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HOUSE BILL **521**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study New Hampshire election laws and procedures.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hoelzel, Rock 3; Rep. J. Belanger, Hills 27; Rep. Carey, Merr 26;
Rep. DeSimone, Rock 14; Rep. Ferrante, Rock 6; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study New Hampshire election laws and procedures.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 establishing a committee to study New Hampshire election laws and procedures.

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

1 220:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study New Hampshire
2 election laws and procedures.

3 220:2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
6 of representatives.

7 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
9 the duties of the committee.

10 220:3 Duties. The committee shall study all current New Hampshire election laws and
11 procedures and review all options to increase participation including but not limited to solutions to
12 limit lines and wait times in casting ballots and voter registration, public education related to
13 election law, election procedures, early voting, and absentee voting. The committee shall consult
14 with and solicit testimony from the public in the course of its duties.

15 220:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson
16 from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named
17 house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date
18 of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

19 220:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
20 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
21 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2014.

22 220:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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24 Approved: July 12, 2013

25 Effective Date: July 12, 2013