

# Bill as Introduced

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HOUSE BILL            ***1704-FN***

AN ACT                relative to limits on political contributions and relative to reporting by political committees.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Doherty, Hills 27

COMMITTEE:          Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Eliminates the \$1,000 limit on contributions to candidates who do not agree to limit campaign expenditures, making the \$5,000 limit applicable to all contributions.

II. Authorizes contributions of up to \$5,000 each during the primary election, general election, and exploratory periods of a campaign.

III. Requires earlier reporting by political committees.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve*

AN ACT                   relative to limits on political contributions and relative to reporting by political committees.

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

1           1 Reference Deleted. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 655:19-c, I to read as follows:

2           I. Candidates for governor, United States senator, representative to Congress, executive  
3 councilor, state senator, county officer, and state representative who file declarations of candidacy  
4 shall pay the administrative assessment in paragraph I or file primary petitions as provided in  
5 paragraph III. Candidates for governor, United States senator, representative to Congress,  
6 executive councilor, state senator, county officer, and state representative who file declarations of  
7 intent shall pay the administrative assessment in paragraph I and shall meet the requirements of  
8 RSA 655:40 through 655:45 for nomination by nomination papers. ~~[Neither the administrative  
9 assessment which is paid nor the primary petitions which are filed under this section, nor the  
10 nomination papers which must be submitted under RSA 655:41 and filed under RSA 655:43, shall be  
11 waived or refunded for a candidate for any of the offices listed in this section who, pursuant to RSA  
12 664:5-a, voluntarily accepts the expenditure limitation set forth in RSA 664:5-b.]~~ At the time of filing  
13 declarations of candidacy or declarations of intent, the administrative assessment shall be as follows:

14           2 Prohibited Political Contributions; Amount. Amend RSA 664:4, V to read as follows:

15           V. By any person (1) if in excess of \$5,000 in value, except for contributions made by a  
16 candidate in behalf of his *or her* own candidacy, ~~[or if in excess of \$1,000 in value by any person or  
17 by any political committee to a candidate or a political committee working on behalf of a candidate  
18 who does not voluntarily agree to limit his campaign expenditures and those expenditures made on  
19 his behalf as provided in RSA 664:5-a,]~~ *provided that a person may contribute up to \$5,000 for  
20 the state primary election and up to \$5,000 for the general election to a candidate, political  
21 committee, or political party, and may contribute an additional \$5,000 during an  
22 exploratory period to a political committee working on behalf of a person prior to his or  
23 her public declaration of candidacy,* (2) if made anonymously or under a name not that of the  
24 donor, (3) if made in the guise of a loan, (4) if any other manner concealed, (5) if made without the  
25 knowledge and written consent of the candidate or his *or her* fiscal agent, a political committee or its  
26 treasurer, or not to any one of the same.

27           3 Reporting by Committees. Amend RSA 664:6, I to read as follows:

28           I. Any political committee whose receipts or expenditures in support of a candidate,  
29 measure, or political party exceed \$500 except, for the purposes of this paragraph only, the political  
30 committee of a political party or the political committee of a candidate, shall file with the secretary of

1 state an itemized statement, signed by its chairman and treasurer showing each of its receipts  
 2 exceeding \$25 with the full name and home post office address of the contributor in alphabetical  
 3 order and the amount of the contribution, the date it was received, and the aggregate total for each  
 4 election for each contributor of over \$100. The statement shall ~~[be filed not later than the~~  
 5 ~~Wednesday 12 weeks immediately preceding a primary election, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and~~  
 6 ~~shall]~~ cover the period from the day of the committee registration up to and including ~~[the Monday~~  
 7 ~~before the statement is due]~~ **June 30 of the year prior to the general election. The statement**  
 8 **shall be filed not later than 5 business days after the close of the period covered, before 5**  
 9 **o'clock in the afternoon.** All receipts of \$25 or under shall appear on the ~~[statements]~~ **statement**  
 10 as unitemized receipts. Any listing which exceeds an individual's aggregate total of \$100 for each  
 11 election shall be accompanied by the contributor's occupation including official job title, the name of  
 12 the contributor's employer, and the city or town of the contributor's principal place of business, if  
 13 any. The statement shall also show each committee expenditure with the full name and city or town  
 14 of persons, corporations, committees, or to whomever paid or to be paid, the date paid, and the  
 15 election for which the expenditure was made, with the specific nature and amount of each  
 16 expenditure since the date of the registration. **The committee shall file reports in the same**  
 17 **form covering the periods from July 1 to December 31 of the year prior to the general**  
 18 **election and January 1 to March 31 of the year of the general election, which shall be filed**  
 19 **not later than 5 business days after the close of the period covered, before 5 o'clock in the**  
 20 **afternoon. The committee shall also file a report in the same form not later than the**  
 21 **Wednesday 12 weeks immediately preceding a primary election, before 5 o'clock in the**  
 22 **afternoon, which shall cover the period from April 1 up to and including the Monday before**  
 23 **the statement is due. A committee that registers after the date that a report is due under**  
 24 **this paragraph shall file its first report by the next applicable due date, covering the**  
 25 **period beginning with the day of the committee registration.**

26 4 References Deleted. Amend RSA 664:21, IV-V to read as follows:

27 IV. ~~[In addition to the fines levied under paragraph I,]~~ Any person who fails to file any  
 28 report or statement on the date on which the report or statement is due under this chapter shall be  
 29 subject to a daily fine of \$25 for every weekday for which the report or statement is late and until the  
 30 report or statement is actually filed, except that candidates for the general court shall be subject to a  
 31 daily fine of \$5 under this paragraph.

