

Bill as Introduced

HB 367-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

2011 SESSION

11-0337
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HOUSE BILL **367-LOCAL**

AN ACT relative to the election of county commissioners in Carroll County.

SPONSORS: Rep. Babson, Carr 3; Rep. McConkey, Carr 3

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the election of county commissioners in Carroll County shall be by voters of the districts of each commissioner. Currently all voters of the county elect the commissioners.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Eleven

AN ACT relative to the election of county commissioners in Carroll County.

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

1 1 County Commissioners; Carroll County; Election by District. Amend RSA 653:1, VI(b) to read
2 as follows:

3 (b) Carroll county--one county commissioner ~~[from]~~ ***by the voters in*** each county
4 commissioner district ~~[by all the voters of the county]~~; provided that, at the ~~[1994]~~ **2012** state general
5 election, the commissioner from district ~~[1]~~ **3** shall be elected to a 4-year term and the commissioners
6 from districts **1 and 2** ~~[and 3]~~ shall each be elected to a 2-year term. At each subsequent state
7 general election, **2** commissioners ~~[whose terms are expiring shall be elected by all the voters of the~~
8 ~~county]~~ ***shall be chosen in the county by the voters of the districts in which a commissioner's***
9 ***term is expiring***; and, of the commissioners so chosen, one shall serve a 4-year term and one shall
10 serve a 2-year term and both shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen and qualified.
11 Following the ~~[1994]~~ **2012** state general election, the 4-year term shall be rotated in sequence
12 starting with district ~~[2]~~ **1**.

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 367-LOCAL

BILL TITLE: relative to the election of county commissioners in Carroll County.

DATE: February 8, 2011

LOB ROOM: 301 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 am

Time Adjourned: 10:20 am

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Ferrante, Sterling, B. Patten, Lockwood, Accornero, Belanger, Burt, Coffey, Copeland, Moore, Munck, Shackelford, Stroud, DeStefano, Roberts, Hooper and Tatro.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Seaworth, Merr 7; Rep. McDonnell, Merr 7

TESTIMONY

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Rep. Umberger (Carroll County 1) -- Oppose. Believe that voters should be familiar with all of their commissioners which requires them to run a county-wide campaign. Know of no support within the county for this change. Ans. - Have not seen that any particular area in the county dominated because of local voting. Ans. - The districts are roughly equal in population. Ans. - Don't know if this could be voted upon unless the Legislature required it.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rep. Philip Munck
Clerk

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HB393

[see yellow paper]

HB396

*Rep. Packard – It is a matter of fairness and practicality to pass this bill. We help people and we need help in helping people.

Rep. Jasper – Support. Here on my own behalf as a Mason. Masons work in many areas but not necessarily in the towns in which their property is located. My lodge will not benefit because we have rental property. This is not a 28-a issue. Ans. - Don't know how other states handle this issue. Is the Grange more deserving than the Masons?

Rep. Weyler – Support. This committee supported a similar bill several years ago. The Grange was an offshoot of the Masons. We are a charitable organization. In years past the burden of taxation was much less than now and Masons chose to pay taxes as an act of citizenship. Taxes are much higher now and membership is much smaller.

*Paul Smith of Farmington representing himself – Support. Grange was exempted because they needed help and approached Legislature in 1983. The Masonic family is not just men. We include women and children in our organization. Masons have supported DARE program in N.H. with \$1 million. There are 63 lodges in New Hampshire of which 6 rent out space and would not be affected.

Williams of NHMA – Oppose. The Masons should be able to get their charitable exemption by demonstrating their charitable work.

*Rep. Cooney – Oppose. Official mission of Masons is not a charitable one.

HB403 [no minute sheet – Copeland, Stroud, Roberts not present]

Open at 11:41 a.m.

Rep. Petrie – Purpose of the bill is to give timely notice to the voters of a public hearing.

Close at 11:55 a.m.

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 367-LOCAL

BILL TITLE: relative to the election of county commissioners in Carroll County.

DATE: February 24, 2011

LOB ROOM: 301

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Coffey

Seconded by Rep. DeStephano

Vote: 16-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

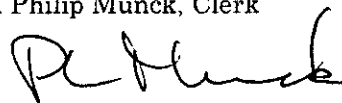
CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: YES NO (Please circle)

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Philip Munck, Clerk



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 367-LOCAL

BILL TITLE: relative to the election of county commissioners in Carroll County.

DATE: 2/24/11

LOB ROOM: 301

Amendments:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: YES NO (Please circle)

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Philip Munck, Clerk

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Bill #: HB 367 Title: Relative to election of County ~~Commissioners~~ ^{Commissioners}

PH Date: 2, 8, 11 Exec Session Date: 2, 24, 11

Motion: ITL Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Ferrante, Beverly A, Chairman	✓	
Sterling, Franklin W, V Chairman	✓	
Patten, Betsey L	✓	
Lockwood, Priscilla P	✓	
Accornero, Harry	✓	
Belanger, James P	✓	
Burt, John A	✓	
Coffey, James E	✓	
Copeland, Timothy D	✓	
Moore, Robert W	✓	
Munck, Philip L	<i>absent</i>	
Shackett, Jeffrey S	✓	
Stroud, Kathleen M	✓	
DeStefano, Stephen T	✓	
Roberts, Kris E	✓	
Hooper, Dorothea D	✓	
Tatro, Bruce L	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	16	0

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 1, 2011

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY
GOVERNMENT to which was referred HB367-L,**

**AN ACT relative to the election of county
commissioners in Carroll County. Having considered
the same, report the same with the following
Resolution: RESOLVED, That it is INEXPEDIENT TO
LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James E Coffey

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Bill Number:	HB367-L
Title:	relative to the election of county commissioners in Carroll County.
Date:	March 1, 2011
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill changes the procedure for the election of the county commissioner in Carroll County from at large to the districts of each commissioner. Based on the testimony provided, the committee did not find that was a significant level of support within the county delegation to recommend the proposed change at this time.

Vote 16-0.

Rep. James E Coffey
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB367-L, relative to the election of county commissioners in Carroll County. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James E Coffey for MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT. This bill changes the procedure for the election of the county commissioner in Carroll County from at large to the districts of each commissioner. Based on the testimony provided, the committee did not find that was a significant level of support within the county delegation to recommend the proposed change at this time. **Vote 16-0.**

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