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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The bill provides for coordinating ballot questions on combining the offices of town clerk and treasurer and on making the combined office appointive.

#### Section

- 1**      **Option B; appointment of clerk and treasurer.** Technical; reference to section 2.
- 2**      **Option D; combination of the offices of clerk and treasurer.** Amends current law on Option D that allows for combining the offices of town clerk and treasurer and making the combined office either elective or appointive. Specifies that the combined position will be filled in the same manner as the town clerk, unless the board action or petition specifies that the ballot question to the voters will include both Option B (making the clerk and treasurer appointive) and Option D.
- 3**      **Election; form of ballot.** Requires that if Option B (appointive office) is submitted at the same election as Option D, (combining clerk and treasurer) the ballot must note that the approval of Option B is contingent on simultaneous approval of Option D.
- 4**      **Continuance in office; elections.** Technical.
- 5**      **Transition; audit.** Provides that if Option D (combining clerk and treasurer) is adopted, the election of the treasurer at that election is void.