

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, April 30, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **HB 1422**

AN ACT relative to the time to petition for a new trial.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

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For the Committee

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