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Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Ellis of Waterbury move that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by inserting a Sec. 11a to read as follows:

* * * Rescission of Vote Taken by Australian Ballot * * *

Sec. 11a. 17 V.S.A. § 2661 is amended to read:

§ 2661. RECONSIDERATION OR RESCISSION OF VOTE

(a) A warned article voted on at an annual or special meeting of a municipality shall not be submitted to the voters for reconsideration or rescission at the same meeting after the assembly has begun consideration of another article. If the voters have begun consideration of another article, the original article may only be submitted to the voters at a subsequent annual or special meeting duly warned for the purpose and called by the legislative body on its own motion or pursuant to a petition requesting such reconsideration or rescission signed and submitted in accordance with subsection (b) of this section. A vote taken at an annual or special meeting shall remain in effect unless rescinded or amended. A vote taken at an annual or special meeting by Australian ballot may not be reconsidered or rescinded.

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(d) ~~For a vote by Australian ballot, the form of the ballot shall be as follows: “Article 1: [cite the article to be reconsidered as lastly voted].”~~

1 (e) A majority vote in favor of reconsideration or rescission, of a question
2 voted on by paper ~~or Australian ballot~~, shall not be effective unless the number
3 of votes cast in favor of reconsideration or rescission exceeds two-thirds of the
4 number of votes cast for the prevailing side at the original meeting unless the
5 voters of the municipality approve a different percentage pursuant to the
6 following:

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