

HB 1689 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1689**

AN ACT relative to the term of office for county officers in Merrimack county.

SPONSORS: Rep. Morse, Merr. 3

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill extends the term of office for certain elected county officers in Merrimack county to 4 years. The bill also requires that the elections for such Merrimack county officers coincides with the presidential election every 4 years.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 the term of office for county officers in Merrimack county.

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

1 1 County Elected Officers; Merrimack County; Terms Increased. Amend RSA 653:1, V to read
2 as follows:

3 V. One sheriff, one county attorney, one county treasurer, one register of deeds, and one
4 register of probate by the voters in each county; provided that, at the 2022 state general election,
5 and at each subsequent state general election, any such officer in Rockingham county shall be
6 chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term; and, provided that, at the 2024 state general
7 election, and at each subsequent state general election, any such officer in Coos county shall be
8 chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term; ***and, provided that, at the 2028 state***
9 ***general election and at each subsequent state general election, any such officer in***
10 ***Merrimack county shall be chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term;***

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.