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**SECTION 5 VOTING SUBMISSION**

TO: Chief, Voting Section  
Civil Rights Division  
Room 7254 – NWB  
Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20530

DATE: August 2, 2010

RE: Submissions Under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act for:  
**Laws of 1981, Chapter 169**

Dear Voting Section Chief:

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1973(c), the State of New Hampshire, through the Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General, hereby submits **Laws of 1981, Chapter 169**, relative to Disqualification of Clerks, for preclearance by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Changes to RSA 669:29 made in 2010 are being simultaneously submitted for preclearance in submission 2010:317. We are submitting this 1981 change to "catch up" preclearance of earlier changes to allow preclearance of the 2010 changes.

Submission: In accordance with 28 CFR §51.27 and 51.28, the submission is as follows:

**(a) A copy of any ordinance, enactment, order, or regulation embodying a change affecting voting (new law).**

Laws of 1981, Chapter 169:

1. (Sec 1) Repealing RSA 657:11;
2. (Sec 2) Amending RSA 669:29.

See Attached Exhibit 1981:169, #1.

**(b) A copy of any ordinance, enactment, order, or regulation embodying the voting practice that is proposed to be repealed, amended or otherwise changed (prior law).**

1. (Sec 1) RSA 657:11 from Laws of 1979, 436:1. See Attached as Exhibit 1981:169, #2.
2. (Sec 2) RSA 669:29 from Laws of 1979, 400:1. See Attached Exhibit 1981:169, #3.

**(c) A clear statement of the change explaining the difference between the submitted change and the prior law or practice, or explanatory materials adequate to disclose to the Attorney General the difference between the prior and proposed situation with respect to voting.**

Section 1 repeals RSA 657:11, Disqualification of Clerk.

Section 2 amends RSA 669:29 by removing a reference to RSA 657:11 from the list of statutes describing the process of absentee voting for State elections that are applied to town elections.

**(d) The name, title, address, and telephone number of the person making the submission.**

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**(e) The name of the submitting authority and the name of the jurisdiction responsible for the change, if different.**

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**(f) If the submission is not from a State or county, the name of the county and State in which the submitting authority is located.**

Not applicable

**(g) Identification of person or body responsible for making the change and the mode of decision (e.g. act of state legislature, ordinance of city council, administrative decision by the registrar).**

This change is an act of the New Hampshire General Court, New Hampshire's state legislature, with approval of the legislation by the Governor of the State of New Hampshire.

**(h) A statement identifying the statutory or other authority under which the jurisdiction undertakes the change and a description of the procedures the jurisdiction was required to follow in deciding to undertake the change.**

The New Hampshire Constitution Part Second, Article 2, grants supreme legislative power within the state to the House of Representatives and Senate, who with a right to negate each other are granted power to make law through Part Second, Article 5. The legislature, through a bicameral process passed each Chapter Law set forth above. Each bill was signed into law by the Governor or allowed to become law without signature, pursuant to New Hampshire Constitution Part Second, Article 44.

**(i) The date of adoption of the change affecting voting.**

June 2, 1981.

**(j) The date on which the change is to take effect.**

August 1, 1981.

**(k) A statement that the change has not yet been enforced or administered, or an explanation of why such a statement cannot be made.**

This change to New Hampshire's voting laws has been enforced or administered.

As was exhaustively addressed in a 2004 letter to the federal Department of Justice, New Hampshire is engaged in an effort to catch up on preclearance

submissions. This change is being submitted now to “catch up” the preclearance as there is a change in this act related to the subject of a 2010 change.

**(l) Where the change will affect less than the entire jurisdiction, an explanation of the scope of the change.**

This change affects the entire State of New Hampshire.

**(m) A statement of the reasons for the change.**

Both changes remove the prohibition on a Clerk performing his or her duties at an election when the Clerk is on the ballot. The change resolved problems with having skilled individuals to fulfill the Clerks function when the clerk was on the ballot.

