Bill as Introduced

HB 427 – AS INTRODUCED

2003 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***427***

AN ACT making the position of "treasurer" optional for school districts.

SPONSORS: Rep. T. Robertson, Ches 25

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill makes the position of "treasurer" optional for school districts.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Three

AN ACT making the position of "treasurer" optional for school districts.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Other Officers; Treasurer. Amend RSA 671:6 to read as follows:

671:6 Other Officers. Except as provided under RSA 671:6-a, at each school district election, each school district which is not a cooperative school district as defined in RSA 195:1 shall elect a school district clerk, moderator, treasurer, and such optional officers as the voters of the district shall have voted to elect to manage the affairs of the district. ***At any annual school district meeting under an article in the warrant placed there by petition, the voters may vote to eliminate the office of treasurer. If the office of treasurer is eliminated, the school district shall designate an officer to perform the duties of the treasurer established by law.*** The moderator shall take office upon the adjournment of the regular school district meeting held in the year of the moderator's election and upon the moderator's qualification for office, whichever is later. The treasurer shall take office upon the close of the fiscal year for the district and upon the treasurer's qualification for office, whichever is later. An optional officer may not be elected by official ballot until the annual district election first following the establishment of the office. The school district may, by vote, determine to elect a temporary officer or authorize the school board to appoint a temporary officer to serve until the next annual district election.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 427

BILL TITLE: making the position of "treasurer" optional for school districts.

DATE: February 12, 2003

LOB ROOM: 207 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 2:02 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 2:20 p.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. L'Heureux, Alger, Dearborn, Flint, Carson, Colcord, Balboni, Leone, McHugh, Naro, Laurent, Tufts, M. Carter, Hagan, Ingbretson, Snyder, Claire Clarke, Jean, Rush, Scovner and J. Dunn

Bill Sponsors: Rep. T. Robertson

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. T. Robertson, sponsor. This is a home rule bill. Our last Treasurer stole $350,000 from us and is now in prison. These positions are part-time and they should be held by a professional. This bill would allow the question to be on a local ballot and would be voted on by a district. Rep. Jean (Question): Didn't your Treasurer need an additional signature? (Answer): Yes, but this individual was also a banker who, when asked by auditors about the money, said it was there. Rep. Jean (Question): He was the banker? (Answer): Yes. No one suspected this well-respected man and did not question the relationship between his role as District Treasurer and banker. This bill hopefully will prevent this from happening again. Rep. Leone (Question): If the State would relinquish the position of Treasurer, would this be a problem, i.e. with a bonding issue? (Answer): No. I don't see any problem and if there was, we could go back to the old system. Rep. Laurent (Question): Could this job be part of the SAU? (Answer): Yes, it could. Rep. Dearborn (Question): Is there any guarantee that if this bill was adopted, it would prevent someone from stealing money? (Answer): There is no guarantee, but it would prevent the situation my town found itself in. Rep. Flint (Question): Isn't that the reason you bond the position? (Answer): Yes. Rep. Snyder (Question): This bill has no bearing on cities? (Answer): Right. Rep. Rush (Question): Can this be settled in-house within your SAU? (Answer): Putting that position to be decided by politics is not the answer. Rep. Carter (Question): If the office of the Treasurer was eliminated, would that create a problem with the next person hired? (Answer): In this bill, the duties are outlined. Besides, the voter has a say. Rep. Balboni (Question): You want to have a system of checks and balances? (Answer): Yes. Rep. Balboni (Question): Would there be an amendment that would spread out the duties? (Answer): Yes. Rep. L'Heureux (Question): Regarding Line 2, why not remove everybody from the list? (Answer): It is important to allow the people to vote on this issue. Rep. Leone (Question): Wouldn't it be better to be specific about the duties? (Answer): Yes, but we need to realize that this bill gives towns an option to maintain the integrity of local control.

Pink Cards:

✓ Rep. T. Robertson, sponsor. Supports the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Carson

Rep. Sharon M. Carson
Committee Clerk

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 427

BILL TITLE: **making the position of "treasurer" optional for school districts.**

DATE: March 6, 2003

LOB ROOM: 207

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: (OTP) OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Laurent

Seconded by Rep. Dunn

Vote: 8-9 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, (ITL), Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Clarke

Seconded by Rep. Ingbretson

Vote: 11-6 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: {Type VOTE}

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Sharon M. Carson, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 427

BILL TITLE: **making the position of "treasurer" optional for school districts.**

DATE: {Type DATE} 3/6/03

LOB ROOM: 207

Amendments:

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OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2003 SESSION

EDUCATION

Bill #: 427 Title: Making the Position of "Treasurer" Optional for School Districts

PH Date: 2/12/03 Exec Session Date: 03/06/03

Motion: OTP Amendment #:

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
L'Heureux, Stephen R. Chairman		
Alger, John R M. V Chairman		✓
Dearborn, Bruce L		✓
Flint, Gordon B		
Carson, Sharon M		✓
Colcord, J D	✓	
Balboni, Michael A		
Leone, Richard C		✓
McHugh, Claire B		
Naro, Debra A	✓	
Laurent, John J	✓	
Tufts, J Arthur		✓
Carter, Mark S	✓	
Hagan, Barbara J	✓	
Ingbretson, Paul		✓
Snyder, Clair A		✓
Jean, Claudette R	✓	
Clarke, Claire D		✓
Rush, Deanna P	✓	
Scovner, Nancy M		✓
Dunn, James T	✓	
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TOTAL VOTE:

Printed: 1/6/2003

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Motion: ITL Amendment #:

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
L'Heureux, Stephen R. Chairman		
Alger, John R M. V Chairman	✓	
Dearborn, Bruce L	✓	
Flint, Gordon B		
Carson, Sharon M	✓	
Colcord, J D		✓
Balboni, Michael A		
Leone, Richard C	✓	
McHugh, Claire B		
Naro, Debra A	✓	
Laurent, John J		✓
Tufts, J Arthur	✓	
Carter, Mark S		✓
Hagan, Barbara J		✓
Ingbretson, Paul	✓	
Snyder, Clair A	✓	
Jean, Claudette R		✓
Clarke, Claire D	✓	
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Scovner, Nancy M	✓	
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Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Education**

BILL NUMBER: **HB 427**

TITLE: making the position of "treasurer" optional for school districts.

DATE: March 6, 2003 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☐ NO ☒

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☒ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

The majority of the committee felt that the intent of this bill was laudable however, it was more of a local problem and not prevalent in multiple districts.

Vote 11-6.

Rep. Claire D. Clarke
FOR THE COMMITTEE

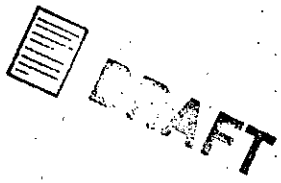
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cc: Committee Bill file

Education

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Rep. Claire D. Clarke for Education: The majority of the committee felt that the intent of this bill was laudable however, it was more of a local problem and not prevalent in multiple districts **Vote 11-6.**

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Rep. Claire D. Clarke
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
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USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

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STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

Vote {Type VOTE}.
11 - Yea
6 - No

Rep. {Type NAME}
FOR THE COMMITTEE
Claire D. Clarke

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

The majority of the committee felt that this bill was unnecessary as it was more of a local problem and not prevalent in multiple districts. The committee MAJORITY also felt "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."