

HB 261 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **261**

AN ACT relative to election audits.

SPONSORS: Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. See, Merr. 26; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. M. Aron, Sull. 8; Rep. Cole, Hills. 26

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill moves the time of election audits to after the completion of recounts.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 relative to election audits.

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

1 1 Recount of Additional Officers On Ballots Involved in Recounts; Audits. Amend the
2 introductory paragraph of RSA 660:17-b to read as follows:

3 660:17-b Recount of Additional Offices on Ballots Involved in Recounts.

4 For general election recounts of state representative races, the secretary of state's office shall, ~~in~~
5 ~~addition to~~ **after** recounting the state representative race:

6 2 Recount and Audit Procedures. Amend RSA 660:17-c to read as follows:

7 660:17-c Recount and Audit Procedures; Publication. The secretary of state shall publish all
8 recount and audit procedures, as well as the times to hold any recounts and audits that may take
9 place. The secretary of state shall complete any audit conducted under this chapter ~~[prior to the~~
10 ~~commencement]~~ **after the completion** of a recount for any recount requested.

11 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.