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HOUSE BILL ***140***

AN ACT relative to appointment of inspectors of election.

SPONSORS: Rep. Gray, Straf 8; Rep. Hoelzel, Rock 3

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the procedure for appointing inspectors of election.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to appointment of inspectors of election.

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

1 55:1 Inspectors of Election; Appointment. Amend RSA 658:2 to read as follows:

2 658:2 Appointment. Each [~~town and ward~~] **state** political committee of the 2 political parties
3 which [east] **received** the largest number of votes **cast** for governor [~~in the state~~] at the last previous
4 general election is authorized **through their respective chairmen** to appoint between May 15 and
5 July 15 of each general election year 2 inspectors of election to act at each polling place. If the
6 number of voters qualified to vote at a polling place shall exceed 2,000, said political committees may
7 each appoint for such polling place one additional inspector for each 1,500 qualified voters or fraction
8 thereof in excess of 2,000. [~~The town and ward political committees~~] **By April 15 of each general**
9 **election year, the secretary of state shall provide a list to the chairman of each such state**
10 **political committee of the number of inspectors of election that should be appointed for**
11 **each town or ward. Each such state political committee** may also appoint such **equal number**
12 **of** additional inspectors[~~, equally divided between said 2 political parties,~~] as the moderator
13 considers necessary for the efficient conduct of the election. On or before July 15, the chairmen of
14 said political committees shall notify the appointees and the town or ward clerk [~~and city clerk~~]
15 concerned as to appointments made under this authority. If any such appointments are not made by
16 said political committees and proper notification thereof given on or before July 15, then the
17 appointments shall be made by the selectmen of the town or ward in equal numbers from said 2
18 political parties.

19 55:2 Inspectors of Election; Alternates. Amend RSA 658:5 to read as follows:

20 658:5 Alternates. In making appointments of inspectors of elections as provided in RSA 658:2,
21 [~~town and ward~~] political committees or, **in the absence of such appointments by a political**
22 **committee, the** town and ward selectmen, **in consultation with the moderator,** may designate a
23 list of alternates **to the list of appointed inspectors**, who shall meet the same qualifications as
24 inspectors of elections[~~, to~~]. **Alternates shall** be called in numerical order to serve in case one or
25 more of the principal appointees fails to accept the appointment or is otherwise unavailable to
26 perform his **or her** duties.

27 55:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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- 1 Approved: June 2, 2015
- 2 Effective Date: August 1, 2015