

Amendment to HB 514

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Preparation of Voting Materials; Ballots; Party Columns. Amend RSA 656:5, III to read as
4 follows:

5 III. The generic column rotation plans shall be based on a reasonably balanced rotation of
6 party columns within and across all non-floterial state representative districts, those being the
7 smallest representative districts to which each voting place is apportioned pursuant to part I, article
8 11 of the New Hampshire constitution. Consideration shall also be given to reasonably minimize
9 any obvious, substantial, and avoidable imbalances in column rotation within senate districts. The
10 average deviation from equal rotation for the first party column position, measured across the state
11 as a whole and based on population according to the last decennial federal census, shall be as close to
12 0 percent as is practicable but in no event greater than ~~[1]~~ **2** percent. Once generic column rotation
13 plans are established the secretary of state shall publish such plans to the department's website.