

**HB 78 - AS INTRODUCED**

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HOUSE BILL **78**

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

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

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

1            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,  
3 county treasurer, register of deeds, or register of probate, a person must have a domicile in the  
4 county for which he is chosen. In addition, to hold the office of county commissioner in the counties  
5 of Rockingham, Belknap, Grafton, Merrimack, Hillsborough, Cheshire, Sullivan, Coos, ~~and~~ Carroll,  
6 **and Strafford**, a person must have a domicile in the district from which he is elected at the time of  
7 his election.

8            2 Application; Strafford County. The changes in domicile requirements for service as a Strafford  
9 county commissioner established by this act shall not affect constituencies or terms of office of  
10 commissioners presently in office. The commissioner domicile requirements established by this act  
11 shall be in effect for the purpose of electing commissioners at the 2026 state general election. If  
12 there shall be a vacancy in a commissioner district for any reason prior to the 2026 state general  
13 election, the vacancy shall be filled as provided in law for Strafford county commissioners that  
14 existed for the 2024 state general election.

15           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.