalities and the state concerning historic
7 Abenaki language names, and may, when requested, assist municipalities in determining historic
8 Abenaki names for locations and geographic features.

9 3 New Section; Powers and Duties of Towns; Native American Name Restoration. Amend RSA
10 31 by inserting after section 39-e the following new section:

11 31:39-f Native American Name Restoration. The governing body of a town, after consultation
12 with the commission on Native American affairs established in RSA 12-A:14-a, or with notification to
13 the commission, and with the involvement of tribal groups recommended by the department of
14 natural and cultural resources to determine the historic Abenaki language name for a location or
15 geographic feature situated in the town, may recommend the naming or renaming of such location or
16 geographic feature in the Abenaki language, with approval by a vote of the legislative body. The
17 town shall inform the commission on Native American affairs of its action. To have a name proposed
18 for recognition by the United States Board on Geographic Names, United States Department of the
19 Interior, the town shall submit the name to the New Hampshire geographic names authority.

20 4 New Paragraph; Powers of City Councils; Bylaws and Ordinances; Native American Name
21 Restoration. Amend RSA 47:17 by inserting after paragraph XIX the following new paragraph:

22 XX. The governing body of a city, after consultation with the commission on Native
23 American affairs established in RSA 12-A:14-a or, with notification to the commission, and with the
24 involvement of tribal groups recommended by the department of natural and cultural and resources
25 to determine the historic Abenaki language name for a location or geographic feature situated in the
26 city, may recommend the naming or renaming of such location or geographic feature in the Abenaki
27 language, with approval by a vote the legislative body. The city shall inform the commission on
28 Native American affairs of its action. To have a name proposed for recognition by the United States
29 Board on Geographic Names, United States Department of the Interior, the city shall submit the
30 name to the New Hampshire geographic names authority.