

HB 1247 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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HOUSE BILL **1247**

AN ACT requiring the secretary of state to create, post on the secretary of state's website, and otherwise distribute notice of proposed constitutional amendments.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. Burnham, Straf. 2; Rep. McFarlane, Graf. 18; Rep. McGrath, Rock. 40; Rep. Mary Murphy, Hills. 27; Rep. Wood, Merr. 13

COMMITTEE: Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the secretary of state to create, post on the secretary of state's website, and otherwise distribute notice of proposed constitutional amendments.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT                    requiring the secretary of state to create, post on the secretary of state's website, and otherwise distribute notice of proposed constitutional amendments.

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

1            1 New Section; Notice of Constitutional Amendment Vote. Amend RSA 663 by inserting after  
2 section 3-a the following new section:

3            663:3-b Notice of Constitutional Amendment Vote. Every town and city clerk shall prominently  
4 display a notice prepared by the secretary of state explaining the constitutional amendment for  
5 voters and directing voters to the department of state's website for additional information. The  
6 following words for the header of the notice shall include: "Notice of Questions Relating to  
7 Constitutional Amendments Proposed by the Convention to Revise the Constitution" or "Notice of  
8 Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments Proposed by the Legislature to Revise the  
9 Constitution," whichever is appropriate. The notice shall contain the scheduled date of the vote and  
10 other information about the constitutional amendment as described in RSA 663:3. The secretary of  
11 state shall maintain a webpage on the department of state's website providing the same information  
12 as the prepared notice. Such notice shall be displayed for at least 60 days prior to the state-wide  
13 vote on the constitutional amendment.

14            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.