

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

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred **HB 1161**

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OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 4-0

Senator Timothy Lang
For the Committee

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