

HB 1338 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **1338**

AN ACT                relative to appointment of inspectors of election by selectmen.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Long, Hills 42

COMMITTEE:          Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires that inspectors of election include undeclared voters if they are appointed by the selectmen because of failure of the political party committees to make the appointments.

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                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

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

- 1           1 Inspectors of Election; Appointment. Amend RSA 658:2 to read as follows:
- 2           658:2 Appointment. Each town and ward political committee of the 2 political parties which cast
- 3 the largest number of votes for governor in the state at the last previous general election is
- 4 authorized to appoint between September 15 and October 15 of each general election year 2
- 5 inspectors of election to act at each polling place. If the number of voters qualified to vote at a
- 6 polling place shall exceed 2,000, said political committees may each appoint for such polling place
- 7 one additional inspector for each 1,500 qualified voters or fraction thereof in excess of 2,000. The
- 8 town and ward political committees may also appoint such additional inspectors, equally divided
- 9 between said 2 political parties, as the moderator considers necessary for the efficient conduct of the
- 10 election. On or before October 15, the chairmen of said political committees shall notify the
- 11 appointees and the town or ward clerk and city clerk concerned as to appointments made under this
- 12 authority. If any such appointments are not made by said political committees and proper
- 13 notification thereof given on or before October 15, then the appointments shall be made by the
- 14 selectmen of the town or ward in equal numbers from said 2 political parties ***and undeclared***
- 15 ***voters.***
- 16           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.