

Floor Amendment to HB 1546-FN

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

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3 AN ACT authorizing the town of Hampton to hold a special town meeting.

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

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7 1 Town of Hampton; Authorization to Hold Special Town Meeting. Notwithstanding any other
8 provision of law, in response to the emergency circumstances presented by the rupture in late
9 March 2018 of one of 2 force main sewer lines that are located in a marsh and that transport sewage
10 from the entirety of Hampton Beach to the Hampton Wastewater Treatment Plant, which are in
11 dire need of replacement, the town of Hampton is hereby authorized to hold a special town meeting
12 without prior judicial authorization, to have the same authority as an annual town meeting, for the
13 sole purpose of authorizing the issuance of the bonds and notes necessary to pay for the temporary
14 and permanent replacement of both said force main sewer lines that are each over 28 years old, and
15 to pay for the decommissioning of said lines. The special meeting is authorized to be conducted on
16 or before August 28, 2018, and the town of Hampton is hereby authorized to conduct the events
17 required to conduct a special meeting under RSA 31, RSA 32, RSA 33, RSA 39, and RSA 40 in
18 accordance with whatever timetable will enable the special town meeting to occur on or before
19 August 28, 2018, such authority to include, if necessary, the power to reduce the notice and other
20 time periods required by such statutes, including the requirement of RSA 40:13, XVI that there be
21 at least 28 days between the first and second sessions of a special meeting. The special meeting
22 herein authorized shall be exempt from the requirements of RSA 31:5, I(a) that "the ballots cast at
23 such meeting shall be equal in number to at least 1/2 of the number of legal voters borne on the
24 checklist of the town entitled to vote at the annual or biennial election next preceding such special
25 meeting; and such checklist, corrected according to law, shall be used at any meeting upon the
26 request of 10 legal voters of the town."

27 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the town of Hampton to hold a special town meeting to authorize the issuance of bonds and notes to pay for sewer line replacement.