

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred **HB 1272**

AN ACT

providing an option for each candidate's party affiliations to be printed on the town or school district ballot.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

IS INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

BY A VOTE OF: 4-0

Senator Pat Long
For the Committee

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