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2 Introduced by Representative Stevens of Waterbury

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Elections; local elections; reconsideration or rescission of vote;

6 Australian ballot

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to remove the
8 ability of voters of a municipality to reconsider or rescind a vote taken by

9 Australian ballot.

10 An act relating to reconsideration or rescission of votes taken by Australian
11 ballot

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

13 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2661 is amended to read:

14 § 2661. RECONSIDERATION OR RESCISSION OF VOTE

15 (a)(1) A warned article voted on at an annual or special meeting of a
16 municipality shall not be submitted to the voters for reconsideration or
17 rescission at the same meeting after the assembly has begun consideration of
18 another article. If the voters have begun consideration of another article, the
19 original article may only be submitted to the voters at a subsequent annual or
20 special meeting duly warned for the purpose and called by the legislative body

1 on its own motion or pursuant to a petition requesting such reconsideration or
2 rescission signed and submitted in accordance with subsection (b) of this
3 section. A vote taken at an annual or special meeting shall remain in effect
4 unless rescinded or amended.

5 (2) A vote taken at an annual or special meeting by Australian ballot
6 may not be reconsidered or rescinded.

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8 (d) ~~For a vote by Australian ballot, the form of the ballot shall be as~~
9 ~~follows: "Article 1: [cite the article to be reconsidered as lastly voted]."~~
10 [Repealed.]

11 (e) A majority vote in favor of reconsideration or rescission, of a question
12 voted on by paper ~~or Australian ballot~~, shall not be effective unless the number
13 of votes cast in favor of reconsideration or rescission exceeds two-thirds of the
14 number of votes cast for the prevailing side at the original meeting unless the
15 voters of the municipality approve a different percentage pursuant to the
16 following:

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18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on passage.