# 2012 Order of Names on Ballots pursuant to RSA 656:5-a

| # of Candidates in Race | # drawn to determine first listed Candidate |
|:---:|:---:|
| 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 4 |
| 5 | 5 |
| 6 | 1 |
| 7 | 7 |
| 8 | 1 |
| 9 | 1 |
| 10 | 9 |
| 11 | 1 |
| 12 | 3 |
| 13 | 7 |
| 14 | 3 |
| 15 | 1 |
| 16 | 12 |
| 17 | 3 |
| 18 | 1 |
| 19 | 16 |
| 20 | 1 |
| 21 | 16 |

**RSA 656:5-a Order of Candidate Names on Ballots**. I. Whenever there are 2 or more candidates for the same office whose names will appear together within the same column or list on a ballot, the position of such names shall be determined according to this section. II. Immediately following the close of the period during which a person may accept the nomination of a party committee pursuant to RSA 655:32, the secretary of state or designee shall conduct a public random selection of a whole number from one to the total number of candidates for each possible list length where a group of candidates for the same office may appear in the same list in state or local elections during the next 2 years. For example, for a possible list of 3 candidates, the number one, 2, or 3 shall be randomly selected. The seed number for each possible list length shall remain in effect for the 2 years until the next random selection of seed numbers. III. To determine the order of names on each ballot, the canddiates for each office in the same list shall be temporarily listed alphabetically by surnames and the positions in such list shall be temporarily numbered in ascending order. The candidate whose position in the initial temporary list equals the seed number selected under paragraph II for the appropriate list length shall appear first on the ballot. The order of candidates after the candidate in the first position shall follow alphabetically by surname with "a" following "z."