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HOUSE BILL ***1523-FN***

AN ACT relative to disclosure requirements for condominium associations.

SPONSORS: Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Hunt, Ches. 14; Sen. Reardon, Dist 15

COMMITTEE: Housing

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes disclosure requirements for homeowners' associations.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 1 New Paragraphs; Homeowners' Associations; Transparency. Amend RSA 292:8-m by inserting
2 after paragraph II the following new paragraphs:

3 III.(a) Homeowners' associations established under this chapter shall retain the following:

4 (1) Detailed records of receipts and expenditures affecting the operation and
5 administration of the association and other appropriate accounting records;

6 (2) Minutes of all meetings of its shareholders or members and board of directors
7 other than executive sessions, a record of all actions taken by the shareholders or members or board
8 of directors without a meeting, and a record of all actions taken by a committee in place of the board
9 of directors on behalf of the association;

10 (3) The names of shareholders or members in a form that permits preparation of a
11 list of the names of all shareholders or members and the addresses at which the association
12 communicates with them, in alphabetical order showing the number of votes each shareholder or
13 member is entitled to cast;

14 (4) Its original and any restated or amended organizational documents required
15 under this chapter, original and any amended land plats or maps, and all rules currently in effect;

16 (5) All financial statements and tax returns of the association for the past 3 years;

17 (6) A list of the names and addresses of its current board of directors members and
18 officers;

19 (7) Its most recent annual report delivered to the secretary of state, if any;

20 (8) Financial and other records sufficiently detailed to enable the association to
21 comply with other requirements of law;

22 (9) Copies of current contracts to which it is a party;

23 (10) Records of board of directors or committee actions to approve or deny any
24 requests for design or architectural approval from shareholders or members; and

25 (11) Ballots, proxies, and other records related to voting by shareholders or members
26 for one year after the election, action, or vote to which they relate.

27 (b) Subject to subparagraphs (c) and (d), all records retained by the homeowners'
28 associations established under this chapter shall be available for examination and copying by a
29 shareholder or member or the shareholder's authorized agent or the member's authorized agent:

1 (1) During reasonable business hours or at a mutually convenient time and location;
2 and

3 (2) Upon 15 days' notice in a record reasonably identifying the specific records of the
4 association requested.

5 (c) Records retained by an association may be withheld from inspection and copying to
6 the extent that they concern:

7 (1) Personnel, salary, and medical records relating to specific individuals;

8 (2) Contracts, leases, and other commercial transactions to purchase or provide
9 goods or services currently being negotiated;

10 (3) Existing or potential litigation or mediation, arbitration, or administrative
11 proceedings;

12 (4) Existing or potential matters involving federal, state, or local administrative or
13 other formal proceedings before a government tribunal for enforcement of the declaration, bylaws, or
14 rules;

15 (5) Communications with the association's attorney that are protected by the
16 attorney-client privilege or the attorney work-product doctrine;

17 (6) Information the disclosure of which would violate federal or state law;

18 (7) Records of an executive session of the board of directors; or

19 (8) Individual shareholder or member account records other than those of the
20 requesting owner.

21 (d) A homeowners' association may charge a reasonable fee for providing copies of any
22 records under this section; provided, that such fee may not exceed the charge for copying a
23 governmental record as provided for in RSA 91-A:4, IV(d).

24 (e) A right to copy records under this paragraph includes the right to receive copies by
25 photocopying or other means, including copies through electronic transmission, if available, upon
26 request by the shareholder or member.

27 (f) A homeowners' association shall not be required to compile or synthesize information.

28 (g) Information provided pursuant to this paragraph shall not be used for commercial
29 purposes.

30 IV. The board of directors and association committees of homeowners' associations
31 established under this chapter may hold an executive session only during a regular or special
32 meeting of the board or committee. No final vote or action shall be taken during an executive
33 session. An executive session may be held only for the following purposes:

34 (a) To consult with the association's attorney.

35 (b) To discuss existing or potential litigation or mediation, arbitration, or administrative
36 proceedings.

37 (c) To discuss labor or personnel matters.

1 (d) To discuss contracts, leases, and other commercial transactions to purchase or
2 provide goods or services currently being negotiated, including the review of bids or proposals, if the
3 board of directors or committee determines that premature general knowledge of those matters
4 would place the association at a disadvantage or that public knowledge would violate the privacy of
5 any person.

6 V. If an owner or board of directors member, or an immediate family member of an owner or
7 board of directors member, has a pecuniary interest in a company seeking to contract with the
8 homeowners' association, the homeowners' association shall not enter into the contract unless:

9 (a) The pecuniary interest is disclosed in writing and prominently to all members before
10 or at the same time as the notice of the meeting held in accordance with the homeowners' association
11 bylaws;

12 (b) The contract is approved by a majority of the votes cast by the membership at the
13 meeting with a quorum present; and

14 (c) The interested person recuses from voting.

15 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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**HB 1523-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