

Amendment to SB 342

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Use of Official Ballot; Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, IX(b) to read as follows:

4 (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same
5 appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and
6 increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred
7 or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For
8 the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in
9 the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b
10 are adopted, of the local political subdivision. ***In calculating the default budget amount, the***
11 ***governing body shall follow the statutory formula which may result in a higher or lower***
12 ***amount than the proposed operating budget.***

13 2 Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, XI(a) to read as follows:

14 XI.(a) The default budget shall be disclosed ***and presented for questions and discussion***
15 at the first budget hearing held pursuant to RSA 32:5 or RSA 197:6. The governing body, unless
16 the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, shall complete a default budget form created by the
17 department of revenue administration to demonstrate how the default budget amount was
18 calculated. ***The line item details for changes under subparagraph (2) shall be available for***
19 ***inspection by voters.*** The form and associated calculations shall, at a minimum, include the
20 following:

21 (1) Appropriations contained in the previous year's operating budget;

22 (2) Reductions and increases to the previous year's operating budget ***including***
23 ***identification of specific items that constitute a change by account code, and the reasons***
24 ***for each change;*** and

25 (3) One-time expenditures as defined under subparagraph IX(b).

26 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.