

Amendment to HB 1113

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Government of Town Meeting; Moderator. Amend RSA 40:1 to read as follows:

4 40:1 Election. Every 2 years **or 3 years, as provided under RSA 41:1-a**, [~~commencing in 1978~~
5 ~~or 1979, as applicable,~~] a moderator shall be chosen by ballot, by plurality vote. The moderator so
6 chosen shall assume office upon the adjournment of the regular town business meeting held in that
7 year in accordance with RSA 39:1 or 39:2-a and upon qualification for office, whichever is later. The
8 moderator shall serve through the adjournment of the regular town business meeting 2 years **or 3**
9 **years** following the moderator's election and until the qualification of a successor, whichever is later.
10 The election of the moderator in a town shall be at the annual meeting [~~in every even-numbered~~
11 ~~year~~] **when the term of the moderator expires**. The election of moderators in city wards shall be
12 at every other regular city election.

13 2 New Section; Three-Year Term; Moderator. Amend RSA 41 by inserting after section 1 the
14 following new section:

15 41:1-a Three-Year Term; Moderator. At any annual town meeting under an article in the
16 warrant, the voters may vote to determine if they are in favor of having 2-year or 3-year terms for
17 the moderator. If the town has adopted an official ballot, the clerk shall cause the following question
18 to be printed on said ballot: "Are you in favor of changing the term of the moderator from (here
19 insert term option) years to (here insert term option) years, beginning with the expiration of the
20 term of the current moderator?" Said question shall be printed in the form prescribed by RSA
21 656:13. If the town has not adopted an official ballot, the clerk shall cause the same question to be
22 printed upon special ballots, which shall be used to determine the vote of the town. If a majority of
23 those voting on the question vote in favor of a 2-year or a 3-year term, at the next annual meeting,
24 when the current moderator's term expires, the town shall elect a moderator for a 2-year or 3-year
25 term in accordance with the results of such vote.

26 3 School District Elections; Regular School Districts; Optional Term. Amend RSA 671:6-a, III to
27 read as follows:

28 III. The terms of the school district clerk, moderator and treasurer shall all be for one year,
29 for 2 years, or for 3 years. The terms of only one or 2 of such officers shall not be changed
30 independently of the other [~~one or 2~~] officers, **except for moderators as provided under RSA**
31 **671:11-a**.

32 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.