

**Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee**  
*Jessica Bourque 271-2104*

**HB 151**, relative to the term for supervisors of the checklist.

**Hearing Date:**April 29, 2025

**Time Opened:**9:19 a.m.

**Time Closed:**9:23 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Gray, Lang, Rochefort, Perkins Kwoka and Long

**Members of the Committee Absent:** None

**Bill Analysis:**This bill changes the term for supervisors of the checklists.

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**Sponsors:**

Rep. Berezhny

Rep. Alexander Jr.

Rep. Kuttab

Rep. Osborne

Rep. Prudhomme-O'Brien

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**Who supports the bill:** Rep. Lex Berezhny, Cindy Kudlik

**Who opposes the bill:** No one

**Summary of testimony presented:**

**Representative Lex Berezhny, Prime Sponsor, Grafton-District 11**

- This bill reduces the term of the supervisor of the checklist.
- Feedback has been that 6 years is too long, making it difficult to find volunteers for this position.

Senator Gray asked if Rep. Berezhny has checked to see if this statute is also used by cities.

- Rep. Berezhny said he has not.

Senator Gray asked if he knew that cities hold elections on a two-year cycle and don't hold town meetings every year; therefore, if the term goes to three years, then something special would have to occur with cities.

- Rep. Berezhny said that if he remembers correctly, the Secretary of State testified in the House that this wouldn't apply to the cities.

Senator Gray said he will check with the Secretary of State to be sure this wouldn't affect the cities.

**Cindy Kudlik, Grafton**

- Former selectperson and a ballot clerk.
- Asked the prime sponsor to introduce this bill, because two supervisors of the checklist resigned last year, and it was difficult to find replacements.
- This would be one less hurdle to overcome when recruiting volunteers.
- This would also align the supervisors of the checklists with all of the other elected positions in town government, with the exception of moderators.

Senator Gray explained that some of the statutes are utilized by the cities because there is no equivalent in the statutes to regulate some of these things. He reiterated that he would check with the Secretary of State to be sure this won't conflict with the cities.

- Ms. Kudlik confirmed that the Secretary of State testified that this wouldn't apply to the cities.