

HB 1434-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1434-LOCAL***

AN ACT enabling municipalities to vote to allow the sale of Keno.

SPONSORS: Rep. Turcotte, Straf. 4; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17; Rep. B. Boyd, Hills. 12; Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 23; Rep. Nelson, Rock. 13; Rep. Porcelli, Rock. 19; Rep. Preece, Hills. 17; Rep. Gilman, Rock. 11; Rep. Fracht, Graf. 16; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill enables municipalities to vote to allow the sale of Keno and repeals prospective law that would only allow municipalities to opt out of Keno.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 enabling municipalities to vote to allow the sale of Keno.

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

1 1 Local Option; Keno. RSA 284:51 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

2 284:51 Local Option.

3 I. Any town or city may allow the operation of keno games according to the provisions of this
4 subdivision, in the following manner:

5 (a) In a town, the question shall be placed on the warrant of an annual town meeting
6 under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, and shall be voted on a ballot. In a city, the legislative
7 body may vote to place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election, or, in the
8 alternative, shall place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election upon
9 submission to the legislative body of a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters.

10 (b) The selectmen, aldermen, or city council shall hold a public hearing on the question
11 at least 15 days but not more than 30 days before the question is to be voted on. Notice of the
12 hearing shall be posted in at least 2 public places in the municipality and published in a newspaper
13 of general circulation at least 7 days before the hearing.

14 (c) The wording of the question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall we allow the
15 operation of keno games within the town or city?"

16 II. If a majority of those voting on the question vote "Yes," keno games may be operated
17 within the town or city.

18 III. If the question is not approved, the question may later be voted upon according to the
19 provisions of paragraph I at the next annual town meeting or regular municipal election.

20 IV. A municipality that has voted to allow the operation of keno games may consider
21 rescinding its action in the manner described in paragraph I of this section.

22 V. An unincorporated place may allow the operation of keno games by majority vote of the
23 county delegation, after a public hearing is held.

24 VI. The lottery commission shall maintain a list of municipalities where keno is available.

25 2 Repeal. The following are repealed:

26 I. 2025, 288:2, relative to Keno administration and enforcement.

27 II. 2025, 288:3, relative to Keno license applications.

28 III. 2025, 288:5, relative to Keno operation permitted.

29 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.