

HB 1113 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1113**

AN ACT enabling towns to establish a 3-year term for town moderators.

SPONSORS: Rep. D. Murphy, Ches. 11

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill enables towns to establish a 3-year term for town moderators.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT enabling towns to establish a 3-year term for town moderators.

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

1 1 New Section; Optional Term for Moderators. Amend RSA 40 by inserting after section 1 the
2 following new section:

3 40:1-a Three-Year Term; Moderator.

4 I. At any annual town meeting under an article in the warrant, the voters may vote to
5 determine if they are in favor of having a 3-year term for the moderator. The governing body will
6 determine whether the vote will be by official ballot or by special ballot. If the town has adopted an
7 official ballot and the governing body decides such vote will be by official ballot, the clerk shall cause
8 the following question to be printed on said ballot: "Are you in favor of changing the term of the
9 moderator from 2 years to 3 years, beginning with the term of the moderator to be elected at next
10 year's regular town meeting?" Said question shall be printed in the form prescribed by RSA 656:13.
11 If the town has not adopted an official ballot or the governing body decides the vote will be by special
12 ballot, the clerk shall cause the same question to be printed upon special ballots which shall be used
13 to determine the vote of the town. If a majority of those voting on the question vote in favor of a 3-
14 year term, at the next annual meeting after the vote of approval, the town shall elect a moderator for
15 the 3-year term.

16 II. After a 3-year term for moderator has been established, at any subsequent annual town
17 meeting, under an article in the warrant, the voters may vote to determine if they are in favor of
18 continuing to have a 3-year term for the moderator. The governing body shall determine whether
19 the vote will be by official ballot or by special ballot. If the town has adopted an official ballot and
20 the governing body decides such vote will be by official ballot, the clerk shall cause the following
21 question to be printed on said ballot: "Are you in favor of changing the term of the moderator from 3
22 years to 2 years, beginning at the end of the 3-year term of the moderator elected this year (last year
23 or 2 years ago)?" Said question shall be printed in the form prescribed by RSA 656:13. If the town
24 has not adopted an official ballot or the governing body decides the vote will be by special ballot, the
25 clerk shall cause the same question to be printed upon special ballots which shall be used during the
26 open, business session of the town meeting to determine the vote of the town. If a majority of those
27 voting on the question do not vote in favor of continuing the 3-year term, then at the subsequent
28 annual town meeting occurring at the completion of the most recently elected moderator's 3-year
29 term, the voters shall elect a moderator for a 2-year term.

30 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.