

SB 186 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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SENATE BILL **186**

AN ACT preventing portraits depicting persons from being hung in certain places in the statehouse, unless the subject of the portrait has been dead for at least 10 years and provided exemplary and noteworthy services to the citizens of this state.

SPONSORS: Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prevents portraits depicting persons from being hung in certain places in the statehouse, unless the subject of the portrait has been dead for at least 10 years and provided exemplary and noteworthy services to the citizens of this state.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 The State and Its Government; Legislative Officers and Proceedings; Office Space and Parking
2 Facilities. Amend RSA 14:14-b to read as follows:

3 4:9 Portraits or Other Memorials. No portraits, busts, statues, or other memorial objects shall
4 be placed in or on the state house with the exception of those areas under the use and control of the
5 general court as defined by RSA 14:14-b, III, state house annex, state library, Hannah Dustin
6 monument, Franklin Pierce homestead, Daniel Webster birthplace, or grounds connected with each
7 without the consent of the governor and council. Any portraits, flags, busts, statues, or other
8 memorial objects to be placed in or on legislative facilities as defined by RSA 14:14-b shall be at the
9 direction of the joint legislative historical committee in consultation with the director of the division
10 of historical resources, department of natural and cultural resources. ***Portraits depicting persons***
11 ***shall not be placed in the statehouse in any area listed under RSA 14:14-b, unless the***
12 ***subject of the portrait has been dead for at least 10 years and provided exemplary and***
13 ***noteworthy services to the citizens of this state.*** The director, division of historical resources,
14 shall be responsible for the care of such memorial objects at any of these sites.

15 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.