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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 1983, Chapter 175

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 1983, Chapter 175**, relative to Recount Procedures, for preclearance by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Changes to RSA 660:7 made in 2010 are being simultaneously submitted for preclearance in submission 2010:317. We are submitting this 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 1983, Chapter 175:

1. (Sec 1) Section 1 is a purpose statement and does not make a substantive change to law other than that embodied in the following changes, therefore, is not submitted for preclearance.

2. (Sec 2) amends RSA 660:1, Application;
3. (Sec 3) amends RSA 660:3, Number of Recounts;
4. (sec 4) amends RSA 660:4, Time and Notice;
5. (Sec 5) amends RSA 660:5, Recount;
6. (Sec 6) amends RSA 660:7, Application.

See Attached Exhibit 1983:175, #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(b) A copy of any ordinance, enactment, order, or regulation embodying the voting practice that is proposed to be repealed, amended or otherwise changed (prior law).

All amended sections as adopted in 1979. See Attached Exhibit 1983:175, #2.

(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.

7. (Sec 1) Section 1 is a purpose statement and does not make a substantive change to law other than that embodied in the following changes, therefore, is not submitted for preclearance.
8. (Sec 2) amends RSA 660:1, Application by reducing the period for submitting an application for recount to 5 days from 10 days, substitutes an agreement to pay for the costs of the recount unless it changes the outcome for a petition requirement.
9. (Sec 3) amends RSA 660:3, Number of Recounts by deleting the petition requirements for various offices, establishes that recount results are final, subject only to change as a result of an appeal to the Ballot Law Commission, and limits candidates to one recount.
10. (sec 4) amends RSA 660:4, Time and Notice by extending the maximum period in which to conduct recounts to 21 days after receipt of the application from 10 days after the election, establishes a minimum 3 day notice to candidates whose race will be recounted.

11. (Sec 5) amends RSA 660:5, Recount by establishing a duty for the State Police to collect ballots from municipal officials when directed to do so by the Secretary of State, established a requirement that upon a discrepancy on a ballot being discovered the recount shall be suspended while the discrepancy is resolved and set a limit of one recount.
12. (Sec 6) amends RSA 660:7, Application by setting a requirement for the candidate seeking the recount of a race that was won by more than one percent to agree in writing to pay the cost of the recount and make a deposit for that purpose with the Secretary of State.

(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 10, 1983.

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

August 9, 1983.

(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.

The reason for these changes is to establish more practical time frames for the conduct of recounts by limiting the time to request a recount and extending the time to conduct recounts. The changes also clarify the obligation of a candidate who lost by more than one percent of the total votes cast to pay the costs of the recount.

(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. All the amended sections as amended in 1979 were precleared on 6/22/2004 by Department of Justice non-objection letter 2004-2563, 2581, 2582.

(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

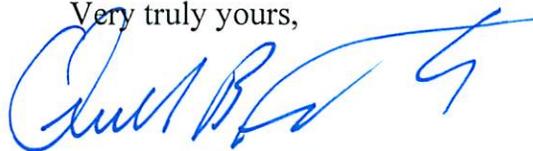
None.

§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

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CHAPTER 175 (HB 557)

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECOUNT PROCEDURES.

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

175:1 Declaration of Purpose. The general court hereby declares that in order to make recounts for state general elections as fair and as equitable as possible, it shall be the policy of this state to give the candidates involved in a recount the proper notice which is sufficient to advise them of the date when a recount will occur and the place at which it will be held.

175:2 Change in Time for Applying for Recount. Amend RSA 660:1 (supp) as inserted by 1979, 436:1 as amended by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

660:1 Application. Any candidate for whom a vote was cast for any office at a state general election may apply for a recount. The application shall be made in writing to the secretary of state and shall be submitted before the expiration of 5 days after the election. Each candidate requesting a recount shall pay the secretary of state fees as provided in RSA 660:2. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be greater than one percent of the total vote cast for that office, the applying candidate shall agree in writing with the secretary of state to pay the full expense of the recount. In such case, the applying candidate shall deposit with the secretary of state an amount of money reasonably estimated to cover such expenses.

