

**HB 557 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE**

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HOUSE BILL **557**

AN ACT relative to the information that appears on the school budget ballot.

SPONSORS: Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2; Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 25; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7; Rep. Farrington, Straf. 8

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the printing of certain information on the school budget ballot.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Five*

AN ACT relative to the information that appears on the school budget ballot.

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

1 1 Preparation of Ballots; By School District Clerk. Amend RSA 671:20 to read as follows:  
2 671:20 By School District Clerk.

3 ***I.*** The school district clerk shall prepare ballots for school district elections in the same  
4 manner as town clerks for non-partisan town elections, as provided in RSA 669:23 and 669:24,  
5 except that the ballot shall be of a different color than any other ballot used at the election.

6 ***II. Immediately preceding the question of adopting a school budget, the following***  
7 ***information shall be printed on the ballot:***

8 (a) ***The average cost per pupil defined by the average daily enrollment of the***  
9 ***preceding year divided by the total expenditure of the district.***

10 (b) ***School district achievement proficiency scores obtained from the department***  
11 ***of education for the preceding year to be printed as: "ELA Proficiency: X%; Math***  
12 ***Proficiency: X%; Science Proficiency: X%".***

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.