

SB 626-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2026 SESSION

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SENATE BILL **626-FN**

AN ACT restricting right-to-know requests to persons domiciled or maintaining a permanent residence in New Hampshire and requiring proof of domicile or residency to file right-to-know requests.

SPONSORS: Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Reardon, Dist 15

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill restricts right-to-know requests to persons domiciled or maintaining a permanent residence in New Hampshire and requires proof of domicile or residency to file right-to-know requests.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Public Officers and Employees; Access to Government Records and Meetings;
2 Definitions. Amend RSA 91-A:1-a by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

3 I-a. "Citizen" means a natural person domiciled or who maintains a permanent place of
4 residence in this state.

5 2 Public Officers and Employees; Access to Government Records and Meetings; Minutes and
6 Records Available for Public Inspection. Amend RSA 91-A:4, IV(a) to read as follows:

7 (a) Each public body or agency shall, upon request ***by a citizen with sufficient***
8 ***documentation to prove domicile or a permanent residence in this state, pursuant to RSA***
9 ***654:12, I(c)***, for any governmental record reasonably described, make available for inspection and
10 copying any such governmental record within its files when such records are immediately available
11 for such release. ***News organizations that are located and operate in any state, country, or***
12 ***territory except New Hampshire shall be exempt from the requirements of this***
13 ***subparagraph.***

14 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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**SB 626-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2029.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Office of State and Public Sector Labor Relations and Judicial Branch