

Amendment to HB 303-LOCAL

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT relative to filling vacancies in the office of county commissioner and relative to
4 procedures for adoption of the budget for Rockingham County.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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8 2 Rockingham County; Budget. Amend the section heading and introductory paragraph of RSA
9 24:13-c to read as follows:

10 24:13-c Hillsborough County **and Rockingham County**. Notwithstanding any other law to
11 the contrary the following procedures shall apply in Hillsborough county **and Rockingham**
12 **county**:

13 3 Rockingham County Removed. Amend RSA 24:21-b to read as follows:

14 24:21-b ~~[Rockingham and]~~ Strafford ~~[Counties]~~ **County**. Notwithstanding any other law to the
15 contrary regarding the date for submitting budget estimates, the following procedures shall apply in
16 ~~[Rockingham and]~~ Strafford ~~[counties]~~ **county**:

17 I.~~(a)~~ The county commissioners shall, annually prior to January 15, deliver or mail to each
18 member of the county convention who will be in office on the date that appropriations are voted,
19 and to the chairperson of the board of selectmen in each town, and the mayor of each city within the
20 county, and to the secretary of state, their itemized recommendations of the sums necessary to be
21 raised for the county in the following fiscal year. Such recommendations shall state in detail the
22 objects for which the money is required, together with a statement of actual expenditures and
23 income for at least 9 months of the preceding calendar year. All moneys to be appropriated by the
24 county must be stipulated in the budget on a "gross" basis, showing revenues from all sources,
25 including grants, gifts, bequests and bond issues, as offsetting revenues to appropriations affected.

26 ~~[(b) In Rockingham county only, the county commissioners shall, in addition to the~~
27 ~~information required in subparagraph (a), annually prior to January 15 deliver or mail to each~~
28 ~~member of the county convention who will be in office on the date that appropriations are voted,~~
29 ~~their estimate of capital expenditures which they are requesting to be expended in the following~~
30 ~~fiscal year, when the total project amount is in excess of \$ 50,000. The capital expenditure request~~
31 ~~shall list estimates of the costs of land, construction, furnishings, and equipment. The request shall~~
32 ~~also include the square footage, estimates of annual operating and maintenance costs, program~~
33 ~~descriptions, the number of people involved, and the estimated amount of time needed to complete~~

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1 ~~each project.]~~

2 II. The county convention shall not vote any appropriations for the following budget period
3 until 28 days after the mailing of the recommendations required in paragraph I. Appropriations for
4 the first year of each biennium may not be voted until after the first meeting of the county
5 convention under RSA 24:9-a.

6 4 Application; Transition. Beginning January 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, Rockingham
7 county shall adopt an 18-month budget to transition to the budget procedures in RSA 24:13-c as
8 amended in section 2 of this act. The commissioners and county convention for Rockingham county
9 are authorized to adjust the dates and periods in RSA 24:13-c as amended by this act as necessary
10 in order to provide for a successful 18-month transition of its fiscal year.

11 5 Effective Date.

12 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2018.

13 II. Section 3 of this act shall take effect January 31, 2018.

14 III. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires that a vacancy in the office of a county commissioner in Hillsborough county be filled by a majority vote of the county convention members representing the cities and towns in the commissioner's district.

This bill also changes the procedures for meetings, votes, transfers and reports related to the annual adoption of the county budget for Rockingham county to be the same as those used in Hillsborough county.