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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT requiring the secretary of state to create, post on the secretary of state's website, and otherwise distribute notice of proposed constitutional amendments.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. Burnham, Straf. 2; Rep. McFarlane, Graf. 18; Rep. McGrath, Rock. 40; Rep. Mary Murphy, Hills. 27; Rep. Wood, Merr. 13

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the secretary of state to create, post on the secretary of state's website, and otherwise distribute notice of proposed constitutional amendments.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 91:1 New Section; Notice of Constitutional Amendment Vote. Amend RSA 663 by inserting after
2 section 3-a the following new section:

3 663:3-b Notice of Constitutional Amendment Vote. Every town and city clerk shall prominently
4 display a notice prepared by the secretary of state explaining the constitutional amendment for voters and
5 directing voters to the department of state's website for additional information. The following words for the
6 header of the notice shall include: "Notice of Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments Proposed
7 by the Convention to Revise the Constitution" or "Notice of Questions Relating to Constitutional
8 Amendments Proposed by the Legislature to Revise the Constitution," whichever is appropriate. The
9 notice shall contain the scheduled date of the vote and other information about the constitutional
10 amendment as described in RSA 663:3. The secretary of state shall maintain a webpage on the
11 department of state's website providing the same information as the prepared notice. Such notice shall be
12 displayed for at least 60 days prior to the state-wide vote on the constitutional amendment.

91:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 28, 2026
Effective Date: July 27, 2026