

1 Introduced by Committee on Government Operations

2 Date:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 PROCEDURES; CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL OFFICE; SCHOOL

16 DISTRICT BALLOTS

17 (a) Notwithstanding 17 V.S.A. § 2681(b) or any other provision of law

18 to the contrary, a person shall not be required to collect voter signatures in

19 order to have the person's name placed on the ballot as a candidate for a local

20 election that is held at a 2022 annual municipal meeting.

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

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on passage.