

HB 1181-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2026 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL            ***1181-FN***

AN ACT                relative to public hearing notice requirements for zoning board of adjustment appeals.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Litchfield, Rock. 32; Rep. Aldrich, Belk. 6; Rep. Cole, Hills. 26; Rep. Mazur, Hills. 44; Rep. Reinfurt, Hills. 29; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Lang, Dist 2

COMMITTEE:          Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill updates the public hearing requirement for zoning boards of adjustment by replacing the requirement that a notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation with a requirement that the notice be posted on the municipality's public website for at least 5 days before the hearing.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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                   relative to public hearing notice requirements for zoning board of adjustment appeals.

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

1           1 Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Hearings. RSA 676:7, I(b) is repealed and reenacted to  
2 read as follows:

3                   (b) A public notice of the hearing shall be posted on the municipality's public website not  
4 less than 5 days before the date fixed for the hearing of the appeal. The notice shall remain  
5 accessible to the public on the website until the hearing has concluded. If the municipality does not  
6 maintain a public website, the notice shall be physically posted in at least 2 public places within the  
7 municipality for the same period.

8           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1181-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Estimated Political Subdivision Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
<b>County Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>County Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	Indeterminable Increase (less than \$10,000 per municipality)		
<b>Local Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**METHODOLOGY:**

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The New Hampshire Municipal Association estimates that municipalities will reduce advertising costs by less than \$10,000 for most municipalities, with larger municipalities that have a higher volume of appeals likely to achieve greater savings.

It is assumed that any fiscal impact would occur after FY 2026.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

New Hampshire Municipal Association