

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred **HB 1298**

AN ACT

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device external memory devices.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-1507s

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For the Committee

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