

HB 1105 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1105**

AN ACT making the term of office for certain Belknap county elected officials 4 years.

SPONSORS: Rep. Trottier, Belk. 8; Rep. Aldrich, Belk. 6; Rep. Bogert, Belk. 5; Rep. Bordes, Belk. 5; Rep. Freeman, Belk. 8; Rep. Harvey-Bolia, Belk. 3; Rep. S. Minor, Belk. 5; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill changes the length of the term of office for certain Belknap county officials to 4 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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT making the term of office for certain Belknap county elected officials 4 years.

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

1 1 The State and Its Government; County Attorneys; Election; Temporary Vacancies. Amend
2 RSA 7:33 to read as follows:

3 7:33 Election; Temporary Vacancies. There shall be a county attorney for each county, who
4 shall be a member of the New Hampshire bar, elected biennially by the voters of the county;
5 provided that, at the 2022 state general election, and at each subsequent state general election, the
6 county attorney for Rockingham and Belknap county shall be chosen in the county by the voters for a
7 4-year term; and, provided that, at the 2024 state general election, and at each subsequent state
8 general election, the county attorney for Coos county shall be chosen in the county by the voters for a
9 4-year term; **and, provided that, at the 2026 state general election, and at each subsequent**
10 **state general election, the county attorney for Belknap county shall be chosen in the county**
11 **by the voters for a 4-year term.** If the county attorney is absent at any term of court or unable to
12 discharge the duties of the office, the superior court, acting as a body, shall appoint a county
13 attorney, who shall be a member of the New Hampshire bar, for the time being and allow said
14 appointee such compensation for his or her services as set by the county delegation.

15 2 Elections; State and County Officers to be Elected; Elected for 2-Year Term. Amend RSA
16 653:1, V to read as follows:

17 V. One sheriff, one county attorney, one county treasurer, one register of deeds, and one
18 register of probate by the voters in each county; provided that, at the 2022 state general election,
19 and at each subsequent state general election, any such officer in Rockingham county shall be
20 chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term; and, provided that, at the 2024 state general
21 election, and at each subsequent state general election, any such officer in Coos county shall be
22 chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term; **and, provided that, at the 2026 state**
23 **general election, and at each subsequent state general election, any such officer in Belknap**
24 **county shall be chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term;**

25 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.