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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT requiring a person to have a domicile in the district from which they serve as county commissioner.

SPONSORS: Rep. L. Turcotte, Straf. 4; Rep. Ankarberg, Straf. 7; Rep. Burnham, Straf. 2; Rep. Granger, Straf. 2; Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19; Sen. Gray, Dist 6

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires a person to have a domicile in the county where they seek to hold the office of county commissioner.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

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

1 6:1 County Commissioner Domicile Requirement. Amend RSA 655:9 to read as follows:  
2 655:9 County Officers. To hold the office of county commissioner, sheriff, county attorney, county  
3 treasurer, register of deeds, or register of probate, a person ~~[must have a domicile in the county for which~~  
4 ~~he]~~ ***shall be, at the time of his or her election, an inhabitant who resides actually and permanently in the***  
5 ***county from which he or she*** is chosen. In addition, to hold the office of county commissioner ~~[in the~~  
6 ~~counties of Rockingham, Belknap, Grafton, Merrimack, Hillsborough, Cheshire, Sullivan, Coos, and~~  
7 ~~Carroll, a person must have a domicile in the district from which he is elected at the time of his election]~~ ***a***  
8 ***person shall be an inhabitant who resides actually and permanently in the district from which he or she***  
9 ***may be chosen to represent and shall cease to represent such district immediately on his or her ceasing***  
10 ***to be qualified as aforesaid.***

11 6:2 Application; Strafford County. The changes in qualifications for Strafford county commissioner  
12 established by this act shall not affect constituencies or terms of office of commissioners presently in  
13 office. The commissioner qualifications established by this act shall be in effect for the purpose of  
14 electing commissioners at the 2026 state general election, or for any vacancy in a commissioner district  
15 for any reason prior to the 2026 state general election.

6:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: May 08, 2025  
Effective Date: May 08, 2025