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HOUSE BILL **77**

AN ACT requiring town and city clerks to provide daily notification to the secretary of state of any filings for elected office and relative to the broadband matching grant initiative.

SPONSORS: Rep. Boehm, Hills. 20; Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4

COMMITTEE: Election Law

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires that town and city clerks provide a daily update of candidates who have filed for nomination to the secretary of state.

II. Contingently amends eligibility criteria for the broadband matching grant initiative established in SB 85.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Twenty One

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

1 127:1 Nominations; Forwarding Declarations of Candidacy. Amend RSA 655:18 to read as
2 follows:

3 655:18 Forwarding Declarations of Candidacy.

4 ***I.*** Each city or town clerk shall forward each declaration of candidacy filed with him or her
5 to the secretary of state on the day of filing of the same.

6 ***II.*** ***City and town clerks shall provide to the secretary of state, on at least a daily***
7 ***basis, a summary of any filings received pursuant to this chapter each day. Such summary***
8 ***shall be submitted electronically and shall include the name and address of any candidate***
9 ***who has filed. The secretary of state shall then add those persons to the daily report for***
10 ***that day.***

11 ***III.*** ***Clerks shall only be required to report to the secretary of state pursuant to this***
12 ***section on days the clerks' offices are open and receiving filings.***

13 127:2 Broadband Matching Grant Initiative; Rules Regarding Challenge Process and Program
14 Eligibility. RSA 4-C:39, II(b) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

15 (b) Establishment of a challenge process, with reasonable timelines, through which
16 information may be provided to the state to ensure that funds are not used to build projects in served
17 areas or areas where construction has commenced. Projects in planning, design, or terms
18 negotiations, and not under construction as of January 1, 2021, shall be eligible for funding.

19 127:3 Contingency; SB 85; Broadband Matching Grant Initiative. If SB 85 of the 2021
20 legislative session, establishing the broadband matching grant initiative, becomes law and inserts
21 RSA 4-C:39, II(b), relative to the challenge process and program eligibility, section 2 of this act shall
22 take effect on July 1, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. If SB 85 does not become law or does not insert RSA 4-C:39,
23 II(b), relative to the challenge process and program eligibility, section 2 of this act shall not take
24 effect.

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1 127:4 Effective Date.

2 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 3 of this act.

 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 23, 2021

Effective Date:

I. Section 2 shall take effect as provided in section 3

II. Remainder shall take effect September 21, 2021