

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred **HB 173**

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

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka
For the Committee

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