# Bill as Introduced

#### SB 193 - AS INTRODUCED

#### 2011 SESSION

11-1079 03/09

SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

relative to nomination of political organizations.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. Barnes, Jr., Dist 17; Rep. W. Smith, Rock 18;

Rep. B. Murphy, Rock 18; Rep. Comerford, Rock 9

COMMITTEE:

Public and Municipal Affairs

#### **ANALYSIS**

This bill permits nomination papers for political organizations to be dated in either the election year or the calendar year prior.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in bold italics.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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

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#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the definition of "party" for election purposes to include a political organization nominated by nomination papers. Voters signing the nomination papers will be reregistered as members of that party. The certification of a party expires at the next general election.

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

1 Terms and Definitions; Party. Amend RSA 652:11 to read as follows: 1 652:11 Party. "Party" shall mean any political organization which: 2 I. At the preceding state general election received at least 4 percent of the total number of 3 votes cast for any one of the following: the office of governor or the offices of United States senators; 4 5 orII. Is certified by the secretary of state pursuant to RSA 655:40-a. 6 2 New Paragraph; Change of Registration. Amend RSA 654:34 by inserting after paragraph V 7 8 the following new paragraph: VI. Upon certification of a political organization as a party by the secretary of state pursuant 9 to RSA 655:40-a, every voter signing a nomination paper submitted for the party shall be registered 10 as a member of that party, regardless of whether the voter has been previously registered as a 11 member of another party or as an undeclared voter. Such voter shall not disaffiliate with the party 12 between the date of certification and the date of the state primary election. If the party does not 13 receive sufficient votes at the general election to retain its status as a party, voters registered as a 14 member of the party shall then be reregistered as undeclared voters. The secretary of state shall 15 cause all changes of registration required by this paragraph to be entered in the statewide 16 centralized voter registration database. 17 3 Declaration of Intent. Amend RSA 655:17-c to read as follows: 18 655:17-c Declaration of Intent; Political Organization. Declarations of intent for political 19 organizations shall be in the following form and signed by the chairman of the political organization: 20 \_\_\_\_\_, chairman of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ organization hereby declare that the 21 organization intends to file nomination papers by the deadline established under 22 RSA 655:43, I. [I further declare that the \_\_\_\_\_ organization intends to file the names of 23 candidates for the following offices with the nomination papers.] 24 4 Nomination Papers. Amend RSA 655:40 to read as follows: 25 655:40 General Provisions. As an alternative to nomination by party primary, a candidate may 26 have his or her name placed on the ballot for the state general election by submitting the requisite 27

number of nomination papers. Such papers shall contain the name and domicile of the candidate,

the office for which the candidate is nominated, and the political organization or principles the

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candidate represents. Nomination papers shall be signed by such persons only as are registered to vote at the state general election. No voter shall sign more than one nomination paper for each office to be voted for, and no nomination paper shall contain the names of more candidates than there are offices to be filled. Each voter shall sign and date an individual nomination paper. Nomination papers for a candidate shall be dated in the year of the election.

5 Nomination of Organization. Amend RSA 655:40-a to read as follows:

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6 Filing Deadlines. Amend RSA 655:43, I to read as follows:

I. Nomination papers for a candidate shall be filed with the secretary of state no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday one week before the primary. Nomination papers for a political organization shall be filed with the secretary of state no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday 5 weeks before the beginning of the candidate filing period. Nomination papers to be filed shall be grouped by municipality. No nomination papers for a candidate shall be accepted by the secretary of state unless the candidate shall have met the age and domicile qualifications for the office he or she seeks at the time of the general election and meets all the other qualifications at the time of filing; and if a candidate for the office of governor, executive councilor, state senator, or state representative, unless the candidate shall file with the nomination papers an affidavit of qualifications as provided in RSA 655:28 and 655:29; and if a candidate for United States senator or United States representative, unless the candidate shall meet the qualifications for office under RSA 655:3 and 655:4.

7 Filing Deadlines. Amend RSA 655:43, III to read as follows:

III. No political organization [shall have the names of its candidates placed on the ballot] may be certified as a party unless the chairman of the organization [files] had filed a declaration of intent, as provided in RSA 655:17-c, [within the filing deadline for candidates established in

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- 1 RSA 655:14-a] prior to the collection of signed and dated nomination papers.
- 8 Repeal. RSA 655:40-b, relative to filing names of candidates, is repealed.
- 9 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

# Committee Minutes

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## SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Senator John Barnes, Jr. Chairman
Senator Jeanie Forrester V Chairman
Senator David Boutin
Senator Amanda Merrill
Senator Nancy Stiles

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9:00 AM	SB129-FN	requiring valid photo identific	cation to vote in person.	
9:30 AM	SB193	relative to nomination of poli	tical organizations.	
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### Public and Municipal Affairs Committee

#### **Hearing Report**

TO:

Members of the Senate

FROM:

Deb Martone, Legislative Aide

RE:

Hearing report on SB 193 - relative to nomination of political

organizations.

