

HB 429 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **429**

AN ACT relative to amending the term length for county commissioners.

SPONSORS: Rep. Barton, Graf. 1; Rep. DeLemus, Straf. 1

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill amends the length of terms of county commissioners.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 relative to amending the term length for county commissioners.

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

1 1 State and County Officers to be Elected; Elected for 2-Year Term; County
2 Commissioners. RSA 653:1, VI is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

3 VI. County commissioners as follows:

4 (a) Hillsborough county-one county commissioner by those voters in each county
5 commissioner district in the county;

6 (b) Carroll county-one county commissioner from each county commissioner district by
7 all the voters of the county;

8 (c) Strafford county-one county commissioner by the voters in each county commissioner
9 district;

10 (d) Cheshire county-one county commissioner by the voters in each county commissioner
11 district;

12 (e) Sullivan county-one county commissioner from each county commissioner district by
13 all the voters of the county;

14 (f) Belknap county-one county commissioner by the voters in each county commissioner
15 district;

16 (g) Rockingham county-one county commissioner by the voters in each county
17 commissioner district;

18 (h) Merrimack county-one county commissioner by the voters in each county
19 commissioner district in the county;

20 (i) Coos county-one county commissioner by the voters in each county commissioner
21 district;

22 (j) Grafton county-one county commissioner by the voters in each county commissioner
23 district.

24 2 Election of County Commissioners; Changing Term; Applicability. The changes in terms of
25 county commissioners established by this act shall not affect constituencies or terms of office of
26 county commissioners of the checklist presently in office. If there shall be a vacancy in a county
27 commissioner position for any reason prior to the 2026 state general election, the vacancy shall be
28 filled as provided in law for county commissioners that existed for the 2024 state general election.

29 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.