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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to the establishment of county-wide communication districts.

SPONSORS: Rep. H. Howard, Straf. 4; Rep. Preece, Hills. 17; Rep. Coker, Belk. 2; Rep. Wall, Straf. 11; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill allows counties to initiate the establishment of county-wide communications districts.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to the establishment of county-wide communication districts.

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

1 69:1 Communications Districts; Definitions. Amend RSA 53-G:1, II to read as follows:

2 II. "District" means a communications district of 2 or more municipalities, ***or one county,***
3 established under this chapter.

4 69:2 Definitions. Amend RSA 53-G:1, VII to read as follows:

5 VII. "Member" means any city, town, unincorporated town, [ø] unorganized place, ***or county*** that
6 elects to form or join a communications district under this chapter.

7 69:3 Communications District Planning Committee; Formation and Responsibilities. Amend RSA 53-
8 G:2, I to read as follows:

9 I. The governing bodies of 2 or more municipalities, ***or the governing body of a county,*** may at
10 their discretion create a special unpaid committee to be known as a communications district planning
11 committee, consisting of at least 2 persons from each municipality appointed by the respective governing
12 bodies. ***Governing bodies of municipalities located within a proposed county-wide district may vote to***
13 ***include themselves in this planning committee. Governing bodies of municipalities may vote to join the***
14 ***proposed communications district at a future time pursuant to RSA 53-G:7.*** The committee shall elect a
15 chairperson, clerk, and treasurer. Members may be reimbursed by the committee for costs of performing
16 duties directly related to the committee.

17 69:4 Communications District Planning Committee. Amend RSA 53-G:2, IV to read as follows:

18 IV. If the committee determines that the formation of a district is desirable, it shall prepare a
19 proposed district agreement in accordance with RSA 53-G:4 and hold a public information session in each
20 municipality which is named in the district agreement as a site. Copies of the proposed agreement and of
21 RSA 53-G shall be made available at and prior to any hearing. Notice of any hearing shall be published in
22 one or more newspapers of general circulation in the proposed district or posted on the website of each
23 member municipality ***and on the county website, if applicable,*** and posted in one public place in each
24 member municipality, and sent to the governing bodies of participating municipalities.

69:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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Effective Date: August 01, 2025