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HOUSE BILL **309**

AN ACT   relative to filing for office.

SPONSORS: Rep. Fields, Belk 4

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies requirements for filing on the last day of the filing period. This bill also requires a primary candidate to declare that he or she is a registered voter.

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          Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT   relative to filing for office.

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

1   14:1 Primary Candidate. Amend RSA 655:16 to read as follows:

2   655:16 Personal Filing. Except for those who must file with a town or city clerk, any person who

3   files on the last day of the filing period must do so in person before the secretary of state; provided,

4   however, that this requirement shall not apply to the filling of vacancies by party committees. *If the*

5   *person must file with a town or city clerk and is filing on the last day of the filing period,*

6   *he or she shall do so in person.*

7   14:2 Declaration of Candidacy. Amend RSA 655:17 to read as follows:

8   655:17 Declaration of Candidacy. Declarations of candidacy shall be in the following form and

9   signed by the candidate:

10   I, _____, declare that I am domiciled in Ward _____, in the city (or town or

11   unincorporated place) of _____, county of _____, state of New Hampshire,

12   and am a [qualified] *registered* voter herein; that I am a registered member of the _____ party;

13   that I am a candidate for nomination for the office of _____ (or for delegate to the state

14   convention) to be made at the primary election to be held on the _____ day of _____; and I

15   hereby request that my name be printed on the official primary ballot of the party in which I am

16   registered as a candidate for such nomination or election. I declare that I am not a candidate for

17   incompatible offices as defined in RSA 655:10, and that I am not a federal employee which makes me

18   ineligible to file as a candidate for this office. I further declare that, if nominated as a candidate for

19   said office or if elected as such delegate, I will not withdraw; and that, if elected, I will be qualified

20   for and will assume the duties of said office.

21   14:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

22   Approved: May 8, 2013

23   Effective Date: July 7, 2013