

Amendment to SB 44

1 Amend RSA 659:24, II as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 ***II. The clerk, a deputy, or assistant shall write or stamp his or her signature or***
4 ***initials in a blank space near the top of each unused absentee ballot and each photocopied***
5 ***ballot to authenticate that ballot for use as an election day ballot.***
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 6 with the following:

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9 7 Canvass and Declaration: State Primary Election; Write-In Votes and Nomination. Amend
10 RSA 659:88, I(a) to read as follows:

11 (a) A person whose name was not printed on the official state primary election ballot of a
12 political party shall not be entitled to the nomination of that party for any office unless the person
13 received at least 35 write-in votes ***or write-in votes equaling 10 percent or more of the total***
14 ***votes cast for that party on the state primary election ballot, whichever is smaller.***

15 8 Canvass and Declaration; State Primary Election; Write-In Votes and Nomination. Amend
16 RSA 659:88, II to read as follows:

17 II. If a person is disqualified from a nomination in accordance with the provisions of
18 paragraph I, then the nomination shall be awarded to the qualified person who received the highest
19 number of votes, ***provided that person received at least 35 votes or votes equaling 10 percent***
20 ***or more of the total votes cast for that party on the state primary election ballot, whichever***
21 ***is smaller.***

22 9 Canvass and Declaration; State Primary Election; Candidate of One Party. Amend RSA
23 659:91-a to read as follows:

24 II. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 655:37, if any candidate is disqualified from
25 accepting the nomination of another party by means of write-in votes because the candidate is
26 disqualified under the provisions of paragraph I, then the nomination shall be given to the candidate
27 who received the highest number of write-in votes and who was not disqualified under the provisions
28 of paragraph I, so long as he or she receives [10] **35** write-in votes, or write-in votes equaling 10
29 percent or more of the total votes cast for that party on the state primary election ballot, whichever
30 is the smaller.

31 10 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.