

HB 458-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL            **458-FN**

AN ACT                limiting local assistance to U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Roy, Rock. 31; Rep. S. Smith, Sull. 3; Rep. T. Walsh, Merr. 10; Sen. Gannon,  
Dist 23; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE:          Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill provides that local assistance shall be limited to United States citizens or permanent legal residents.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 limiting local assistance to U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents.

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

1 1 Eligibility for Local Assistance; Citizenship or Legal Permanent Residence Required. Amend  
2 RSA 165:1, I to read as follows:

3 I. Whenever a ~~[person]~~ **United States citizen, or legal permanent resident** in any town  
4 is poor and unable to support himself **or herself**, ~~[he]~~ **the person** shall be relieved and maintained  
5 by the overseers of public welfare of such town, whether or not ~~[he]~~ **the person** has residence there.  
6 For the purposes of this chapter the term "residence" shall have the same definition as in RSA 21:6-  
7 a.

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 458-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Estimated Political Subdivision Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>County Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>County Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditures</b>	\$0	Indeterminable Decrease	Indeterminable Decrease	Indeterminable Decrease

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill provides that local assistance shall be limited to United States citizens or permanent legal residents.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association states that this bill may reduce municipal welfare costs since fewer individuals and families will be eligible for assistance therefore creating an indeterminable decrease to local expenditures.

It is assumed that any fiscal impact would occur after FY 2025.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

New Hampshire Municipal Association