

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred **HB 327-FN**

AN ACT relative to filing for office and witnessing affidavits.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

UGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

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For the Committee

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