

HB 1528 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1528**

AN ACT relative to methods for rescinding local tax caps.

SPONSORS: Rep. Gruber, Ches. 16

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill allows towns that adopted a tax cap before mid-2025 to repeal it by simple majority vote before reverting to a stricter three-fifths threshold for all future repeals.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 methods for rescinding local tax caps.

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

1 1 Municipal Budget; Method to Rescind Local Tax Cap. Amend RSA 32:5-c, VI to read as
2 follows:

3 VI. Any local political subdivision which has adopted RSA 32:5-b **after July 1, 2025** may
4 consider rescinding its action in the manner described in paragraphs I through V. The wording of
5 the question shall be: "Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, known as the tax cap, as
6 adopted by the (local subdivision) on (date of adoption), so that there will no longer be a limit on
7 increases to the recommended budget in the amount to be raised by local taxes?" A 3/5 majority of
8 those voting on the question shall be required to rescind the provisions of this section, except in the
9 case of repeal by charter enactment under RSA 49-D. Only votes in the affirmative or negative shall
10 be included in the calculation of the 3/5 majority.

11 2 New Paragraph; Municipal Budget Law; Method to Rescind Local Tax Cap. Amend RSA 32:5-
12 c by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

13 VII. Any local political subdivision which has adopted RSA 32:5-b before July 1, 2025 may
14 consider rescinding its action in the manner described in paragraphs I through V. The wording of
15 the question shall be: "Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, known as the tax cap, as
16 adopted by the (local subdivision) on (date of adoption), so that there will no longer be a limit on
17 increases to the recommended budget in the amount to be raised by local taxes?" A majority of those
18 voting on the question shall be required to rescind the provisions of this section, except in the case of
19 repeal by charter enactment under RSA 49-D. Only votes in the affirmative or negative shall be
20 included in the calculation of the majority.

21 3 Repeal. RSA 32:5-c, VII, relative to relative to the method for rescinding local tax caps, is
22 repealed.

23 4 Effective Date.

24 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

25 II. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

26 III. Section 3 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2028.