1   H.369

2   Introduced by Representatives Savage of Swanton, Dickinson of St. Albans

3   Town, Gamache of Swanton, Hebert of Vernon, Hubert of

4   Milton, and Parent of St. Albans Town

5   Referred to Committee on

6   Date:

7   Subject: Elections; conduct of elections; vote tabulators; required use

8   Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require a town

9   with 500 or more registered voters to use vote tabulators for the registering and

10   counting of votes in subsequent nonlocal elections.

11   An act relating to requiring the use of vote tabulators in certain towns

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

13   Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2491 is amended to read:

14   § 2491. POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; VOTE TABULATORS

15   (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a board of civil

16   authority may, at a meeting held not less than 60 days prior to an election and

17   warned pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 801, vote to require the political subdivision

18   for which it is elected to use vote tabulators for the registering and counting of

19   votes in subsequent elections.

1   (b) A town with 1,000 500 or more registered voters as of December 31 in

2   even-numbered years shall use vote tabulators for the registering and counting

3   of votes in subsequent nonlocal elections.

4   (c)(1) The Office of the Secretary of State shall pay the following costs

5   associated with this section by using federal Help America Vote Act funds, as

6   available:

7   (A) full purchase and warranty cost of vote tabulators, ballot boxes,

8   and two memory cards for each tabulator;

9   (B) annual maintenance costs of vote tabulators for each town; and

10   (C) the first $500.00 of the first pair of a vote tabulator's memory

11   cards' configuration costs for each primary and general election.

12   (2) A town shall pay the remainder of any cost not covered by

13   subdivision (1) of this subsection.

14   Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15   This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.