

1 Committee of Conference Report on HB 340-FN, relative to electioneering by public employees.

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3 Recommendation:

4 That the House recede from its position of nonconcurrency with the Senate amendment, and
5 concur with the Senate amendment, and

6 That the Senate and House adopt the following new amendment to the bill as amended by the
7 Senate, and pass the bill as so amended:

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9 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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11 1 Electioneering by Public Employees; Penalties. Amend RSA 659:44-a, III to read as follows:

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13 III. For the purposes of this section, "electioneer" [~~means to act in any way specifically~~
14 ~~designed to influence the vote of a voter on any question or office~~] **is defined according to RSA**
15 **652:16-h.**

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17 2 Electioneering by Public Employees. Amend RSA 659:44-a, IV to read as follows:

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19 IV.(a) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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21 **(b) Any person who violates this provision and is not subject to the penalties**
22 **imposed under subparagraph IV(a) shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.**

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24 3 New Paragraph; Electioneering by Public Employees. Amend RSA 652:16-h by inserting after
25 paragraph II the following new paragraph:

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27 III. Organizing or conducting surveys that are expressly or primarily political, meaning that
28 they have a format, questions, or other characteristics that clearly indicate a preference for one or
29 more candidates or political parties in an election or one or more policies that are reasonably
30 anticipated to be on the ballot or otherwise at issue in an election. This paragraph shall also apply
31 to any person identified in RSA 273-A:1, IX(b), (c), or (d).

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33 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on HB 340-FN, relative to electioneering by public employees.

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