**HEARING DATE:** 

March 8, 2011

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Senators Barnes, Forrester,

Merrill, Boutin and Stiles.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT:

No one.

Sponsor(s):

Senators Stiles and Barnes; Representatives W. Smith, B.

Murphy and Comerford.

What the bill does: permits nomination papers for political organizations to be dated in either the election year or the calendar year prior.

Who supports the bill: Senators Stiles and Barnes; Representatives W. Smith, B. Murphy and Comerford; Steven Borne; Tim van Blommesteyn; Tom Peters; Peter Bearse; Betty Hall.

Who opposes the bill: No one.

#### Summary of testimony received:

- •Senator Barnes opened the hearing at 9:46 am and introduced Senator Stiles, the bill's prime sponsor.
- •Senator Stiles explained she had sponsored this bill on behalf of a constituent, and has worked with the Secretary of State's Office to craft the language. The Secretary of State's Office is not opposed to the extension of time to collect signatures to appear on the ballot.
- •Note—the Secretary of State was unable to appear for this hearing due to a conflict in schedule.

- •Steven Borne originally discussed this legislation with Senator Stiles with regards to political organizations only. Senator Stiles consulted with the Secretary of State's Office, who determined the language should be inserted in RSA 655:40-a. After further discussions with other past independent candidates, however, Mr. Borne presented an amendment which would cover both Independents and political organizations. He believes the change of language should be inserted in RSA 655:40, rather than RSA 655:40-a, so that it can apply to both entities.
- •Mr. Borne reviewed the lengthy and cumbersome process of nomination papers with Committee members. He is asking for additional time in which to get the nomination process completed, so that these candidates can get face time with the media, get speaking engagements, and not be left behind in the race.
- •Currently, political organizations need to collect over 20,000 signatures to vield the approximately 15,000 that are required.
- •In his testimony, Mr. Borne reviewed a 2009 Rhode Island court case in which Judge William Smith ruled it was unconstitutional to artificially truncate the nominating process time for political organizations to only the election year itself. New Hampshire's statutes used to allow both the prior calendar year and the election year.
- •Senator Forrester asked if perhaps Mr. Borne could share an example with Committee members. Mr. Borne explained that when an individual goes to vote there is a "Republican" column, a "Democrat" column and an "Other" column on the ballot. With his proposal, a political organization would also have a column on the ballot. It did occur several years ago with the Libertarian party for the Governor's race.
- •Senator Merrill asked for clarification on the language of the proposed amendment. Mr. Borne explained RSA 655:40-a and 655:40-b apply to independent candidates. If the proposed language is inserted in RSA 655:40, the extension of time will apply to both political organizations and Independents. He stated it was a simple change to make.
- •Senator Stiles asked for further clarification as to why the proposed language belongs in RSA 655:40, as opposed to the Secretary of State's determination that the language should be inserted in RSA 655:40-a. Mr. Borne stated that if you wanted the extension of time for political organizations only, the proper place to insert the language would be in 655:40-a. But if you wanted to cover both political organizations and independent candidates, then it should be inserted in RSA 655:40, where it will cover both entities. Mr. Borne indicated the proposed language could be

inserted in both RSA 655:40-a and 655:40-b; but in his opinion, it would be cleaner to merely insert it in 655:40.

