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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT establishing a committee to study the laws and procedures governing the filing and registering of quitclaim deeds in the state.

SPONSORS: Rep. Turer, Rock. 6

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the laws and procedures governing the filing and registering of quitclaim deeds in the state.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the laws and procedures governing the filing and registering of quitclaim deeds in the state.

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

1 209:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study legislative protections
2 against property fraud and title theft through the use of quitclaim deeds.

3 209:2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be 3 members of the house of representatives, appointed
5 by the speaker of the house of representatives.

6 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the
7 duties of the committee.

8 209:3 Duties. The committee shall:

9 I. Review the definition and uses of quitclaim deeds in New Hampshire.

10 II. Review the mechanisms by which property fraud and title theft crimes are carried out using the
11 quitclaim deed, both in New Hampshire and other states, including the underlying vulnerabilities that
12 facilitate such crimes.

13 III. Examine the range of legal and procedural changes being implemented in other states to
14 decrease the likelihood of using quitclaim deeds to commit property fraud and title theft.

15 IV. Solicit information from the public and private sector, including but not limited to: experts in
16 property and probate law, county registers of deeds, notaries public, county attorneys, the attorney
17 general's office, members and advocates from the real estate community, members of law enforcement,
18 and victims of property fraud and title theft.

19 V. Enumerate the range of legal and procedural options available to New Hampshire to reduce
20 the likelihood of property fraud and title theft using quitclaim deeds, including the pros, cons, and potential
21 costs of each.

22 209:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
23 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
24 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
25 section. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

26 209:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
27 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the
28 senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

 209:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: July 02, 2026
Effective Date: July 02, 2026