Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
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Amendment to HB 67-FN-A

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

1 Elections; Voting Procedure; Accessible Voting Systems. RSA 659:20-b is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

659:20-b Accessible Voting Systems.

I. Every city, every town, and every school district which has adopted an official ballot system shall:

(a) Ensure that each polling place has at least one accessible voting system.

(b) Bear the cost of programming for the city, town, or school district election with the vendor chosen and contracted with by the secretary of state.

(c) Follow guidance from the secretary of state to upload programmed files to the accessible voting system, test the programming, and set up the accessible voting system for each election.

II. The city or town clerk shall:

(a) Enter into an agreement with the secretary of state for the use of the state's provided accessible voting systems in local elections.

(b) Store and maintain the state's accessible voting system in a secure manner following election security guidance issued by the secretary of state.

(c) For school elections held in the clerk's city or town, share the state's accessible voting system with the school clerk for use in the school district's elections.

III. The secretary of state shall:

(a) Enter into an agreement with city and town clerks to provide accessible voting systems for use in city, town, and school elections.

(b) Provide guidance to city, town, and school clerks on uploading programmed files to the accessible voting systems.

(c) Provide security guidance for the local storage and maintenance of the accessible voting system or systems used for city, town, and school district elections.

(d) Bear the cost of programming for state and federal elections.

2 Repeal. 2024, 123:4, relative to the repeal of certain authority for cities, towns, and school districts to enter into pilot agreements with the secretary of state regarding the use of accessible voting systems.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect June 29, 2025.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect December 31, 2025.