

CHAPTER 33
HB 1246 - FINAL VERSION

2026 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

1246

AN ACT

relative to planning board members serving on other local boards.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Fracht, Graf. 16; Rep. Aylward, Merr. 5; Rep. Stavis, Graf. 13; Rep. Pauer, Hills.
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COMMITTEE:

Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill mandates that a member of a planning board, who also serves on a zoning board, may only participate and vote on one board when an application or development project is heard by both boards.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 33:1 Planning Board Members Serving on Other Local Boards. Amend RSA 673:7, I to read as
2 follows:

3 I. Any 2 appointed or elected members of the planning board in a city or town may also serve
4 together on any other municipal board or commission, except that no more than one appointed or elected
5 member of the planning board shall serve on the conservation commission, the local governing body, or a
6 local land use board as defined in RSA 672:7. ***A member who also serves on a zoning board of***
7 ***adjustment shall recuse from voting on any matter previously decided by that board in a quasi-judicial***
8 ***capacity in which the member participated as a voting member.***

33:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: April 22, 2026
Effective Date: June 21, 2026