

HB 1223 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1223**

AN ACT relative to meeting attendance requirements for elected members of budget committee and school board.

SPONSORS: Rep. Notter, Hills. 21; Rep. Ulery, Hills. 37; Rep. Roy, Rock. 32

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill requires in-person attendance by an elected member of a budget committee or a school board except under extenuating circumstances, and provides for a vacancy if an elected member fails to attend 2 or more meetings or 25 percent of such meetings annually.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Two

AN ACT relative to meeting attendance requirements for elected members of budget committee and school board.

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Elected Budget Committee; Attendance. Amend RSA 32:15 by inserting after
2 paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

3 VI-a. For an elected budget committee, all scheduled meetings shall be attended in person
4 by all elected members, except that participation in a meeting by electronic or other means of
5 communication under RSA 91-A:2, III shall be permitted only if the budget committee finds
6 extenuating circumstances and allows the participation. Any member of an elected budget
7 committee who fails to attend 2 or more scheduled and noticed meetings or 25 percent of such
8 meetings annually shall be considered to have created a vacancy in the elected position, which shall
9 be filled as provided in law.

10 2 New Paragraph; School Boards; Duty to Provide Education; Attendance by Members. Amend
11 RSA 189:1-a by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

12 V. For elected members of the school district board, all scheduled meetings shall be attended
13 in person by all elected members, except that participation in a meeting by electronic or other means
14 of communication under RSA 91-A:2, III shall be permitted only if the school board finds extenuating
15 circumstances and allows the participation. Any elected member of a school board who fails to
16 attend 2 or more scheduled and noticed meetings or 25 percent of such meetings annually shall be
17 considered to have created a vacancy in the elected position, which shall be filled as provided in law.

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.