

Amendment to HB 1369

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

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3 AN ACT relative to the manner of posting the warrant for town meetings.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Time for Holding Town Meetings and Warning Thereof; Posting Warrant; Special Meetings.

8 RSA 39:4 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

9 39:4 Special Meetings.

10 I. The selectmen shall post the warrant for a special meeting using at least 2 of the 3
11 following methods:

12 (a) Published once in a newspaper of general circulation in said town at least 7 days
13 before the meeting.

14 (b) Posted at the place of meeting and a like copy at one other public place in the town at
15 least 14 days before the meeting.

16 (c) Posted on the town's Internet website, if such exists, at least 14 days before the
17 meeting.

18 II. If the warrant for a special meeting is posted on the town's Internet website, it shall
19 appear prominently on the website's home page, or a link directly to the notice shall appear
20 prominently on the home page.

21 III. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit towns from posting the warrant for
22 a special meeting in additional places.

23 2 Time for Holding Town Meetings and Warning Thereof; Posting Warrant. Amend RSA 39:5 to
24 read as follows:

25 39:5 Posting Warrant.

26 I. The selectmen may address their warrant to the voters of the town, in which case they
27 shall post an attested copy of such warrant at the place of meeting, [~~and~~] a like copy at one other
28 public place in the town, **and a like copy of the town's Internet website, if such exists**, at least
29 14 days before the day of meeting. The 14 days shall not include the day of posting nor the day of
30 the meeting, but shall include any Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays within the said period.

1 ***II. If the warrant is posted on the town's Internet website, it shall appear***
2 ***prominently on the website's home page, or a link directly to the notice shall appear***
3 ***prominently on the home page.***

4 ***III. This section shall not apply to special meetings held pursuant to RSA 39:1.***
5 ***Special meetings shall be noticed in accordance with RSA 39:4.***

6 ***IV. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit towns from posting the***
7 ***warrant in additional places.***

8 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill amends the requirements for the posting of warrants for town meetings, including special meetings.