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HOUSE BILL **497**

AN ACT requiring the periodic evaluation of the forms and procedures related to performing voter checklist duties.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. Burnham, Straf. 2; Rep. Wood, Merr. 13

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the secretary of state to periodically review the forms and procedures related to performing voter checklist duties.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 requiring the periodic evaluation of the forms and procedures related to performing voter checklist duties.

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

- 1 1 Preparation of the Checklist. Amend RSA 654:25 to read as follows:
- 2 654:25 Preparing Checklist. The secretary of state shall issue and distribute guidelines for the
- 3 content, composition, and style of checklists and for the maintenance of data related to checklists by
- 4 which the supervisors of the checklist shall compile and correct the checklist. Such guidelines shall
- 5 specify the information which will be maintained and updated by the supervisors. The secretary
- 6 shall establish standard forms and procedures for the use of the supervisors for the maintenance of
- 7 such information. ***The secretary shall periodically evaluate the forms and procedures for***
- 8 ***usability and determine estimated resource and time requirements for the completion of***
- 9 ***forms and the performance of the procedures.*** The information to be maintained and updated
- 10 shall include the full name, domicile address, mailing address, and party affiliation, if any, of each
- 11 voter on the checklist and such other information as the secretary requires. Every checklist used at
- 12 any election shall at a minimum contain the full name, domicile address, mailing address, and party
- 13 affiliation, if any, of each voter on the checklist. The paper checklists used by ballot clerks on
- 14 election day need not include mailing addresses. The name and address of a voter shall not appear
- 15 on the checklist at the request of the voter if the voter presents to the supervisors of the checklist a
- 16 valid protective order pursuant to RSA 173-B. The name, domicile address, and mailing address, if
- 17 different, of such a voter shall be maintained on a separate list of voters, which shall be nonpublic
- 18 and not subject to RSA 91-A. If it is necessary to establish such a nonpublic list, the public checklist
- 19 shall be marked at the end with a notation of the number of voters whose names are maintained on
- 20 the nonpublic list.
- 21 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.