

No. 79. An act relating to authorizing temporary elections procedures for annual meetings in the year 2022.

(S.223)

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

Sec. 1. ANNUAL MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 2022; TEMPORARY

PROCEDURES; CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL OFFICE; SCHOOL

DISTRICT BALLOTS

(a) Notwithstanding 17 V.S.A. § 2681(b) or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person shall not be required to collect voter signatures in order to have the person's name placed on the ballot as a candidate for a local election that is held at a 2022 annual municipal meeting.

(b) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. §§ 706w and 711e, any other provision of law, or any school district article of agreement that requires the ballots of member municipalities to be commingled by the district, the legislative body of a school district may vote that ballots for the 2022 annual district meeting shall not be commingled before counting. The ballots may be counted by each member town and the results reported to the school district clerk for determination of the official district-wide results.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: January 18, 2022