

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Kevin Condict 271-7875

HB 268-FN, relative to hearings before the board of tax and land appeals.

Hearing Date: April 2, 2025

Time Opened: 9:30 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:32 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Pearl, McGough, Gannon and Altschiller

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Reardon

Bill Analysis: This bill codifies the board of tax and land appeals' authority to hold hearings at its hearing room in Concord and allows parties to request that hearings be held electronically or telephonically. This bill further states that the hearings may be held in the hearing room in Concord in lieu of the county where the declaration was filed upon agreement of the parties or if the board determines that there is a lack of available space in the respective county courthouse.

Sponsors:

Rep. Lynn

Who supports the bill: Rep. Carol McGuire (Merr. 27), and Janet Lucas.

Who opposes the bill: Daniel Richardson.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented:

Representative Carol McGuire, Merrimack 27

- Rep. McGuire introduced House Bill 268-FN.
- Rep. McGuire said this bill passed the House without comment. She said it was included in HB 2.
- Rep. McGuire explained that this bill is intended to reduce the cost of travel for members of the Board of Land and Tax Appeals, as well as for the people that are petitioning the Board.
- Rep. McGuire said this bill will allow the Board to hold virtual hearings from their offices, which will save them time and travel.

- Rep. McGuire said this bill would not require the counties to support the hearings, which would lower the cost for counties.
- Rep. McGuire said that it may require more travel by the petitioners, but they can also choose to petition by telephone or online.
- Rep. McGuire stated that the bill is simply an efficiency measure. This language was in the governor's version of the budget, as well as the House's version of HB 2.

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