

SB 349 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **349**

AN ACT relative to city chief elections officers.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Lasky, Dist 13; Rep. Gray, Straf. 8; Rep. Cheney,
Straf. 17; Rep. Hoelzel, Rock. 3

COMMITTEE: Public And Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the governing body of a city to elect a registered voter as the chief elections officer if the city clerk is not a registered voter in the city.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen

AN ACT relative to city chief elections officers.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 City Chief Elections Officer. Amend RSA 652:14-a to read as follows:

2 652:14-a City Chief Elections Officer. ***If the city clerk is a registered voter in the city, he or***
3 ***she*** shall be the chief elections officer with authority to establish uniform practices and procedures
4 that conform to state and federal law for all elections conducted by the city. ***If the city clerk is not***
5 ***a registered voter in the city, the governing body shall elect a registered voter as the chief***
6 ***elections officer with the authority to establish such practices and procedures, who shall***
7 ***serve at the pleasure of the governing body.***

8 2 Applicability. The provisions of RSA 652:14-a, as amended by section 1 of this act, shall not
9 prohibit a person holding the office of city clerk on the effective date of this section who is not
10 registered to vote in the city from continuing to serve as city chief elections officer until such time
11 as the person is no longer serving as the city clerk.

12 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.