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HOUSE BILL ***340-FN***

AN ACT relative to electioneering by public employees.

SPONSORS: Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Corcoran, Hills. 28; Rep. Mazur, Hills. 44; Rep. Seidel, Hills. 29; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill defines electioneering in relation to public employees.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

- 1 285:1 Electioneering by Public Employees; Penalties. Amend RSA 659:44-a, III to read as follows:
2 III. For the purposes of this section, "electioneer" ~~[means to act in any way specifically designed~~
3 ~~to influence the vote of a voter on any question or office]~~ ***is defined according to RSA 652:16-h.***
4 285:2 Electioneering by Public Employees. Amend RSA 659:44-a, IV to read as follows:
5 IV. ***(a)*** Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
6 ***(b) Any person who violates this provision and is not subject to the penalties imposed under***
7 ***subparagraph IV(a) shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.***
8 285:3 New Paragraph; Electioneering by Public Employees. Amend RSA 652:16-h by inserting after
9 paragraph II the following new paragraph:
10 III. Organizing or conducting surveys that are expressly or primarily political, meaning that they
11 have a format, questions, or other characteristics that clearly indicate a preference for one or more
12 candidates or political parties in an election or one or more policies that are reasonably anticipated to be
13 on the ballot or otherwise at issue in an election. This paragraph shall also apply to any person identified
14 in RSA 273-A:1, IX(b), (c), or (d).
15 285:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Approved: July 10, 2026
Effective Date: January 01, 2026

