

SB 44 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **44**

AN ACT relative to hand counts of ballots in elections.

SPONSORS: Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows a voter voting in a precinct with electronic ballot counting devices to request that his or her vote be counted by hand.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Section; Hand Count. Amend RSA 659 by inserting after section 23-a the following new
2 section:

3 659:23-b Machine Count; Hand Count. In precincts where an electronic ballot counting device is
4 used, a voter may request that his or her ballot be counted by hand at the time the voter presents his
5 or her ballot to the moderator. The moderator shall deposit the ballot in the compartment on the
6 side of the electronic ballot counting device.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.