

HB 1392 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1392**

AN ACT removing the ability of the governing body or budget committee to give a written recommendation about a warrant article on the ballot.

SPONSORS: Rep. Noble, Hills. 2; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Labrie, Hills. 2; Rep. Mazur, Hills. 44; Rep. Granger, Straf. 2; Rep. Tom Mannion, Hills. 1; Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19; Rep. Farrington, Straf. 8; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill removes the ability of the governing body or budget committee to give a written recommendation about a warrant article on the ballot.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 ability of the governing body or budget committee to give a written recommendation about a warrant article on the ballot.

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

1 1 Budget Preparation; Notation by Governing Body or Budget Committee. Amend RSA 32:5, V  
2 to read as follows:

3 V. When any purpose of appropriation, submitted by a governing body or by petition,  
4 appears in the warrant as part of a special warrant article,[:

5 (a) ~~The article shall contain a notation of whether or not that appropriation is~~  
6 ~~recommended by the governing body, and, if there is a budget committee, a notation of whether or~~  
7 ~~not it is recommended by the budget committee;~~

8 (b) ~~If the article is amended at the first session of the meeting in an official ballot~~  
9 ~~referendum municipality, the governing body and the budget committee, if one exists, may revise its~~  
10 ~~recommendation on the amended version of the special warrant article and the revised~~  
11 ~~recommendation shall appear on the ballot for the second session of the meeting provided, however,~~  
12 ~~that the 10 percent limitation on expenditures provided for in RSA 32:18 shall be calculated based~~  
13 ~~upon the initial recommendations of the budget committee;~~

14 (c) ~~Defects or deficiencies in these notations shall not affect the legal validity of any~~  
15 ~~appropriation otherwise lawfully made; and~~

16 (d) ~~All~~ **all** appropriations made under special warrant articles shall be subject to the  
17 hearing requirements of paragraphs I and II of this section.

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.