

HB 1036 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1036**

AN ACT relative to the maximum duration of term alimony.

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Rock. 17; Rep. Lynn, Rock. 17

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ANALYSIS

This bill limits the maximum duration of term alimony that a court can set absent agreement by the parties or the interest of justice to 8 years.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 1 Term Alimony; Maximum Term. Amend RSA 458:19-a to read as follows:

2 III. The maximum duration of term alimony shall be 50 percent of the length of the
3 marriage, ***but not to exceed 8 years***, unless the parties agree otherwise or the court finds that
4 justice requires an adjustment under paragraph IV. If justice requires, the court may use a different
5 beginning or ending date in measuring the length of the marriage. Term alimony shall end on the
6 remarriage of the payee, unless the order is based on an agreement of the parties that provides
7 otherwise.

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.