**(n) A statement of the anticipated effect of the change on members of racial or language minority groups.**

There is no anticipated adverse effect on members of racial or language minority groups.

**(o) Identify any past or pending litigation concerning the change or related voting practice.**

There is no known past or pending litigation concerning these changes or related voting practices.

**(p1) A Statement that the prior practice has been precleared, with the date, or is not subject to the preclearance requirement and**

1. (Sec 1) RSA 657:11 as amended by Laws of 1979, 436 was precleared on 6/22/2004 by Department of Justice non-objection letter 2004-2563, 2581, 2582.
2. (Sec 2) RSA 669:29 as amended by Laws of 1979, 400:1 was precleared on 10/4/2004 by Department of Justice non-objection letter 2004-2585.

**(p2) A statement that the procedure for the adoption of the change has been precleared, with the date, or is not subject to the preclearance requirement, or an explanation of why such statements cannot be made.**

New Hampshire’s Constitution, in its current form, was adopted June 2, 1784, four years before the United States Constitution took effect upon its ratification by

New Hampshire on June 21, 1788. No amendments to Part Second, article 2 or Part Second, article 44 have occurred since 1784, therefore the authority for adopting law changes predates New Hampshire's ten towns becoming subject to Preclearance on effective November 1, 1968.

**(q) For redistrictings and annexations.**

Not applicable.

**(r) Supplemental**

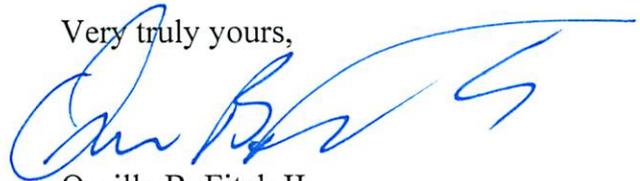
None.

**§51.28 (g) Public notice that announce the submission to the Attorney General, inform the public that a complete duplicate copy of the submission is available for public inspection and invites comments for the consideration of the Attorney General and statements regarding where such public notices appeared.**

Exhibit A is a copy of a press release issued July 19, 2010 announcing the 2010 round of Preclearance submissions, the availability of copies at the New Hampshire Attorney General's Website and Office, and inviting comments to the United States Attorney General.

I expect the foregoing information is sufficient to enable the United States Attorney General to make the required determination pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. If further information is required or would be helpful, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



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Attachments

CC: Secretary of State William M. Gardner  
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EXHIBIT  
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forces of the United States or by any member of the merchant marine of the  
United States designated for this purpose by the secretary of commerce or by  
any civilian official empowered by state or federal law to administer oaths.

I do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am a qualified armed  
services voter under the laws of the state of New Hampshire, that I am at least  
18 years of age and a citizen of the United States; and that, immediately prior  
to my service, my domicile was in New Hampshire at the following address:  
street and number \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_

I am not registered to vote in any state and am not voting in any other  
manner in this election.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Voter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Official

III. Other forms as provided for in RSA 657:7, III, IV and V.

**657:10 Forwarding Forms.** The secretary of state shall retain for his own  
use so many of the absentee ballots and forms provided for in RSA 657:7  
through 657:9 as he may deem necessary and shall supply each town and city  
clerk in the state with as many of them as he may deem sufficient. The same  
shall be sent in sealed packages and shall be marked on the outside clearly  
designating the type and number of ballots enclosed. The secretary of state  
shall keep a record of the time when and the manner in which the absentee  
ballots and forms were sent to said clerks and of the number of ballots so  
forwarded. The secretary of state shall forward overseas citizens federal  
election ballots to the town or city clerks so as to be received by them no later  
than 30 days prior to the date of the federal election. Additional absentee  
ballots of any type may be obtained as required from the secretary of state  
upon written application by a town or city clerk.

**Disqualification of Clerk**

**657:11 Disqualification of Clerk.** If, at any state election, a town or city  
clerk is a candidate for nomination or office or is working for such a candidate,  
he shall be prohibited from performing the duties required by RSA 657:12  
through 657:23. In such case, the deputy clerk, if a town has such a deputy  
pursuant to RSA 41:18, or, if not, an appointee of the selectmen or mayor and  
alderman shall perform such duties provided that the deputy or appointee is  
himself not a candidate or working for a candidate.

