

Senate Judiciary Committee

Brendan Bunnell 271-4063

HB 1003, prohibiting the Grafton county attorney from engaging in the private practice of law.

Hearing Date: April 7, 2026

Time Opened: 1:57 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:59 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gannon, Abbas, Altschiller and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent: Senator Carson

Bill Analysis: This bill prohibits the Grafton county attorney from engaging in the private practice of law with the exception of providing legal services to family members where no conflict of interest exists.

Sponsors:

Rep. McFarlane

Rep. Franz

Rep. Pauer

Rep. Sellers

Rep. Berezchny

Rep. Barton

Rep. Ulery

Rep. Guthrie

Rep. Bjelobrk

Rep. Lynn

Who supports the bill: Pamela Harders, James Gardner, and Eric Pauer.

Who opposes the bill: Representative Janet Lucas, Cory Stone, Stephanie Osborne, Nancy Donahue, Shiela Donahue, Richard Osborne, William Copeland Jr and Diane Arsenault.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of the testimony presented:

Representative Bob Lynn introduced the bill. He stated that it was his inclination, having been a prosecutor for a number of years previously, that a role like that of the Grafton County Attorney should be an individual's full-time obligation.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 10, 2026