

HB 492 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **492**

AN ACT allowing political parties to request recounts when no candidate is named on the ballot.

SPONSORS: Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 10; Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19; Rep. Southworth, Straf. 11

COMMITTEE: Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows political parties to request a recount when no candidate is named on the primary ballot.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 allowing political parties to request recounts when no candidate is named on the ballot.

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

1       1 New Paragraph; Primary; Request for Recount. Amend RSA 660:7 by inserting after  
2 paragraph II the following new paragraph:

3           III. In cases where after a state primary there is uncertainty over whether a candidate  
4 received enough write-in votes to be placed on the general election ballot, the state political parties  
5 may request a recount.

6       2 New Paragraph; Fees; Primary Recount; Request by Party. Amend RSA 660:2 by inserting  
7 after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

8           V. If the recount is requested by one of the state political parties under RSA 660:7, III, the  
9 party shall pay the fees as provided in RSA 660:2, III and shall agree in writing with the secretary of  
10 state to pay any additional costs of the recount. The secretary of state may require that the applying  
11 party pay the estimated additional costs of the recount prior to commencing the recount.

12       3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.