HOUSE BILL

AN ACT relative to instruction in government and civics, including information on election laws and voting and requiring certain educational institutions and local governments to use a holiday’s statutorily designated title in official communications, publications, and documents.


COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill includes instruction on information on the laws governing elections and voting in the required instruction in national and state history and government and civics.

This bill also requires that certain educational institutions and all local governments use a holiday’s statutorily designated title in official communications, publications, and documents.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

182:1 Instruction in National and State History and Government and Civics. Amend RSA 189:11, I-c(f) to read as follows:

(f) The role, opportunities, and responsibilities of a citizen to engage in civic activity. This shall include information on the laws governing election and voting pursuant to RSA 189:23.

182:2 New Paragraph. School Holidays; Required Designations. Amend RSA 288:4 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

III. Any school, college or university described in paragraph I, that adopts a holiday described in RSA 288:1 shall use the name for such holiday as designated in RSA 288:1 with respect to any official communication, publication, document, or calendars.

182:3 New Section; Holiday Designations. Amend RSA 31 by inserting after section 6 the following new section:

31:6-a Holiday Designations.

Any municipality, town, village, or unincorporated place that adopts a holiday on a date indicated in RSA 288:1 shall use the appellation for such holiday designated in RSA 288:1 with respect to any official communication, publication, document, or calendars.

182:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 12, 2024
Effective Date: September 10, 2024