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Introduced by Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs

Date:

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

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize
municipalities to adopt the Australian ballot for the election of candidates to
any or all municipal offices.

An act relating to the use of the Australian ballot system in local elections

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

Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2680 is amended to read:

§ 2680. AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM; GENERAL

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(b) Officers. Once a municipality votes to elect any or all officers by the
Australian ballot system, ~~such~~ the officers shall be elected in that manner until
the municipality votes to discontinue use of the system. A vote on whether to
use the Australian ballot system to elect officers shall be in substantially the
following form:

(1) “Shall (name of municipality) elect its (specify the municipal officer
or officers to be elected) by Australian ballot?” or

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This act shall take effect on passage.