

Amendment to SB 103-FN-LOCAL

1 Amend RSA 658:11-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 658:11-a Additional Polling Places; Presidential Elections.

4 I. For general elections in which the office of president of the United States is decided, a  
5 town or city shall have a minimum of one polling place for every 15,000 registered voters appearing  
6 on the checklist as of January 1 of the year of the election, unless a plan to accommodate more than  
7 15,000 registered voters with one location has been submitted to and jointly approved by the  
8 secretary of state and the attorney general. The plan shall specifically address the following issues  
9 that could potentially cause a delay to voters:

- 10 (a) Traffic flow to and from the polling place;
- 11 (b) The presence of police officers or third party contractors to assist with traffic flow;
- 12 (c) The number of parking spaces adjacent to the polling place available to voters;
- 13 (d) The number of poll books and staff members available to assist with checking in  
14 voters;
- 15 (e) The presence of electronic poll books;
- 16 (f) The number of ballot counting machines;
- 17 (g) The number of stations and staff members available for same-day registrants; and
- 18 (h) Any other criteria specified by the secretary of state and the attorney general.

19 II. The secretary of state and attorney general may request additional information when  
20 considering whether to approve a submitted plan, and such approval may be conditioned upon  
21 specific measures that must be met by the town or city on election day.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires towns and cities to have at least one polling place per every 15,000 registered voters unless the town or city has received approval from the secretary of state and attorney general for fewer locations.

II. Allows the secretary of state and attorney general to create conditions for towns and cities to follow if they seek to utilize one polling place for more than 15,000 voters.