**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**May 10, 2023**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Municipal and County Government to which was referred SB 88,**

**AN ACT relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

**Rep. Len Turcotte**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

# COMMITTEE REPORT

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| Committee: | **Municipal and County Government** |
| Bill Number: | **SB 88** |
| Title: | **relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations.** |
| Date: | **May 10, 2023** |
| Consent Calendar: | **CONSENT** |
| Recommendation: | **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2023-1711h** |

## STATEMENT OF INTENT

As amended, this bill would raise the allowable amount of the annual membership dues from $20 to $50 for the three following organizations: NH Association of Assessing Officials, NH City and Town Clerk's Association, and the NH Tax Collector's Association. Since these dues are mandated by RSA 31:8, the committee amended the bill to include restrictions on how these monies could be spent, subjected to the provisions of RSA 15:5, II.

Vote 20-0.

Rep. Len Turcotte
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Municipal and County Government

**SB 88,** relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Len Turcotte for Municipal and County Government. As amended, this bill would raise the allowable amount of the annual membership dues from $20 to $50 for the three following organizations: NH Association of Assessing Officials, NH City and Town Clerk's Association, and the NH Tax Collector's Association. Since these dues are mandated by RSA 31:8, the committee amended the bill to include restrictions on how these monies could be spent, subjected to the provisions of RSA 15:5, II. **Vote 20-0.**

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

Rep. Yokela, Rock. 32
May 9, 2023
2023-1711h
02/05

Amendment to SB 88

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Powers; Town Officers' Associations. Amend RSA 31:8 to read as follows:

31:8 Town Officers' Associations. For the encouragement of equitable taxation and the education of public officials in tax problems and other matters pertaining to the proper and efficient discharge of the duties of their respective offices, each town and city shall pay annually to the New Hampshire Association of Assessing Officials, the New Hampshire City and Town Clerks' Association and the New Hampshire Tax Collectors' Association, such amounts as shall be due for annual membership for its officials therein, providing that ***it cannot be used to fund accounts subject to RSA 15:5, II and that*** the amount paid for any one annual membership hereunder shall not exceed [~~$20~~] ***$50***. Members of these several organizations in addition to the annual membership fee, shall be entitled to receive their actual expenses incurred in attending the annual convention of their respective associations, the same to be audited by the selectmen of towns and the finance committee of cities and paid out of city and town funds.

2023-1711h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill raises the cap on maximum annual membership dues paid by municipalities to town officers' associations and prohibits such funds from being used to fund certain lobbying activities.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 88**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations.

**DATE:** May 10, 2023

**LOB ROOM:** 301-303

**MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Yokela | Seconded by Rep. Aylward | Vote: 7-13

**MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Moved by Rep. Yokela | Seconded by Rep. Treleaven | AM Vote: 11-9

Amendment # 2023-1711h

Moved by Rep. Yokela | Seconded by Rep. Read | Vote: 20-0

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk

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2023 SESSION

**Municipal and County Government**

Bill #: SB88 Motion: Amendment AM #: 2023-1711H Exec Session Date: 5/10/23

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| Pauer, Diane Vice Chairman | 1 | | |
| Guthrie, Joseph A. | | 1 | |
| MacDonald, John T. Clerk | | 2 | |
| Lascelles, Richard W. | 2 | | |
| Yokela, Josh S. | 3 | | |
| Kelley, Diane E. | 4 | | |
| Aylward, Deborah | 5 | | |
| Brown, Richard R | 6 | | |
| Cahill, Tim P | | 3 | |
| Stavis, Laurel | | 4 | |
| Tatro, Bruce L. | | 5 | |
| Treleaven, Susan GS | 7 | | |
| Gilman, Julie D. | | 6 | |
| Maggiore, Jim V. | | 7 | |
| ~~Mangipudi, Latha~~ D. Telenski | | 8 | |
| Gallager, Eric B. | 8 | | |
| Hicks, Matthew S | 9 | | |
| ~~Howland, Allan~~ READ | 10 | | |
| Preece, David John | | 9 | |
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2023 SESSION

**Municipal and County Government**

Bill #: 88 Motion: OTP Amend AM #: 2023-1711h Exec Session Date: ~~10~~ 5/10/23

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| Gallager, Eric B. | 16 | | |
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| ~~Howland, Allan~~ READ | 18 | | |
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2023 SESSION

## Municipal and County Government

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| **TOTAL VOTE:** | | | |

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 88**

**BILL TITLE:** **relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations.**

**DATE:** **April 20, 2023**

**LOB ROOM:** **301-303** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **10:00 a.m.**

**Time Adjourned:** **10:10 a.m.**

**Committee Members: Reps. L. Turcotte, Pauer, J. MacDonald, Guthrie, Lascelles, D. Kelley, Aylward, R. Brown, T. Cahill, Stavis, Tatro, Maggiore, Hicks, Howland and Preece**

**Bill Sponsors:**
**Sen. Birdsell**

**TESTIMONY**

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

- Maya Harvey - introduced the bill on behalf of sponsor. Raise the cap to $50.00 to receive the costs of their actual expenses.
    - Rep. Lascelles - could it apply to other associations?
    - Harvey - will get back to you.
    - Rep. Pauer - fee per municipality on members?
    - Harvey - I will need to get back to you from senator.
    - Aylward - line 2 equitable taxation definition
    - Harvey - senator will get back to you.
    - Maggiore - adjustment factor on a number, will we have to come back to adjust it?
    - Harvey - senator will get back to you.
    - Chair Turcotte - the three associations that they are named, why those three?
    - Harvey - senator will follow up.
    - Aylward - why should tax payers be responsible?
    - Harvey - senator will follow up.
    - Turcotte - only the bold is the change in the law.
- Dan Healey, NH Town Clerk's Association - asked senator to increase the bill to $50.00. The annual fee covers town clerk, city clerk, the office. We support this bill.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. John MacDonald, Clerk

# House Remote Testify

## Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill SB88 on 2023-04-20

Support: 0 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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| Name | City, State<br>Email Address | Title | Representing | Position | Testifying | Non-Germane | Signed Up |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Richardson, Daniel | Nashua, NH<br>daniel6_22@comcast.net | A Member of the Public | Myself | Oppose | No | No | 4/20/2023 10:15 AM |

# SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # SB88 Date 4/20/23

Committee Municipal + County

** Please Print All Information **

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**SB 88 - AS INTRODUCED**

2023 SESSION

23-1010
02/10

SENATE BILL *88*

AN ACT relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill raises the cap on maximum annual membership dues paid by municipalities to town officers' associations.

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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.

**SB 88 - AS INTRODUCED**

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

AN ACT relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations.

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

1 Powers; Town Officers' Associations. Amend RSA 31:8 to read as follows:

31:8 Town Officers' Associations. For the encouragement of equitable taxation and the education of public officials in tax problems and other matters pertaining to the proper and efficient discharge of the duties of their respective offices, each town and city shall pay annually to the New Hampshire Association of Assessing Officials, the New Hampshire City and Town Clerks' Association and the New Hampshire Tax Collectors' Association, such amounts as shall be due for annual membership for its officials therein, providing that the amount paid for any one annual membership hereunder shall not exceed [~~$20~~] ***$50***. Members of these several organizations in addition to the annual membership fee, shall be entitled to receive their actual expenses incurred in attending the annual convention of their respective associations, the same to be audited by the selectmen of towns and the finance committee of cities and paid out of city and town funds.

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