HOUSE BILL 1467-FN
AN ACT relative to recounts of state representative races during a general election.


COMMITTEE: Election Law

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a partial audit of additional offices on ballots involved in recounts of state representative races in a general election, and creates parameters around such audits.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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

262:1 New Section; General Provisions for Recounts; Recount of Additional Offices. Amend RSA 660 by inserting after section 17 the following new section:

660:17-a Recount of Additional Offices on Ballots Involved in Recounts. For general election recounts of state representative races, the secretary of state's office shall, in addition to recounting the state representative race:

I. Conduct an audit of the votes cast on those ballots for President, United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, or governor;

II. Conduct such audit using the ballots for 10 of the state representative races to be recounted. The races shall be selected randomly. If less than 10 races are to be recounted, the ballots for each recounted race shall be audited;

III. Select the office to be audited for each recount; and

IV. Allow a full recount of any race where there is a discrepancy of greater than one percent from the election results reported to the secretary of state.

262:2 Contingency; Renumbering. If SB 418-FN of the 2022 regular legislative session becomes law, then RSA 660:17-a as inserted by section 1 of this act shall be renumbered as RSA 660:17-b.

262:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 24, 2022
Effective Date: August 23, 2022