

Amendment to HB 78

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

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3 1 County Commissioner Domicile Requirement. Amend RSA 655:9 to read as follows:

4 655:9 County Officers. To hold the office of county commissioner, sheriff, county attorney,
5 county treasurer, register of deeds, or register of probate, a person ~~[must have a domicile in the~~
6 ~~county for which he]~~ **shall be, at the time of his or her election, an inhabitant who resides**
7 **actually and permanently in the county from which he or she** is chosen. In addition, to hold
8 the office of county commissioner ~~[in the counties of Rockingham, Belknap, Grafton, Merrimack,~~
9 ~~Hillsborough, Cheshire, Sullivan, Coos, and Carroll, a person must have a domicile in the district~~
10 ~~from which he is elected at the time of his election]~~ **a person shall be an inhabitant who resides**
11 **actually and permanently in the district from which he or she may be chosen to represent**
12 **and shall cease to represent such district immediately on his or her ceasing to be qualified**
13 **as aforesaid.**

14 2 Application; Strafford County. The changes in qualifications for Strafford county
15 commissioner established by this act shall not affect constituencies or terms of office of
16 commissioners presently in office. The commissioner qualifications established by this act shall be
17 in effect for the purpose of electing commissioners at the 2026 state general election, or for any
18 vacancy in a commissioner district for any reason prior to the 2026 state general election.

19 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.