

SB 44 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **44**

AN ACT relative to hand counts of ballots in elections.

SPONSORS: Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill requires a hand recount on the request of 100 registered voters in one city, town, or municipality using electronic ballot counting machines.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to hand counts of ballots in elections.

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Right to Have Ballot Hand-Counted. Amend RSA 656:42 by inserting after
2 paragraph XI the following new paragraph:

3 XII. Any city or town that currently uses electronic voting machines shall perform a recount by
4 hand of one or all races of any election at the request of 100 or more registered voters who voted in
5 that election. Such request shall be presented to the secretary of state within 15 days of the election.

6 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.