

HB 1044 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL **1044**

AN ACT relative to the filling of vacancies in the office of a county commissioner.

SPONSORS: Rep. Turcotte, Straf. 4; Rep. Burnham, Straf. 2; Rep. Bailey, Straf. 2; Rep. Walker, Straf. 19; Rep. DeRoy, Straf. 3; Rep. Harrington, Straf. 18; Rep. Ankarberg, Straf. 7; Rep. Farrington, Straf. 8; Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19; Rep. Granger, Straf. 2; Sen. Gray, Dist 6

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill requires a vacancy in the office of county commissioner to be filled by the members of the county convention.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to the filling of vacancies in the office of a county commissioner.

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

1 1 County Officers; Vacancies. Amend RSA 661:9, II(a) to read as follows:

2 (a) If a vacancy occurs in the office of a county commissioner, ~~[the members of the county~~
3 ~~convention, or, if the vacancy occurs in Hillsborough county,]~~ the members of the county convention
4 representing the cities and towns in the commissioner's district, shall fill the vacancy by a majority
5 of the ballots cast until the next biennial election of county officers. If the term **of office** filled **by**
6 **the procedure in this subparagraph extends beyond the date of the next biennial election** [is
7 ~~less than the unexpired term~~], then notwithstanding any provisions of RSA 653:1, VI, the **office of a**
8 **county** commissioner ~~[district filled pursuant to this paragraph]~~ shall be added to the next biennial
9 election ballot to be ~~chosen~~ **elected** by the voters of the county ~~[for a 2-year term]~~ **commissioner's**
10 **district to serve the remainder of the unexpired term associated with that office.**

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.