- •Former Representative Betty Hall testified about her experiences running as an Independent going through the nomination process. Because it is such a time consuming process, it would be valuable for candidates to have that two-year period in which to collect nominating papers.
- •The extension of time is not just for the candidate, but for the Supervisors of the Checklist and the Secretary of State's Office as well; both have to verify signatures. Representative Hall thinks the proposed language should apply to both independent candidates and political organizations.
- •Senator Merrill wondered if Representative Hall had any sense of why the statute was changed. Representative Hall suspects it ended up on some amendment and was missed in a Committee of Conference. She remarked that she had actually attempted to find a record of the change but was unable to do so.
- •Tim van Blommesteyn, an Independent who ran in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, related his experiences to the Committee. He stated that time is the enemy of an Independent. By starting to define yourself as a candidate in the year of the election, it gives you a very limited time to run a fair campaign. You can't really get through to voters until you have certification from the Secretary of State's Office. It's difficult to raise money. It took five months for Mr. van Blommesteyn to raise the requisite amount of signatures. Making this change in the statute will not change the election process. But it will give independent candidates a more fair and open system in which to participate.
- •Representative Timothy Comerford, a co-sponsor of the bill, explained he was on the House Election Law Committee when the change in statute occurred. It happened during the time the state was attempting to comply with the federal Military Voting Act. Previously, New Hampshire did allow more time than just the election year for collecting petition signatures. This is an issue of fairness.
- •Senator Merrill asked if it was accurate to state that the previous change in statute was originally in the MOVE bill because it was seen as being in line with the goals of the Act. But now, perhaps, on further consideration, it appears the previous change was unnecessary to meet those goals. Rep. Comerford indicated that was his recollection.
- •Peter Bearse ran in the 2008 election as an Independent in the 1st Congressional District. Time and timing are almost everything. You need to

build an organization to run for Congress. You need to raise money and collect nomination petitions. The time it takes to be certified affects money raising and organization. This is the prime reason for supporting a bill which would allow for the collection of signatures the prior year before an election year.

- •Tom Peters attempted to get on the ballot as a US Senate candidate. Time ran out in his attempt to gain the required 3,000 signatures. He related an experience he had with a New Hampshire Public Radio program prior to the primary concerning those candidates wanting to run. There were nine people on the list that had submitted their Declaration of Intent and had paid to get on the ballot. Unfortunately, only the top four "money spenders" were actually interviewed. Mr. Peters contacted NHPR twice, but received no response.
- •Mr. Peters has no problem with acquiring the 3,000 signatures. It shows your ability to organize. But you need the time to be able to accomplish it. At this point it is not a fair process. Independent candidates are only looking for a level playing field on which to participate.
- •Senator Barnes closed the hearing at 10:23 am.

Action: Committee members wanted to again confer with the Secretary of State's Office before taking any action.

dam [file: SB 193 report] Date: March 10, 2011

# Speakers

#### Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: Sign-In Sheet

Date: March 8, 2011

Time: 9:30 am Public Hearing on SB 193

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	Steven Boins		Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes	No
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# Testimony

Senate Bill 193 Hearing Testimony

March 8, 2011

Committee: Public and Municipal Affairs

Add the text "or the calendar year prior" to paragraph 655:40 and make no changes to paragraph 655:40A

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#### **Analysis:**

Since paragraph 655:40 applies to both political organizations and individuals seeking nomination, then
one single change will be applicable to both groups.

Contact: Steven Borne Nhd1naip@yahoo.com Mobile: 770-1743

March 8, 2011

Senate Bill 193 Hearing Testimony Committee: Public and Municipal Affairs

<u>Requested amendment</u>: Text should go in paragraph 655:40 so individuals and political organizations have all of the time between elections. As written the bill puts the text in paragraph 655:40a, so as written it leaves out individuals who want to represent NH voters.

#### **Testimony:**

Choice: NH voters are deprived of political choice for many reasons. One is the time and effort required to collect nomination papers. SB 193 is to remove the restricted time frame for political organizations and independent candidates.

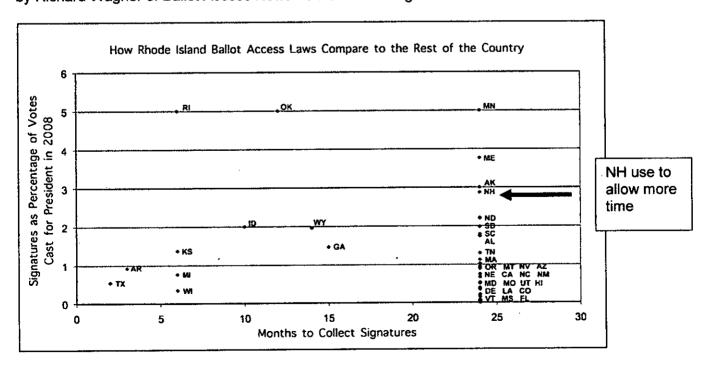
#### Nomination Papers process:

- NH voter from the past election must fill out an individual nomination paper (one per person)
- The candidate or organization must get each nomination paper to the Supervisor of Checklist in the town or ward where that person last voted
- Supervisor of the checklist must validate that the individual voted in the last State wide election
- Candidate or organization must physically collect the nomination papers from the towns/wards
- Once the quota is met, papers must be delivered to the Secretary of State

Until a candidate or a political organization is "on the ballot" it is extremely difficult to schedule any type of campaign events. Conversely, candidates of established political organizations who will compete in the primary are building name recognition through the primary process.

