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Amendment to SB 215

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT establishing voting procedures for electing town officers in unorganized towns or
4 places.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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8 1 Elections; Unincorporated Places; Establishing Procedures for Voting. RSA 668:6 is repealed
9 and reenacted to read as follows:

10 668:6 Establishing Procedures for Voting.

11 I. The secretary of state or designee shall issue a warrant, post the warrant in the manner
12 required for towns by RSA 39:5, give other public notice, appoint a pro tem moderator and clerk from
13 among the registered voters, and oversee the first election of officers for an unorganized town or
14 unincorporated place for the purpose of conducting local, county, state, and federal elections,
15 pursuant to RSA 53:1. This initial election shall be conducted using the unofficial ballot process as
16 set forth in RSA 669:54 through RSA 669:60. The secretary of state shall exercise this authority
17 whenever the number of voters domiciled in an unorganized town or unincorporated place which has
18 not organized for voting pursuant to RSA 53:1, as recorded in the statewide voter registration
19 system, reaches 100 or more voters.

20 II. The following question shall be included in the warrant for the first meeting and shall be
21 voted on at that meeting:

22 “Shall (insert name of the unorganized town or unincorporated place), when electing the officers
23 who will conduct future elections, use an official ballot voting process in the same manner as a town
24 as specified in RSA 669:19 through RSA 669:29? A “no” vote is a vote to use the unofficial ballot
25 process in the same manner as a town as specified in RSA 669:54 through RSA 669:60 (nominations
26 from the floor and voting at a meeting).”

27 III. Notwithstanding RSA 53:1, III, if the secretary of state is unable to appoint pro tem
28 election officers and oversee a local election held at least 90 days prior to a state election due to a
29 lack of suitable qualified volunteers, the secretary may designate a town as the polling place for the
30 upcoming state elections in accordance with RSA 668:2.

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1 IV. The secretary of state may exercise the authority authorized by this section if notified
2 that vacancies in local offices for an unorganized town or unincorporated place result in the town or
3 place being unable to organize and conduct their next election without state assistance.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes voting procedures for electing town officers in unorganized towns or places.