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Amendment to HB 474

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Counting of Votes; Counting Write-In Votes. Amend RSA 659:64-a, I to read as follows:

4 I. In a town or city that uses a ballot counting device approved by the ballot law commission
5 pursuant to RSA 656:40 and which prints or digitally displays an image of all write-in votes as part
6 of the device's report of votes cast, a moderator may use the printed or digitally displayed images to
7 count write-in votes in place of examining each ballot to obtain the name of the person who received
8 a write-in vote. ***This counting shall take place in the presence of another sworn-in election***
9 ***official.***

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a second witness who is another sworn-in election official if a moderator uses a ballot counting device's printed or digitally displayed images to count write-in votes in place of examining each ballot to obtain the name of the person who received a write-in vote.