175:3 Number of Recounts. Amend RSA 660:3 (supp) as inserted by 1979, 436:1 by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

660:3 Number of Recounts. Any candidate for whom a vote was cast for any office at a state general election shall be entitled to apply for only one recount under this chapter, and the declaration made by the secretary of state under 660:6 shall be final, subject to a change in the result following an appeal to the ballot law commission, as provided in RSA 665:6, II.

175:4 Change in Notice for Recount. Amend RSA 660:4 (supp) as inserted by 1979, 436:1 by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

660:4 Time and Notice. Upon satisfactory application for a recount as provided in RSA 660:1, the secretary of state shall appoint a time for the recount not later than 21 days after receipt of the application. A recount shall take place at any suitable state facility in the city of Concord as may be designated by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall give a minimum of 3 days notice thereof to the applicant and to each of the opposing candidates. The secretary of state shall also prepare and distribute to the applicant and to each of the opposing candidates the rules and procedures governing the recount at the same time notice of the time and place for holding the recount is given to the applicant and to each opposing candidate.

175:5 Suspending Recount. Amend RSA 660:5 (supp) as inserted by 1979, 436:1 as amended by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

660:5 Conduct of Recount. If directed by the secretary of state, the state police shall collect all ballots requested from the town or city clerks having custody of them and shall deliver them to the public facility designated by the secretary of state. At the time and place so appointed, the ballots cast for such office shall be counted by the secretary of state and such assistants as he may require. The candidates, their counsel and assistants shall have the right to inspect the ballots and participate in the recount under such suitable rules as the secretary of state may adopt. Each candidate or his counsel shall have the right to protest the counting of or failure to count any ballot. The secretary of state shall thereupon rule on said ballot and shall attach thereto a memorandum stating such ruling and the name of the candidate making the protest. If, at any time during the counting of the ballots, a discrepancy appears in any ballot for any reason, the secretary of state shall suspend the recount until the discrepancy is resolved, at which time he shall continue the recount. In no event shall a discrepancy result in a second recount for the same candidate, as provided in RSA 660:3.

175:6 Petitions Not Required. Amend RSA 660:7 (supp) as inserted by 1979, 436:1 as amended by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

660:7 Application. Any person for whom a vote was cast for any nomination of any party at a state or presidential primary may apply for a recount. The application shall be made in writing to the secretary of state and shall be submitted not later than 3 days after the publication of the result of the primary for a recount of all ballots cast for such nomination. Each candidate requesting a recount shall pay the secretary of state fees as provided in RSA 660:2. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and another candidate who was declared nominated or who qualified for at least one delegate under RSA 659:93 or who qualified for federal election funding shall be greater than one percent of the total vote cast for that office, the applying candidate shall agree in writing with the secretary of state to pay the full expense of the recount. In such case, the applying candidate shall deposit with the secretary of state an amount of money reasonably estimated to cover such expenses.

175:7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
[Approved June 10, 1983.]
[Effective Date August 9, 1983.]

CHAPTER 176 (HB 558)

AN ACT RELATIVE TO OVERSEAS VOTERS.

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

176:1 Change in Definition of Election. Amend RSA 652:13 (supp) as inserted by 1979, 436:1 by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

652:13 Federal Election. "Federal election" shall mean any state general, special, or primary election held solely or in part for the purpose of choosing or nominating any candidates for the offices of president, vice-president, presi-

dential elector, United States senator, federal overseas voters who are eligible in RSA 657:2, "federal election" shall mean any election.

176:2 Cutoff for Accepting Federal Election Results. Amend RSA 657:22 (supp) as inserted by 1979, 436:1 by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

657:22 Cutoff. In any state election for which a candidate has completed armed services or federal service, the secretary of state shall not accept any ballot received after 5:00 p.m. on election day. Ballots received after 5:00 p.m. shall not be opened until the time set for the opening of the election, as provided in RSA 659:100 at which time any unopened and unexamined ballots shall be destroyed.

176:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
[Approved June 10, 1983.]
[Effective Date August 9, 1983.]

