

HB 475-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to the reductions from the default budget for official ballot town meetings.

SPONSORS: Rep. Dunn, Rock. 16; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Ankarberg, Straf. 7; Rep. Aures, Merr. 13; Rep. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Colcombe, Hills. 30; Rep. DeRoy, Straf. 3; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36; Rep. Harvey-Bolia, Belk. 3; Rep. Wood, Merr. 13

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

 This bill alters the definition of default budget to include salary and benefit reductions which occur as a result of position turnover.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 the reductions from the default budget for official ballot town meetings.

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

1 1 Use of Official Ballot; Definition of Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, IX(b) to read as
2 follows:

3 (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same
4 appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and
5 increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or
6 mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget, ~~and~~ by
7 salaries and benefits of positions that have been eliminated in the proposed budget, **and by any**
8 **salary and benefits reductions as a part of position turnover which occur before the public**
9 **hearing for the proposed budget.** For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures
10 shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, and eliminated positions shall
11 not include vacant positions under recruitment or positions redefined in the proposed operating
12 budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of
13 the local political subdivision. In calculating the default budget amount, the governing body shall
14 follow the statutory formula which may result in a higher or lower amount than the proposed
15 operating budget.

16 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.