

HB 1255-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***1255-FN***

AN ACT                removing the requirement of more evidence than a campaign contribution to demonstrate that a vote, appointment or nomination was a corrupt practice.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Ankarberg, Straf. 7; Rep. Andrus, Merr. 5; Rep. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Sirois, Hills. 32; Rep. Turcotte, Straf. 4

COMMITTEE:          Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill removes the requirement of more evidence than a campaign contribution to demonstrate that a vote, appointment or nomination was a corrupt practice.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

AN ACT removing the requirement of more evidence than a campaign contribution to demonstrate that a vote, appointment or nomination was a corrupt practice.

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

- 1 1 Repeal. RSA 640:1, relative to corrupt practices and campaign donations, is repealed.
- 2 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1255-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Estimated State Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

\*Expenditure = Cost of bill      \*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

<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>	Indeterminable			
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditures</b>	Indeterminable			

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: [https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal\\_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf](https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf)

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association