

**HB 150 – AS INTRODUCED**

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HOUSE BILL            ***150***

AN ACT                relative to inspectors of election at town and school district meetings.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Steven Smith, Sull 11

COMMITTEE:          Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill eliminates the requirement that inspectors appointed by political parties serve as ballot clerks at town and school district meetings using an official ballot system.

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                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen*

AN ACT relative to inspectors of election at town and school district meetings.

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

1 1 Official Ballot Meetings; Additional Polling Place. Amend RSA 40:15, I to read as follows:

2 I. Any multi-town school district adopting the provisions of RSA 40:13 may vote to use  
3 additional polling places for the second session of the annual meeting. The additional polling places  
4 shall be the regular polling places for town or city elections in each member town and city of the  
5 district. The school district moderator shall supervise the election process and appoint an assistant  
6 moderator for each additional polling place. The school district clerk shall appoint an assistant clerk  
7 for each additional polling place. Each assistant moderator and assistant clerk shall be domiciled in  
8 the town covered by the additional polling place served by such assistant moderator or assistant  
9 clerk. The powers and duties of the assistant moderator and the assistant clerk shall be the same as  
10 those of the moderator and the clerk at the central polling place except as otherwise provided in the  
11 election laws. The inspectors of elections appointed as provided in RSA [~~658:2~~] **671:28** shall be sworn  
12 in by the assistant moderator before entering upon their duties. All additional costs resulting from  
13 the establishment of additional polling places shall be borne by the school district.

14 2 Town Elections; Conduct. Amend RSA 669:25 to read as follows:

15 669:25 Conduct. In towns which have adopted an official ballot system, the town election shall  
16 be conducted in the same manner as a state general election as provided in RSA 658 and 659, except  
17 that RSA 659:77, III-V, 659:78, and 659:98, II and III shall not apply, and except that all duties  
18 required to be performed by the secretary of state under those chapters shall be performed by the  
19 town clerk, and except that no copy of marked or unmarked checklists need be forwarded to the state  
20 archives or federal district court as provided in RSA 659:102, **and except that RSA 658:2 shall not**  
21 **apply and inspectors of election shall be appointed by the selectmen without regard to**  
22 **political party affiliation.** Polling hours for a town meeting or election shall be set by the  
23 selectmen or by a vote of the town.

24 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.