CHAPTER 177

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR DEATH ACTION MAY BE BROUGHT

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

177:1 Actions by an Administrator. Amend RSA 556:11 by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

556:11 New Action. If an action is brought for such cause at any time within 60 days after the death of the decedent, subject to the provisions of RSA 500:1, the action shall be dismissed.

177:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
[Approved June 10, 1983.]
[Effective Date August, 9, 1983.]

CHAPTER 178

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ACTIONS AGAINST INSURERS

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

178:1 Actions Covered by Insurers. Amend RSA 556:8 by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

556:8 Effect of Insolvency. No action shall be brought against an insurer after the estate is decreed to be insolvent, or after the matter has been referred to a receiver, if the decedent was insured for the matter.



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list used in any election shall be turned over to the town or city clerk by the supervisors. The clerk shall preserve such checklists in his custody for a public record for a period of no less than 5 years.

659:103 Preservation of Challenge Affidavits. The affidavits made by challenged voters as provided in RSA 659:27 shall be preserved by the town clerk for at least 1 year following the date of a state election. In contested elections, all affidavits shall be retained by the town clerk until the contest is settled and all appeals periods have expired or for at least 1 year, whichever is longer.

**CHAPTER 660
POST-ELECTION PROCEDURE
State General Election Recounts**

660:1 Application. Any candidate for whom a vote was cast for any office at a state general election may apply for a recount. The application shall be made in writing to the secretary of state and shall be submitted before the expiration of 10 days after the election. Each candidate requesting a recount shall pay the secretary of state fees as provided in RSA 660:2 provided that if the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be greater than one percent of the total vote cast for that office, the applying candidate shall also submit the appropriate number of petitions of qualified voters as provided for in RSA 660:3. In lieu of the petitions or fee or both herein required, a candidate may agree in writing with the secretary of state to pay the full expense of the recount; and, in such case, he shall deposit with the secretary of state an amount of money reasonably estimated to cover such expenses.

660:2 Fees. The fee for a recount shall be as follows: for a candidate for president, United States senator or governor, \$500; for United States representative, \$250; for councilor, \$150; for a county officer or state senator, \$50; for state representative, \$20.

660:3 Number of Petitions. The number of petitions to be submitted for a recount shall be as follows but shall in no case exceed 10 percent of the total vote cast for that office: for president, United States senator, or governor - 2,500; for United States representative - 1,500; for councilor, state senator or a county officer - 1,000; for state representative - 150.

660:4 Time and Notice. Upon satisfactory application for a recount as provided in RSA 660:1, the secretary of state shall appoint a time for the recount not later than 10 days after receipt of the application. A recount shall take place at any suitable state facility in the city of Concord as may be designated by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall give notice thereof to the applicant and to each of the opposing candidates as soon as practicable. The secretary of state shall also prepare and distribute to the applicant and to each of the opposing candidates the rules and procedures governing the recount prior to its commencement.

660:5 Conduct of Recount. The secretary of state shall request that all town or city clerks having custody of ballots on which the name of the applicant appears forward such ballots forthwith to the secretary of state, and the clerks shall immediately forward such ballots. At the time and place so appointed, the ballots shall be counted by the secretary of state and such assistants as he may require. The candidates, their counsel and assistants shall have the right to inspect the ballots and participate in the recount under such suitable rules as the secretary of state may adopt. Each candidate or his counsel shall have the right to protest the counting of or failure to count any

ballot. The secretary of state shall thereupon rule on said ballot and shall attach thereto a memorandum stating such ruling and the name of the candidate making the protest.

660:6 Declaration; Certificate.

I. If the recount shall show that some candidate other than the one declared elected upon the original canvass of votes has the greatest number of votes cast for the office, the secretary of state shall declare said candidate to be elected; and, unless the result is changed upon an appeal taken to the ballot law commission, as provided in RSA 665:6, II, such candidate shall be entitled to a certificate of election.

II. If any person who has applied for a recount is declared elected by reason of said recount, the secretary of state shall return to him within 10 days of the recount all fees paid at the time of filing.

