Section 1 Header

2026 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***[bill number]***

AN ACT expanding the number of Grafton county commissioners.

SPONSORS: [sponsors]

COMMITTEE: [committee]

ANALYSIS

This bill expands the number of Grafton county commissioners to 5 commissioners, assigns each commissioner a district, and provides for the election and terms therefor.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT expanding the number of Grafton county commissioners.

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

1 County Commissioner Districts; Grafton County. RSA 662:4, V is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

V. Grafton: District 1, the towns of Hanover, Lyme, Orford, Piermont, Warren, and Wentworth; District 2, the town of Enfield and the city of Lebanon; District 3, the towns of Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Haverhill, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Monroe, and Sugar Hill; District 4, the towns of Campton, Holderness, Lincoln, Plymouth, Thornton, Woodstock, Waterville Valley, and the unincorporated place of Livermore; District 5, the towns of Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Canaan, Dorchester, Ellsworth, Grafton, Groton, Hebron, Orange, and Rumney.

2 Elected for 2-Year Term; Grafton County. Amend RSA 653:1, VI(j) to read as follows:

(j) Grafton county-one county commissioner by the voters in each county commissioner district; provided that, at the [~~2022 state general election, the commissioner from district 3 shall be elected to a 2-year term, the commissioner from district 1 shall be elected to a 4-year term and the commissioner from district 2 shall be elected to a 2-year term~~] ***2026 state general election, the commissioners from districts 1 and 3 shall be elected to 2-year terms***. At each subsequent state general election, [~~2~~] ***5*** commissioners shall be chosen in the county by the voters of the districts [~~in which a commissioner's term is expiring; and, of the commissioners so chosen, one shall serve a 4-year term and one shall serve a 2-year term and both shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen and qualified. Following the 2022 state general election, the 4-year term shall be rotated in sequence starting with district 2~~] ***and shall be elected to 2-year terms***.

3 Application; Grafton County. The changes in Grafton county commissioner districts established by this act shall not affect constituencies or terms of office of commissioners presently in office. The commissioner districts established by this act shall be in effect for the purpose of electing commissioners at the 2028 state general election. If there shall be a vacancy in a commissioner district for any reason prior to the 2028 state general election, the vacancy shall be filled as provided in law for Grafton county commissioners that existed for the most recent prior state general election.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2028.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.