

HB 389-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

25-0289

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HOUSE BILL            **389-FN**

AN ACT                requiring candidates to attest they have not spent more than \$1,000 in an election.

SPONSORS:            Rep. H. Howard, Straf. 4; Rep. Lane, Merr. 16; Rep. Muirhead, Graf. 12; Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE:          Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires candidates to attest that they have not spent more than \$1,000 in an election.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 requiring candidates to attest they have not spent more than \$1,000 in an election.

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

1 1 Reporting by Candidates. Amend RSA 664:7 to read as follows:

2 664:7 Registering and Reporting by Candidates. Prior to filing any campaign finance  
3 statements, each candidate at the primary or general election for governor, councilor, state senator,  
4 state representative, or county officer shall register with the secretary of state through the secretary  
5 of state's online campaign finance system. Additionally, any candidate, who has receipts or  
6 expenditures exceeding \$1,000 in an election cycle, shall file statements as required in RSA 664:9-a  
7 through 664:9-c before and after an election in like manner and detail as prescribed in RSA 664:6, I-  
8 VI. ***Candidates whose expenditures do not exceed \$1,000 during a reporting period shall***  
9 ***attest thereto by placing a checkmark in the checkbox indicated on the reporting form,***  
10 ***which the secretary of state shall include in the form for this purpose. Such checkbox shall***  
11 ***be in substantially the following form:***

12 ***[ ] I attest that my expenditures as candidate for \_\_\_\_\_ did not exceed \$1,000 during***  
13 ***the prescribed reporting period.***

14 ***Additionally, any candidate who has receipts or expenditures exceeding \$1,000 in an***  
15 ***election cycle, shall file statements as required in RSA 664:9-a through 664:9-c before and***  
16 ***after an election in like manner and detail as prescribed in RSA 664:6, I-VI.***

17 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 389-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of State