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## Act No. 1 (H.78). An act relating to the use of the Australian ballot system in local elections

Subjects: Elections; local elections; local elections using the Australian ballot system; use of Australian ballot for the election of any or all offices

This act amends 17 V.S.A. § 2680(b) to authorize municipalities to vote to elect any or all officers by Australian ballot. This act also establishes the language that a municipality must use for the question of whether to elect any or all officers by Australian ballot. Finally, this act provides that any votes taken to authorize the election of some, but not all, officers by Australian ballot prior to the effective date of this act shall not be subject to challenge for failure to comply with the current or prior provisions of 17 V.S.A. § 2680(b).

Effective Date: February 13, 2025