**Procedure for Absence and Disability and Overseas Voting**

**657:12 Provisions for General Election.** Upon receipt of a properly exe-  
cuted application for an official absentee ballot whether the form supplied by  
the secretary of state or a written statement containing the information  
required by the appropriate paragraph of RSA 657:4, a town or city clerk  
shall forthwith ascertain if the applicant is on the checklist of the town or city.  
If the applicant is on the checklist, the clerk shall send the materials provided  
for in RSA 657:15; if not, he shall refuse to certify as provided in RSA 657:16.

**657:13 Provisions for State or Presidential Primary Elections.** Upon  
receipt of a properly executed application for an official absentee ballot  
whether the form supplied by the secretary of state or a written statement  
containing the information required by the appropriate paragraph of RSA

said town (city, village district, school district) and will be unable to vote in person; that I have carefully read the instructions forwarded to me with the ballot herein enclosed and that I personally marked the within ballot and enclosed and sealed it in this envelope.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

**Absence Because of Physical Disability.** A person voting by absentee ballot because of physical disability shall fill out and sign the following certificate:

I do hereby certify, under the penalties of perjury, that I am a duly qualified voter in the town (city, village district, school district) of \_\_\_\_\_, New Hampshire, that on account of physical disability I am unable to vote in person; that I have carefully read the instructions forwarded to me with the ballot herein enclosed, and that I personally marked the within ballot and sealed it in this envelope.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_;

IV. Return envelopes of size sufficient to contain the affidavit envelopes, addressed to the clerk upon which shall be printed, "Enclosed, is the ballot of an absentee voter", and at the top thereof blank spaces for the name, address, and voting place of the sender, with the words "name," and "address" appropriately printed thereon.

V. Mailing envelopes large enough to contain all of the above materials in which the town clerks shall mail or deliver them to absentee voters.

**669:28 Instructions; Information.** The secretary of state shall prepare for the use of the clerks such printed information and instructions, subject to the approval of the attorney general, as he shall deem appropriate to carry into effect the purposes hereof. The secretary of state shall furnish such material to the clerks of all towns, cities, village districts and school districts.

**669:29 Application of Statutes.** The procedure for absentee voting in town elections shall be the same as in state elections as provided in RSA 657:6, 11, 12, 14 through 18, and 22 through 24.

**Recounts**

**669:30 Recounts; Application.** If any person for whom a vote was cast and recorded for any office at a town election shall, before the expiration of 15 days from the date of the election, apply in writing to the town clerk for a recount of the ballots cast for such office, the clerk shall appoint a time for the recount not earlier than 7 days nor later than 10 days after the receipt of said application.

**669:31 Notice; Fee.** The clerk shall order the applicant to give notice thereof by giving to each of the opposing candidates, or leaving at his place of abode, a copy of the application at least 5 days prior to the day appointed for the recount of ballots. No other notice shall be required. The applicant shall pay to the town clerk, for the use of the town, a fee of \$10.

**669:32 Board of Recount.** At the time and place so appointed and notified, the clerk shall publicly break the seal of and open the package in which the ballots of said election are kept; and, thereupon, said ballots shall be recounted by the clerk, the moderator and the selectmen of said town who shall constitute the board of recount.

**669:33 Preservation of Ballots after Recount.** Upon the conclusion of the recount, the clerk shall place the ballots and all envelopes or wrappers which had previously contained them in a new envelope showing the contents and the date when and the reason why it was opened; and said clerk shall retain said ballots until the expiration of 30 days from the date of the meeting unless some

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certify such declaration to the town clerk; and the person so declared ineligible shall be ineligible for such town.

**669:35 Appeal from Recount.** The board of recount with respect to an appeal to the superior court for the town shall have jurisdiction over the appeal.

