

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee

Vivian Hall 271-3091

HB 1388, relative to the form of ballot for amendments to the constitution.

Hearing Date: April 1, 2026

Time Opened: 2:17 p.m.

Time Closed: 2:21 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gray, Lang, Rochefort, Perkins Kwoka and Long

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill limits the form of ballot for amendments to the constitution to one amendment per question.

Sponsors:

Rep. Wherry

Rep. Burnham

Rep. McFarlane

Rep. Sabourin dit
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Rep. Wood

Who supports the bill: Representative Robert Wherry, Hillsborough District 13; Cory Stone; and Angelique Hall.

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Robert Wherry, Hillsborough, District 13

- Representative Wherry introduced HB 1388, which would modify the ballot format for constitutional amendments by adding language to existing law.
- He said that the bill would require that voters be given a single, clear yes-or-no choice instead of multiple-choice options.
- The purpose of the bill is to reduce confusion and avoid legal issues that could arise from unclear or multi-option amendment questions.