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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-296—sHB 6635

Government Administration and Elections Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING AMENDED ELECTION RETURNS

SUMMARY: This act requires head moderators, registrars of voters, and town clerks in towns with more than one voting district to meet within seven days after a regular state election to identify any errors in the moderator's "election night returns" (i.e., returns showing total town votes for each candidate). It also requires moderators to correct any error and file an amended return with the secretary of the state and registrars no later than 14 days after the election.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

BACKGROUND

Correcting Discrepancies between Election Night and District-by-District Returns

By law, head moderators report election night returns between midnight on Election Day and 6:00 p.m. the following day, depending on the manner of filing. Town clerks in towns with multiple voting districts use the moderator's returns to compile district-by-district returns, which they must submit to the secretary of the state no later than 21 days after a regular state election. The clerks must certify that they have examined the district-by-district returns to determine whether they conflict with the election night returns, or in the case of a recount, the recount results. If they conflict, the clerk must also certify that he or she has contacted the head moderator and the discrepancy has been corrected.

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