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HOUSE BILL ***1467-FN***

AN ACT relative to recounts of state representative races during a general election.

SPONSORS: Rep. Yakubovich, Merr. 24; Rep. Sheehan, Hills. 23; Rep. Aron, Sull. 7; Rep. S. Boyd, Merr. 24

COMMITTEE: Election Law

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a partial audit of additional offices on ballots involved in recounts of state representative races in a general election, and creates parameters around such audits.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT relative to recounts of state representative races during a general election.

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

1 262:1 New Section; General Provisions for Recounts; Recount of Additional Offices. Amend RSA
2 660 by inserting after section 17 the following new section:

3 660:17-a Recount of Additional Offices on Ballots Involved in Recounts. For general election
4 recounts of state representative races, the secretary of state's office shall, in addition to recounting the
5 state representative race:

6 I. Conduct an audit of the votes cast on those ballots for President, United States Senate, United
7 States House of Representatives, or governor;

8 II. Conduct such audit using the ballots for 10 of the state representative races to be recounted.
9 The races shall be selected randomly. If less than 10 races are to be recounted, the ballots for each
10 recounted race shall be audited;

11 III. Select the office to be audited for each recount; and

12 IV. Allow a full recount of any race where there is a discrepancy of greater than one percent from
13 the election results reported to the secretary of state.

14 262:2 Contingency; Renumbering. If SB 418-FN of the 2022 regular legislative session becomes
15 law, then RSA 660:17-a as inserted by section 1 of this act shall be renumbered as RSA 660:17-b.

16 262:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 24, 2022
Effective Date: August 23, 2022

