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S.223

Introduced by Committee on Government Operations

Date: January 11, 2022

Subject: Elections; local elections; temporary procedures for 2022 annual
municipal meetings

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to:

(1) temporarily suspend the signature requirement for candidates to
place their name on the ballot for the 2022 annual municipal meeting; and

(2) authorize the legislative body of a school district to vote to not
commingle the ballots of member municipalities for the 2022 annual district
meeting.

An act relating to authorizing temporary elections procedures for annual
meetings in the year 2022

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. ANNUAL MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 2022; TEMPORARY

PROCEDURES; CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL OFFICE; SCHOOL

DISTRICT BALLOTS

(a) Notwithstanding 17 V.S.A. § 2681(b) or any other provision of law to
the contrary, a person shall not be required to collect voter signatures in order

1 to have the person's name placed on the ballot as a candidate for a local
2 election that is held at a 2022 annual municipal meeting.

3 (b) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. §§ 706w and 711e, any other provision of
4 law, or any school district article of agreement that requires the ballots of
5 member municipalities to be commingled by the district, the legislative body
6 of a school district may vote that ballots for the 2022 annual district meeting
7 shall not be commingled before counting. The ballots may be counted by each
8 member town and the results reported to the school district clerk for
9 determination of the official district-wide results.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.