

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs to which
3 was referred Senate Bill No. 32 entitled “An act relating to ranked-choice
4 voting for presidential primary elections” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the House propose to the Senate that
6 the bill be amended as follows:

7 First: In Sec. 1, 17 V.S.A. chapter 55, subchapter 4, by striking out section
8 2691b, ranked-choice voting system; application, in its entirety and inserting in
9 lieu thereof the following:

10 § 2691b. RANKED-CHOICE VOTING SYSTEM; APPLICATION

11 (a) Application.

12 (1) The provisions of the ranked-choice voting system described in this
13 subchapter shall only apply to the election of a candidate running for an office
14 in a town, city, or village if:

15 (A) a town, city, or village has voted to elect officers by the
16 Australian ballot system pursuant to section 2680 of this title and is using the
17 Australian ballot system in accordance with subsection 2680 of this title;

18 (B) that town, city, or village uses vote tabulators for the registering
19 and counting of votes in local elections pursuant to section 2491 of this title;

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1 (C) that town, city, or village has adopted the ranked-choice voting
2 system described in this subchapter by a vote of the town, city, or village at its
3 annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

4 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1)(B) of this subsection, if the
5 Secretary of State suspends the use of vote tabulators and requires the hand
6 count of votes in an election pursuant to subdivision 2491(d)(1) of this title
7 after 60 days prior to an election, the provisions of the ranked-choice voting
8 system described in this subchapter shall still apply to the election of a
9 candidate running for an office in a town, city, or village who otherwise meets
10 the requirements of subdivisions (1)(A) and (1)(C) of this subsection.

11 (b) Duration. Once a town, city, or village votes to adopt the ranked-choice
12 voting system described in this subchapter, this ranked-choice voting system
13 shall be used in that manner until the town, city, or village votes to discontinue
14 use of the system.

15 Second: In Sec. 5, ranked-choice voting; Ranked-Choice Voting Study
16 Committee; report, in subsection (c), powers and duties, following “with the
17 goal of having recommendations” by inserting “, if any,”
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1 (Committee vote: _____)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE