

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee
Jessica Bourque 271-2104

HB 1689, relative to the term of office for county officers in Merrimack county.

Hearing Date: March 17, 2026

Time Opened: 9:15 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:18 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gray, Lang, Rochefort, Perkins Kwoka and Long

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill extends the term of office for certain elected county officers in Merrimack county to 4 years. The bill also requires that the elections for such Merrimack county officers coincides with the presidential election every 4 years.

Sponsors:
Rep. Morse

Who supports the bill: Representative Pauer, Kate Horgan

Who opposes the bill: None

Summary of testimony:

Senator Lang introduced the bill on behalf of the prime sponsor.

- This bill extends the term for county professional offices from two years to four years.
- Several counties have already taken this step to prevent a continuous campaign cycle. This bill adds Merrimack County to that list.
- Senator Lang has an amendment that also adds Belknap County.