

HB 229-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **229-LOCAL**

AN ACT repealing the alternative procedure for adoption of zoning ordinances.

SPONSORS: Rep. Vose, Rock. 5; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. D. McGuire, Merr. 14; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36; Rep. Spilsbury, Sull. 3; Rep. Turcotte, Straf. 4; Rep. Ulery, Hills. 13; Rep. McFarlane, Graf. 18; Sen. Lang, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the authority for non-charter towns, village districts, or counties with unincorporated places to adopt zoning ordinances through alternative procedures.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT repealing the alternative procedure for adoption of zoning ordinances.

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

1 1 Words and Phrases Defined; Local Legislative Body. Amend RSA 672:8 to read as follows:
2 672:8 Local Legislative Body.

3 [F.] "Local legislative body" means one of the following basic forms of government utilized by
4 a municipality:

5 [(a)] **I.** Council, whether city or town;

6 [(b)] **II.** Mayor-council;

7 [(c)] **III.** Mayor-board of aldermen;

8 [(d)] **IV.** Village district or precinct;

9 [(e)] **V.** Town meeting; or

10 [(f)] **VI.** County convention.

11 [H. ~~In non-charter towns, village districts, and counties in which there are located~~
12 ~~unincorporated places that have adopted the authority provided in RSA 674:18-a for the approval of~~
13 ~~amendments to zoning ordinances or bylaws and the local zoning map, the term "local legislative~~
14 ~~body" shall mean local governing body as defined in RSA 672:6 solely for the purpose of adopting~~
15 ~~amendments to a zoning ordinance or local zoning map.]~~

16 2 Repeal. RSA 674:18-a, relative to alternative procedure for adoption of zoning ordinances, is
17 repealed.

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.