

Amendment to HB 228-LOCAL

1 Amend RSA 40:7 as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 40:7 Debate. No person shall speak in any meeting without leave of the moderator, nor when
4 any person speaking is in order; and all persons shall be silent at the desire of the moderator, on
5 pain of forfeiting \$1 for each offense, for the use of the town. ***The moderator shall provide a***
6 ***primary petitioner, identified pursuant to RSA 39:3, RSA 197:2, or RSA 197:6, the***
7 ***opportunity to introduce the petitioned article at the meeting. The primary petitioner***
8 ***shall be given a minimum of 10 minutes to introduce the warrant article at the meeting.***
9 ***Upon written notice to the moderator, the primary petitioner may designate any registered***
10 ***voter to act as the primary petitioner of a petitioned article.***

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes written applications for a petitioned article at an annual or special town or school board meeting to identify a primary petitioner who shall be given a minimum of 10 minutes to introduce their warrant articles.