

HB 1161 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **1161**

AN ACT                removing the requirement for municipalities to have an advisory board for development districts.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Hicks, Merr. 24; Rep. Colby, Merr. 9; Rep. Fracht, Graf. 16; Rep. Girard, Sull. 6

COMMITTEE:          Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill removes the requirement that legislative bodies of municipalities establish an advisory board for each development district and instead permits the creation of such boards.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT removing the requirement for municipalities to have an advisory board for development districts.

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

1           1 Advisory Board; Development Districts; Requirement Removed. Amend RSA 162-K:14, I to  
2 read as follows:

3           162-K:14 **Optional** Advisory Board.

4           I. The legislative body of the municipality [~~shall~~] **may, in the same manner as the**  
5 **chapter is adopted pursuant to RSA 162-K:1**, create an advisory board for each development  
6 district that ensures fair representation of business and community interests. The board shall  
7 consist of such number of members appointed or elected as determined by the legislative body. A  
8 majority of members shall be owners or occupants of real property within the community and at  
9 least one member shall be an owner or occupant of real property within the development district. In  
10 a substantially residential development district, however, the board shall consist solely of owners or  
11 occupants of real property within the community and at least one member shall be an owner or  
12 occupant of real property within the development district.

13           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.