

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Ben Mickens 271-1403

HB 1115, adding a definition of citizen of New Hampshire and expanding the number of persons eligible for the New Hampshire medal of honor.

Hearing Date: April 14, 2026

Time Opened: 10:08 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:13 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Pearl and Altschiller

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Gannon, Lang and Reardon

Bill Analysis: This bill codifies a definition for "citizen of New Hampshire" to be applied throughout state statute and expands the number of persons eligible for the New Hampshire medal of honor.

Sponsors:

Rep. McFarlane

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Rep. Popovici-Muller

Rep. Pauer

Rep. Morton

Rep. Mazur

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Rep. Corcoran

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Who supports the bill: Representative McFarlane, Representative Daniel Popovici-Muller, Deputy Adjunct General Nicole Bixler (DMAVS), Quinton Hawkins (DMAVS), Pat Wilczynski, Betsey Neville, Lauren Wilson, Cory Stone, Eric Pauer and Daniel Richardson.

Who opposes the bill: David Holt, Bonnie Bruno, Peg Sheets, Joyce Weston, Sue Holstein, Marlise Bryant, Lorraine Ar, Janet Robinson, Susan Dunker, Sharon Racusin, Margaret Jernstedt, Karen Chase, Sandra Fairbank, Mary Burton, Patricia Button, Margaret Bowles, Ellen Lynch, Jane Gottschalk, Margaret Caudill Slosberg, Priscilla Benson, Nancy Milwa, Lorraine Foster, Shirley Montgomery, Carola Lea, Letitia Ufford, William Geraghty, Meredith Morgan, Barbara Callaway, Alexandra Prescott, Ann Craxton, Aidan Boucher, and Leigh Hutchinson.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Donald MacFarlane

- Representative MacFarlane explained that the bill was an attempt to clean up language and align phrasing across statute.
- Representative MacFarlane explained that these terms had been left undefined which left extra work to the other two branches when trying to apply and interpret the law.
- Representative MacFarlane brought up the minority reports concern that the 14th amendment may require those not domiciled in New Hampshire to vote which he stated was not the case.
- Representative MacFarlane stated that the bill was amended so as to not unintentional affect who can receive the New Hampshire medal of honor.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

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