**669:36 Tie Vote.** In case of a tie vote for unofficial ballots in RSA 669:6, the town clerk in the presence of the voters shall elect to be present from him, they elect to be present

**Special Provisions**

**669:37 Nomination by Caucus.** A caucus ballot system under RSA 669:12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

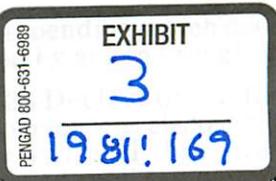
**669:38 Party Regulations.** A caucus shall be held at the time and place so appointed and notified, and the manner of holding the caucus shall be as provided in the regulations of the party.

**669:39 When Held.** Any caucus shall be held at the time and place so appointed and notified, and the manner of holding the caucus shall be as provided in the regulations of the party.

**669:40 Notice.** All town caucus notices shall be posted in conspicuous places in the town and in any published in the town, 10 days prior to the day appointed for the caucus. The notice shall specify the place, day and time which the polls shall be open for the caucus.

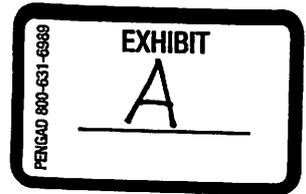
**669:41 Checklists.** The checklist of the local executive committee of the caucus shall be prepared at least 10 days prior to the day appointed for the caucus, and shall be included in the notice of the caucus.

**669:42 Filing.** A candidate for a caucus shall file a declaration of the office for which he is running with the town clerk at least 5 days prior to the day appointed for the caucus, and shall prepare the ballots to be used at said caucus.



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**News Release**

**RELEASED BY:** Attorney General Michael A. Delaney

**SUBJECT:** Voting Rights Act – Submission of a request for preclearance of 2010 changes to New Hampshire Voting laws and procedures

**DATE:** July 19, 2010

**RELEASE TIME:** Immediate

**Contact:** Deputy Attorney General Bud Fitch (603) 271-1238

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Attorney General Michael A. Delaney announces the submission of requests for preclearance of changes made to the election laws in New Hampshire to the Federal Department of Justice. Preclearance submissions will address changes made to New Hampshire's election laws since jurisdictions in the State became subject to preclearance. Submissions will be made over the next several weeks until all 2010 changes to New Hampshire's election laws have been submitted.

Ten New Hampshire towns are subject to section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act. Changes to New Hampshire election laws that affect any of these ten towns must be submitted for review by either the Federal Department of Justice or the Federal District Court for Washington D.C. The federal Department of Justice will review the changes to New Hampshire's election laws to ensure that the changes do not have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color, or membership in a language minority group. Changes to New Hampshire redistricting statutes have been submitted to, and approved by, the U.S. Justice Department since the 1980 census. Federal regulations require that the public be notified that the State has filed a request for preclearance and that the submission be available for public inspection.

Copies of each submission by the Attorney General for the State of New Hampshire are available at the office of the Attorney General at 33 Capitol Street, Concord New Hampshire, 03301. Each document will also be made available at the Attorney General's Office web site at:

<http://www.doj.nh.gov/elections/>

Attorney General Delaney and the federal Department of Justice We invite persons interested in pending submissions to submit comments and information, in writing or by telephone, to the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division at the earliest possible date to assure that they may be considered during the preclearance review time period. Telephone 1-800-253-3931 or (202) 307-2385 or write Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, Room 7254 - NWB, Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington D.C. 20530 (the envelope and first page should be marked "Comment under Section 5"). Further information on the federal Department of Justice's Voting Rights Section can be found at:

<http://www.justice.gov/crt/voting/>

The New Hampshire Attorney General's Office Voting section can be contacted at:

<http://www.doj.nh.gov/elections/>  
New Hampshire Toll Free 1-866-868-3703  
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A Letter describing the historical circumstances of the ten New Hampshire towns becoming subject to the Voting Rights Act preclearance requirements, originally sent to the federal Department of Justice in 2004, is available at:

<http://www.doj.nh.gov/elections/>

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