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Floor Amendment to SB 557-FN

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

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3 AN ACT making synthetic and semisynthetic kratom illegal to prepare, distribute,
4 manufacture, sell, possess, or advertise, with exceptions made for scientific research,
5 and relative to the official ballot referendum form of town meetings.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

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9 3 Method of Adopting Official Ballot Referendum Form of Meeting. Amend RSA 40:14, III to
10 read as follows:

11 III. The local political subdivision shall place the question on the warrant of the annual
12 meeting under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3 or RSA 197:6, **and the question shall be voted**
13 **on by official ballot in accordance with the procedures established in RSA 669:19-29, RSA**
14 **670:5-7, and RSA 671:20-30, including all requirements pertaining to absentee voting,**
15 **polling places, and polling hours.** [~~Voting on the question shall be by ballot, but the question~~
16 ~~shall not be placed on the official ballot used to elect officers. Polls shall remain open and ballots~~
17 ~~shall be accepted by the moderator for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of~~
18 ~~discussion on the question.~~]

19 4 Method of Adopting Official Ballot Referendum Form of Meeting. Amend RSA 40:14, VII to
20 read as follows:

21 VII. Any local political subdivision which has adopted RSA 40:13 may consider rescinding its
22 action in the manner described in paragraphs III-VI [~~except that the question shall be placed on the~~
23 ~~official ballot~~]. The wording of the question shall be: "Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13
24 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the (local political subdivision) on (date of adoption), so that the
25 official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers
26 and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law?" A 3/5 majority of
27 those voting on the question shall be required to rescind the provisions of this subdivision, except in
28 the case of repeal by charter enactment under RSA 49-D. Only votes in the affirmative or negative
29 shall be included in the calculation of the 3/5 majority.

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- 1 5 Effective Date.
- 2 I. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.
- 3 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Makes synthetic and semisynthetic kratom illegal to prepare, distribute, manufacture, sell, possess, or advertise, with exceptions made for scientific research.

II. Amends the method of adopting official ballot referendum form of meeting.