

HB 1581-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

1581-FN

AN ACT

allowing municipalities to adopt a requirement that property owners be given notice when the assessed value of their property changes by certain amounts.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. Ford, Rock. 3; Rep. McFarlane, Graf. 18; Rep. McGrath, Rock. 40; Rep. Mary Murphy, Hills. 27; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36

COMMITTEE:

Municipal and County Government

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows municipalities to adopt a requirement that property owners be given notice when the assessed value of their property changes by certain amounts.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 allowing municipalities to adopt a requirement that property owners be given notice when the assessed value of their property changes by certain amounts.

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

1 1 New Section; Appraisal of Taxable Property; Property Value Notice Option. Amend RSA 75 by
2 inserting after section 8-c the following new section:

3 75:8-d Property Value Notice Option.

4 I. Municipalities may vote to adopt a property value notice option by majority vote of the
5 legislative body. Such option shall require the municipality to mail a general notice to a property
6 owner within 14 calendar days after an adjustment is recorded, provided the change in assessment
7 exceeds \$1,000, about the change in their property's assessed value. The notice shall include the
8 address, hours of operation, and telephone number of the city or town hall, and information on how
9 to access the assessment online, if such access is supported by the municipality.

10 II. If the town uses an official ballot system, the question of adoption shall be placed on the
11 official ballot at the annual town meeting as follows:

12 "Shall this municipality adopt the provisions of RSA 75:8-d, requiring the municipality to mail a
13 general notice to property owners within 14 days whenever a change in the property's assessment
14 exceeds \$1,000, except in a year in which a full municipality-wide revaluation is conducted?"

15 III. If a municipality adopts the property value notice option pursuant to this section, a
16 question to rescind the property value notice option shall be placed annually on an official ballot at
17 the town meeting as follows:

18 "Shall this municipality rescind the provisions of RSA 75:8-d, requiring the municipality to mail a
19 general notice to property owners within 14 days whenever a change in the property's assessment
20 exceeds \$1,000, except in a year in which a full municipality-wide revaluation is conducted?"

21 IV. If the town does not use an official ballot system, the question shall be considered and
22 voted on at the town meeting. In a city, or in a town without a town meeting, adoption shall occur by
23 a majority vote of the legislative body, as applicable.

24 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 1581-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None