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HOUSE BILL **1543**

AN ACT relative to filing for state representative special elections.

SPONSORS: Rep. Levesque, Hills 26; Rep. J. Belanger, Hills 27; Rep. Fields, Belk 4;
Rep. Perry, Straf 3; Sen. Gilmour, Dist 12

COMMITTEE: Election Law

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the filing period for state representative special elections.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Vacancy; State Representative. Amend RSA 661:8, III to read as follows:

2 III. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph II, if a vacancy occurs in the office of state
3 representative in a district comprised of a city ward or wards, a request to hold the primary and
4 special elections on the same dates as the city's biennial primary and regular elections may be
5 submitted to the governor and council by the governing body of the city. If so requested, the governor
6 and council shall declare the vacancy not less than 56 days prior to the date of the city's primary
7 election. ~~[The filing period shall be held not more than 50 days nor less than 43 days prior to the~~
8 ~~primary election.]~~ ***The filing period shall start on the Monday following the date on which***
9 ***the governor and council declare that there shall be a special election and shall end at 5:00***
10 ***p.m. on the Friday of that week.*** The provisions of RSA 655:81, III, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, and XI
11 shall apply to elections held pursuant to this paragraph.

12 2 Repeal. RSA 659:46, relative to delivery of absentee ballots to moderator, is repealed.

13 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.