

HB 1001 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1001***

AN ACT allowing for appointment by county attorneys of investigators with law enforcement powers.

SPONSORS: Rep. Lynn, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill allows for the appointment by county attorneys of investigators with law enforcement powers.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 allowing for appointment by county attorneys of investigators with law enforcement powers.

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

1 1 New Section; County Attorneys; Appointment of Investigators. Amend RSA 7 by inserting
2 after section 33-g the following new section:

3 7:33-h Appointment of Investigators with Law Enforcement Authority.

4 I. Subject to available county appropriations, and with the approval of the county
5 commissioners, a county attorney may appoint investigators within the county attorney's office to
6 which he or she is elected, each of whom shall have statewide law enforcement authority and shall
7 be a peace officer as defined by RSA 594:1, III. Any person appointed to such a position shall be
8 certified or eligible for certification as a police officer pursuant to RSA 106-L:5, V. An investigator
9 appointed under this paragraph shall be removed if he or she fails to achieve certification or if he or
10 she is decertified by the police standards and training council.

11 II. Each appointee under paragraph I shall report to the county attorney. Operational
12 control over such investigators shall rest solely with the county attorney.

13 III. Nothing in this section shall preclude county attorneys from appointing investigators
14 who are not certified law enforcement officers and do not have the powers and authority of a law
15 enforcement officer.

16 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.