

CHAPTER 668

PROVISIONS FOR UNINCORPORATED PLACES

Organized Places

668:1 Organization for Voting. The offices for which the voters of an unincorporated place are entitled to vote shall include: President and Vice-President of the United States, United States senator, United States representative, governor, executive councilor, state senator, state representative and county offices. The provisions of the election laws relating to town meetings for the choice of election officers and the conduct of state elections shall apply to unincorporated places organized as provided by RSA 53:1.

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668:2 Designation of Towns. If an unincorporated place is not organized for voting, the secretary of state shall designate a town in the same representative district where all persons domiciled in the unincorporated place may register, vote, file for office and exercise all other procedures to which they are entitled under the election laws.

668:3 Registration and Checklists. The procedure for registration of persons domiciled in an unincorporated place in a town designated pursuant to RSA 668:2 shall be the same as provided in RSA 654, except that a separate checklist shall be maintained for the voters of each unincorporated place. The supervisors shall prepare, revise and post said checklist along with the checklist for the town as provided in RSA 654.

668:4 Offices Voted For. The offices for which voters of unincorporated places are entitled to vote shall include: President and Vice-President of the United States, United States senator, United States representative, governor, executive councilor, state senator, state representative, and county offices. The voters of the unincorporated places are not entitled to vote for any town or ward offices or on any questions concerning the towns in which they vote.

668:5 Preparation of Special Ballots. For any state election, the secretary of state shall prepare special ballots for the voters of all unincorporated places. For purposes of this section, "special ballots" shall mean the ballots to be used by all unincorporated places in the same state representative district as opposed to separate ballots for each unincorporated place. These special ballots shall have no location printed on them, but shall have a space where the name of an unincorporated place shall be entered by the town clerk of the designated town. The secretary of state shall print only the names of candidates for offices for which the voters of the unincorporated place are entitled to vote, as provided in RSA 668:4. It shall be the duty of the town clerk to make ready in advance a sufficient number of ballots for each person on the official checklist of the unincorporated places. If it is necessary because of election day registrations, extra ballots shall be prepared and the number attested to at the end of the voting. In all other respects, such special ballots shall be printed and forwarded to the town clerk in the same manner as the other ballots for the designated town.

668:6 Establishing Procedures for Voting. The secretary of state shall issue regulations within the scope of the election laws to establish the procedures for voting and filing for office by voters of unincorporated places. The regulations so issued shall have the force of law.

668:7 Return of Votes Cast. The town clerk of the town designated pursuant to RSA 668:2 shall make a return of the votes cast in his town by the voters of each unincorporated place in the same manner as provided for in RSA 659.

668:8 Service to Unincorporated Places. I. For services to unincorporated places during any state general election as directed by this chapter, the town clerk of the town designated pursuant to RSA 668:2 shall be paid the sum of \$50. Said payment shall be a charge against the appropriation for elections for the office of secretary of state.

II. If an unincorporated place exceeds 10 voters, and has not organized pursuant to RSA 53:1, the county in which the unincorporated place is located shall pay the town designated pursuant to RSA 668:2 for costs it incurs in conducting a primary or general election for the unincorporated place. The county shall assess the cost of conducting an election under this paragraph to the unincorporated place