

HB 173 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **173**

AN ACT relative to maintaining the purpose of a petitioned warrant article.

SPONSORS: Rep. Sellers, Graf. 18; Rep. Seidel, Hills. 29; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42; Rep. Post, Hills. 42; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36; Rep. Terry, Belk. 7; Rep. Tierney, Coos 1; Rep. Mazur, Hills. 44; Rep. Creighton, Hills. 30; Rep. Guthrie, Rock. 15

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill prevents warrant articles from being amended to change their purpose.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Optional Form of Meeting-Official Ballot Referenda; Use of Official Ballots; Amendments to
2 Warrant Articles. Amend RSA 40:13, IV(c) to read as follows:

3 (c) No warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article **or**
4 ***to change the purpose of a petitioned warrant article.*** An amendment that changes the dollar
5 amount of an appropriation in a warrant article shall not be deemed to violate this subparagraph.

6 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.