

HB 1214 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1214**

AN ACT relative to public libraries.

SPONSORS: Rep. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Andrus, Merr. 5; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. DeVito, Rock. 8; Rep. Giasson, Hills. 29; Rep. Reinfurt, Hills. 29; Rep. Sellers, Graf. 10

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill allows a municipality's governing body to assume governance of a public library.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Public Libraries; Definitions. Amend RSA 202-A:2, II to read as follows:

2 II. "Library trustees" shall mean the governing board of a public library, ***except where the***
3 ***municipality adopts the provisions of RSA 202-A:26.***

4 2 New Section; Public Libraries. Amend RSA 202-A by inserting after section 25 the following
5 new section:

6 202-A:26 Adoption by Municipality.

7 A municipality may, according to the provisions of RSA 39:3, elect to have the municipality's
8 governing body assume control of the governance of the library. If a municipality's governing body
9 assumes control of the public library, the library trustees shall serve in an advisory role to the
10 governing body.

11 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.