For the 2012 election a political organization would need an estimated 20,000 nominations, to get the 15,000 nomination papers required – that is an 8' stack of paper.

In 2009 RI Judge William E. Smith ruled in Block v. Mollis that requiring a political organization to wait until January 1<sup>st</sup> of the even year to begin to collect signatures is unconstitutional. This chart is 2008 data provided by Richard Wagner of Ballot Access News from that RI ruling.



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#### To the Members of the Committee:

My name is Tim vanBlommesteyn. In 2010 I was a 2<sup>nd</sup> District candidate for Congress, running as an Independent. From my experience, I understand full well the challenges facing an individual or political organization to gather signatures and get certified to be placed on a ballot. While I was able to gather the requisite number of signatures, the time required to collect and certify signatures affected my ability to run a successful campaign. I believe extending the time to secure signatures by one year will open elections to more individuals and organizations without adversely impacting the process of electing our local, state, or federal representatives.

The process of collecting signatures is onerous and time-consuming. While I'd argue 1500 certified signatures for the office of US Representative is too many, I accept this is the target for anyone interested in running for this position. Additionally, the fact the forms must be original and cannot be submitted electronically is another substantial obstacle.

To reach this level, I was told roughly 33% of collected signatures might not be approved, forcing me to collect upwards of 2300 signatures to meet the 1500 signature threshold. I began collecting signatures in March and finally closed the collection process in late July with about 2125 signatures. This, however, is only the first step of the process. All forms must be collated and distributed to communities around the district for verification by the Supervisors of the Checklist. I submitted forms to more than 100 communities, some of whom had not seen a Nomination Form in more than 15 years. In smaller communities the Supervisors often meet at irregular intervals so the expectation one can turn around forms in a short timeframe is not realistic. You also find out quickly that submitting forms for approval during the summer means smaller communities often cannot gather a majority of the Supervisors due to vacations. By the time I completed all these steps, it was early September. At this point, the two major parties were close to their primaries with all the news and local organizations (e.g., Chambers of Commerce; Rotaries) focused on their nominations. It's almost impossible to break through the noise to get your message out unless you have substantial amount of cash to buy media attention. Extending the time to collect signatures would offer a candidate the opportunity to get certified months before an election, leveling the playing field against the major parties.

While political parties have played a central role in the success of our democracy over 225 years, the Constitution makes no mention of parties. Article 1, Section 2 states "The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several states". I believe we are a better and stronger democracy with broad participation in the political process. We need a greater percentage of citizens involved in political discussions and voting but also a political system that does not place undue barriers in front of citizens who choose to run for office. Extending the time to collect Nomination Papers would clearly satisfy this objective.

Thank you.



#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nomination Paper for Political Organization (For State General Election) RSA 655:40-a - 45

The subscriber, a registered voter in the State of New Hampshire, hereby makes the following nomination and requests that the name of said New American Independent Party Organization be placed upon the official ballot to be used at the November 2, 2010 general election.

#### RSA 655:45

No person shall falsely make or file or knowingly deface or destroy any nomination paper, or any part thereof, or sign any nomination paper contrary to the provisions of law knowing the same, or any part thereof, to be falsely made or suppress any nomination paper, or any part thereof, which has been duly filed. Whoever knowingly violates any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if a natural person or be guilty of a felony if any other person.

Voter's Signature		Date:	
Print Name			
Voter's Domicile(street address)		(town or city)	(ward)
Voter's Mailing Address			(zip code)
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CERTIFIC	CATE OF SUPERV	ISORS OF THE CHEC	KLIST
The undersigned, a MAJORIT Voters), hereby certify that the of	e voter signing this nor	nination paper is a registered	d voter in the town/ward
☐ The signer of this paper is N  RSA 655:41, II. The city cleri	NOT a registered voter		e signed
Filing Deadlines: August 11, 2010 - Last day to su September 1, 2010 5:00 p.m September 8, 2010 5:00 p.m L	Supervisors must have r	nomination papers certified for	candidates and organizations

# TITLE LXIII ELECTIONS

## **CHAPTER 655 NOMINATIONS**

#### **Nomination by Nomination Papers**

#### **Section 655:40**

655:40 General Provisions. – As an alternative to nomination by party primary, a candidate may have his or her name placed on the ballot for the state general election by submitting the requisite number of nomination papers. Such papers shall contain the name and domicile of the candidate, the office for which the candidate is nominated, and the political organization or principles the candidate represents. Nomination papers shall be signed by such persons only as are registered to vote at the state general election. No voter shall sign more than one nomination paper for each office to be voted for, and no nomination paper shall contain the names of more candidates than there are offices to be filled. Each voter shall sign and date an individual nomination paper. Nomination papers shall be dated in the year of the election.

