

NOTICE OF ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURES FOR NH STATE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The processing of absentee ballots will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m. on November 8, 2016 at the Hopkinton High School – the polling location for the NH General Election for the town of Hopkinton, NH, hereby posted per the following statute:

659:49 Processing Absentee Ballots. I. Processing of previously received absentee ballots shall begin at 1:00 p.m. unless a different time, that is no earlier than 2 hours after the opening of the polls, is posted and announced in accordance with paragraph II. The processing of the absentee ballots shall not unnecessarily interfere with normal voting procedures, nor shall the polls be closed at any time for the processing of such ballots during normal polling hours. Absentee ballots which are received after the start time for processing absentee ballots and prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election shall be processed as soon after receipt as possible. Under no circumstances shall absentee ballots be counted prior to the closing of the polls.

Absentee ballot outer envelopes may be opened in preparation of processing absentee ballots themselves at the Hopkinton High School, polling location for the town of Hopkinton, NH, once the polls are open at 7:00 a.m. This announcement is made per the following statute:

659:49-b Opening Absentee Ballot Outer Envelopes. The moderator or the moderator's designee may authorize the opening of absentee ballot outer envelopes on election day, prior to the time established for processing absentee ballots in RSA 659:49; provided that the opening of the outer envelopes occurs in public with notice of the time and place. The envelope containing the ballot shall not be removed from the outer envelope at such time, and the outer envelope containing the inner envelope shall be secured until it is processed pursuant to RSA 659:50.