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HOUSE BILL **304**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study public access to political campaign information.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hoelzel, Rock 3; Rep. J. Belanger, Hills 27; Rep. Gray, Straf 8; Rep. Cote, Hills 31; Rep. Moody, Rock 17; Rep. Marston, Hills 19; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Pierce, Dist 5; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study public access to political campaign information.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study public access to political campaign information.

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

1 66:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study public access to political
2 campaign information.

3 66:2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
6 of representatives.

7 (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
9 the duties of the committee.

10 66:3 Duties.

11 I. The committee shall study public access to political campaign information. The committee
12 shall evaluate the merits and viability of having the state establish or endorse:

13 (a) A system of online campaign finance reporting.

14 (b) An online clearinghouse of information for voters, including voter registration and
15 polling place information and information filed by candidates and political committees.

16 II. The committee shall solicit input from the secretary of state and the attorney general.

17 66:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
18 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
19 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
20 section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

21 66:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
22 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
23 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2015.

24 66:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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26 Approved: June 2, 2015

27 Effective Date: June 2, 2015