Source. 1979, 436:1. 2001, 74:1, eff. Aug. 18, 2001; 185:5, eff. Aug. 18, 2001 at 12:01 a.m. 2009, 214:5, eff. Sept. 13, 2009.

# TITLE LXIII ELECTIONS

# **CHAPTER 655 NOMINATIONS**

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Section 655:40-a

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Source. 1996, 36:3. 1998, 246:1. 2001, 74:2, eff. Aug. 18, 2001; 185:5, eff. Aug. 18, 2001 at 12:01 a.m.

# TITLE LXIII ELECTIONS

#### CHAPTER 655 NOMINATIONS

#### **Nomination by Nomination Papers**

**Section 655:40-b** 

655:40-b Filing Names of Candidates. – The names of the candidates to be listed on the state general election ballot under the political organization nominated pursuant to RSA 655:40-a shall be submitted to the secretary of state no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the primary. When the list of candidates is filed, it shall be accompanied by a declaration of candidacy signed by each of the candidates. The declaration of candidacy shall be in the form provided by RSA 655:17 with the understanding that, where the form says primary election, it shall be construed to mean general election.

Source. 1996, 36:3. 2001, 231:8, eff. July 13, 2001.

# Committee Report

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE **SENATE**

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: March 22, 2011

THE COMMITTEE ON Public and Municipal Affairs to which was referred Senate Bill 193

AN ACT

relative to nomination of political organizations.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

**OUGHT TO PASS** 

BY A VOTE OF: 4.0

AMENDMENT#

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**Senator Nancy Stiles** For the Committee

Debra Martone 271-3092

#### **New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System**

#### **Docket of SB193**

**Docket Abbreviations** 

Bill Title: relative to nomination of political organizations.

#### Official Docket of SB193:

Date	Body	Description
2/23/2011	S	Introduced and Referred to Public and Municipal Affairs; SJ 8, Pg.82
3/1/2011	S	Hearing: 3/8/11, Room 101, LOB, 9:30 a.m.; <b>SC14</b>
3/22/2011	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 3/30/11; SC17
3/30/2011	S	Ought to Pass, MA, VV; OT3rdg; SJ 11, Pg.232
3/30/2011	S	Passed by Third Reading Resolution; SJ 11, Pg.240
3/31/2011	Н	Introduced and Referred to Election Law; HJ 35, PG.1241
4/5/2011	Н	Public Hearing: 4/12/2011 11:30 AM LOB 308 ==Executive Session May Follow==
5/11/2011	Н	Ballot Access and Election Procedures Subcommittee Work Session: 5/17/2011 1:30 PM LOB 308
5/18/2011	Н	Subcommittee Work Session: 5/24/2011 10:30 AM LOB 308
5/18/2011	Н	Executive Session: 5/24/2011 1:00 PM LOB 308
5/25/2011	Н	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2158h for June 1 (Vote 15-0; CC); <b>HC 43</b> , PG.1496
5/25/2011	Н	Proposed Committee Amendment #2011-2158h; HC 43, PG.1527-1528
6/1/2011	Н	Amendment #2158h Adopted, VV; HJ 48, PG.1628-1629
6/1/2011	Н	Ought to Pass with Amendment #2158h: MA VV; HJ 48, PG.1628-1629
6/8/2011	S	Sen. Barnes Moved Nonconcur with House Amendment 2158h; Requests C of C, MA, VV; <b>SJ 20</b> , Pg.549
6/8/2011	S	President Appoints: Senators Boutin, Forrester and Merrill; SJ 20, Pg.549
6/8/2011	Н	House Refuses to Accede to Senate Request for C of C (Rep Bates): MA DIV 240-97; <b>HJ 51</b> , PG.1722

NH House	NH Senate

# Other Referrals

### **COMMITTEE REPORT FILE INVENTORY**

SB 193 ORIGINAL REFERRAL RE-REFERRAL

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<u>X</u>	_ COMMITTEE REPORT	
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