

**CHAPTER 65**  
**HB 1544 – FINAL VERSION**

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HOUSE BILL            ***1544***

AN ACT                relative to special election ballots.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Levesque, Hills 26; Rep. Till, Rock 6; Rep. J. Belanger, Hills 27; Rep. Fields,  
Belk 4; Sen. Gilmour, Dist 12; Sen. Pierce, Dist 5

COMMITTEE:          Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the secretary of state to prepare ballots for use in special elections for state representative in cities and towns that have adopted the use of electronic ballot counting devices.

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                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                   relative to special election ballots.

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

1           65:1 Ballots for Special Election for State Representative. Amend RSA 656:40 to read as follows:

2           656:40 Adoption. The mayor and aldermen of any city or the selectmen of any town, subject to  
3 the approval of the ballot law commission, may authorize the use of one or more electronic ballot  
4 counting devices for the counting of ballots in such city or town on a trial basis for any regular or  
5 special election and pay the expense of such trial from any available funds. The use of such devices  
6 so authorized shall be valid for all purposes. Any town, or the mayor and aldermen of any city, may  
7 vote to lease or purchase electronic ballot counting devices for the elections held in said town or city.  
8 Any town, or the mayor and aldermen of any city, so acting shall notify the secretary of state of the  
9 action taken in regard to electronic ballot counting devices; and, after said action, electronic ballot  
10 counting devices shall be used in said town or city in accordance with said vote or authorization. ***If a***  
11 ***special state election involving a state representative district occurs in a city or town that***  
12 ***has adopted the provisions of RSA 656:40, the secretary of state may prepare and issue***  
13 ***paper ballots which shall be used.***

14           65:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

15           Approved: May 27, 2014

16           Effective Date: July 26, 2014