State or Presidential Primary Recounts

660:7 Application. If any person for whom a vote was cast for any nomination of any party at a state or presidential primary shall apply in writing not later than 3 days after the publication of the result of the primary to the secretary of state for a recount of all votes cast for such nomination of that party and shall pay to the secretary of state the fee provided for in RSA 660:2, the secretary of state shall appoint a time for the recount which shall be as soon as practicable.

660:8 Notice of Conduct. Notice shall be given and the recount shall be conducted as provided for in RSA 660:4 and 660:5.

660:9 Declaration of Result. If the recount shall show that some candidate other than the one declared nominated upon the original canvass of votes has the greatest number of votes cast for the nomination, such candidate shall be declared nominated and shall, in the case of a state primary, be placed upon the official ballot at the following election or, in the case of a presidential primary, be apportioned delegates to the national party convention in accordance with RSA 659:93 unless appeal is taken to the ballot law commission in accordance with RSA 665:4, I. If the person who applied for the recount was thereby shown to be the one chosen as the candidate of his party, he shall also have any fee paid returned.

Constitutional Amendments Recount

660:10 Application. Upon receipt of petitions of 100 voters made within 25 days of the date of the election, the secretary of state shall recount the ballots cast on any question to amend the constitution if the proposal was adopted or failed by no more than one percent of the vote cast. The recount shall take place at any suitable state facility in the city of Concord as may be designated by the secretary of state and under such rules of procedure as he shall determine and at such time as he may appoint. The secretary of state shall publish a notice of the time and place of the recount twice in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the state.

660:11 Conduct. The secretary of state shall request that all town and city clerks forward ballots containing such proposed amendment to him forthwith, and the clerks shall immediately forward them. At the time and place so appointed, the ballots shall be counted by the secretary of state and such assistants as he may require. The ballots shall be open to the inspection of the petitioners and other interested persons under such suitable rules as the secretary of state may prescribe. If, after the recount, it shall appear that the result of the voting on said question is other than that declared upon the

original canvass of votes, the secretary of state shall thereupon recount which shall be final unless an appeal taken to the superior court.

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660:12 County Referendum. Ballots cast on any question which at a state general election under the provisions of this chapter for such recount shall be by the voters of said county presented to the secretary of state at the state general election. The recount shall take place at a facility in the city of Concord as may be designated by the secretary of state at such time as the secretary of state shall determine and at such place as he shall determine throughout the county. The fee for such recount shall be \$25 by the person submitting the application and shall be in addition to that the result of the voting on said question as shown on the original canvass of votes, the secretary of state shall thereupon recount which shall be final unless an appeal taken to the superior court.

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660:13 Application. Five legal signatures on any question other than constitutional amendments at any state election as provided in RSA 660:7 shall constitute a petition to the secretary of state for a recount of all votes cast for such question. Such application shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by the ballots or fraction thereof cast for such question. In any event, shall the fee exceed \$50. The secretary of state shall recount and shall notify the petitioner of the town or the mayor and councilor of the city. He shall request the clerk having custody of the ballots forthwith to the secretary of state.

660:14 Conduct. At the time and place appointed by the secretary of state the ballots shall be open to the inspection of the petitioner or town, counsel, if any, of the petitioner. The recount shall be under such suitable rules as the secretary of state shall determine.

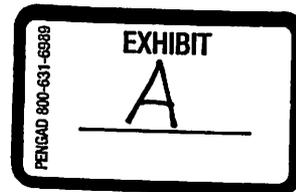
660:15 Declaration of Result. If the recount shall show that some candidate other than the one declared elected upon the original canvass of votes has the greatest number of votes cast for the office, the secretary of state shall declare said candidate to be elected; and, unless the result is changed upon an appeal taken to the ballot law commission, as provided in RSA 665:6, II, such candidate shall be entitled to a certificate of election. If any person who has applied for a recount is declared elected by reason of said recount, the secretary of state shall return to him within 10 days of the recount all fees paid at the time of filing.

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660:16 Disposal of Ballots. The secretary of state shall place the ballots previously contained them in a new certificate showing the contents thereof until the time fixed by law for the

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News Release

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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

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/>
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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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