

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs
to which was referred **HB 373-LOCAL**

AN ACT relative to the management and regulation of town
real property.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill
OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator David Rochefort
For the Committee

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Jessica Bourque 271-2104

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ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

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