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HOUSE BILL ***1456***

AN ACT relative to the appointment and removal of the members of the board of tax and land appeals and the housing appeals board.

SPONSORS: Rep. T. Walsh, Merr. 10; Rep. Lynn, Rock. 17; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires that the members of the board of tax and land appeals and the housing appeals board be appointed by the governor and council, after a public hearing before the executive council. This bill also changes the length of member's terms and modifies the removal procedures of the members to follow those procedures under RSA 4:1.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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

267:1 Board of Tax and Land Appeals; Appointment. Amend RSA 71-B:2 to read as follows:

71-B:2 Appointment; Term; Chairman. The members of the board shall be appointed by the [~~supreme court and commissioned by the~~] governor ***and executive council*** for a term of [~~3~~] ***5*** years and until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided, however, that any vacancy on the board shall be filled for the unexpired term. The [~~supreme court~~] ***governor and council*** shall [~~designate~~] ***appoint*** one member as chairman to serve in that capacity for the duration of his or her term. ***The executive council shall hold a hearing prior to confirmation according to the procedures under RSA 4:44.***

267:2 Removal. Amend RSA 71-B:3 to read as follows:

71-B:3 Removal. Any member may be removed ***according to the procedures under RSA 4:1*** [~~by the same authority for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office; but, before removal, he shall be furnished with a copy of the charges against him, and have an opportunity to be heard in defense~~].

267:3 Housing Appeals Board; Appointment. Amend RSA 679:2 to read as follows:

679:2 Appointment; Term; Chair. The members of the board shall be appointed by the [~~supreme court and commissioned by the~~] governor ***and executive council*** for a term of 5 years and until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided, however, that any vacancy on the board shall be filled for the unexpired term. The initial members of the board shall serve staggered terms of 3, 4, and 5 years. The [~~supreme court~~] ***governor and council*** shall [~~designate~~] ***appoint*** one member as chair to serve in that capacity for the duration of his or her term. ***The executive council shall hold a hearing prior to confirmation according to the procedures under RSA 4:44. A member may be removed under RSA 679:3 according to the procedures in RSA 4:1.***

267:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

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Effective Date: January 01, 2025