32 V. ~~[The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to violations of this chapter other than the~~  
 33 ~~violation of RSA 664:5-a and 5-b, and]~~ A person liable under the provisions of this paragraph shall  
 34 not also be subject to the penalties imposed under paragraphs ~~[I,]~~ II and IV. Any person who  
 35 ~~[otherwise]~~ violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if a natural person  
 36 or shall be guilty of a felony if any other person.

37 5 Repeal. The following are repealed:

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- 1 I. RSA 664:5-a, relative to limitations on political expenditures.
- 2 II. RSA 664:5-b, relative to political expenditure limitation amounts.
- 3 III. RSA 664:21, I, relative to political expenditure limitation penalties.
- 4 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2013.

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**HB 1704-FN - FISCAL NOTE**

AN ACT relative to limits on political contributions and relative to reporting by political committees.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, and New Hampshire Association of Counties state this bill may decrease state and county expenditures by indeterminable amounts in FY 2013 and each year thereafter. There will be no impact on state, county and local revenues, or local expenditures.

**METHODOLOGY:**

The Judicial Branch states this bill would amend RSA 664:4, V, to eliminate the \$1,000 limit on contributions to candidates who do not agree to limit campaign expenditures as provided in RSA 664:5-a. The Branch states RSA 664:21, V makes violations of RSA 664:4, V a misdemeanor for a natural person. The Branch states it does not have information on which to estimate how many charges might not be brought forward as a result of this bill. The Branch states in the past decade there have been very few prosecutions at any level for any violations of RSA 664. The Branch assumes continuation of this historical trend and states any fiscal impact from this bill would be minimal.

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The New Hampshire Association of Counties states to the extent fewer individuals are charged, convicted, and sentenced to incarceration in a county correctional facility, the counties may have decreased expenditures. The Association is unable to determine how many fewer individuals who might be charged, convicted or incarcerated as a result of this bill to determine an exact fiscal impact. The average annual cost to incarcerate an individual in a county correctional facility is approximately \$35,000.

The Department of State and the Department of Justice state they will not incur any fiscal impacts as a result of this bill.

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COMMITTEE: Election Law

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Modifies the procedure for nominating a political organization.
- II. Modifies the definition of "political committee."
- III. Increases the limit on campaign contributions.
- IV. Authorizes contributions of up to \$5,000 each during the exploratory period of a campaign.
- V. Increases voluntary campaign expenditure limits.
- VI. Requires reporting by political committees of electioneering communication expenditures, as defined in the bill.

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1 1 Declaration of Intent; Political Organization. Amend RSA 655:17-c to read as follows:

2 655:17-c Declaration of Intent; Political Organization.

3 I. Declarations of intent for political organizations shall be in the following form and signed  
4 by the chairman of the political organization:

5 I, \_\_\_\_\_, chairman of the \_\_\_\_\_ organization hereby declare that the  
6 \_\_\_\_\_ organization intends to file nomination papers by the deadline established under  
7 RSA 655:43, I. [~~I further declare that the \_\_\_\_\_ organization intends to file the names of~~  
8 ~~candidates for the following offices with the nomination papers.~~]

9 ***II. At the time of filing the declaration of intent, the chairman of the political***  
10 ***organization shall submit a list of the offices for which it intends to file candidates and***  
11 ***the names of the candidates for those offices. In addition, each candidate shall file a***  
12 ***declaration of candidacy. The declaration of candidacy shall be in the form provided by***  
13 ***RSA 655:17 with the understanding that, where the form says primary election, it shall be***  
14 ***construed to mean general election. If the political organization does not obtain enough***  
15 ***nomination papers to have its name placed on the ballot, any declarations of candidacy***  
16 ***filed for that political organization shall be void.***

17 2 Definitions; Political Committee. RSA 664:2, III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

18 III. "Political committee" means any organization:

19 (a) That has as its major purpose to promote the success or defeat of a candidate or  
20 candidates or measure or measures and whose combined receipts and expenditures total \$2,500 or  
21 more in a calendar year for that purpose; or

22 (b) That makes combined independent expenditures, as defined in paragraph XI, and  
23 electioneering communication expenditures, as defined in paragraph XVIII, that total \$5,000 or more  
24 in a calendar year.

25 As used in this paragraph, "organization" includes, but is not limited to, for-profit and nonprofit  
26 corporations, associations, and committees formed by a candidate, exploratory campaign, or political  
27 party.

28 3 Definitions; Expenditure. Amend RSA 664:2, IX to read as follows:

29 IX. "Expenditure" shall mean the disbursement of money or thing of value or the making of

1 a legally binding commitment to make such a disbursement in the future [~~for the purpose of~~  
2 ~~influencing the nomination for election or election of any candidate~~]. It does not include the  
3 candidate's filing fee or his *or her* expenses for personal travel and subsistence.

4 4 Definitions; Independent Expenditures. Amend RSA 664:2, XI to read as follows:

5 XI. "Independent expenditures" means expenditures by a person, political committee, or  
6 other entity expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate *or*  
7 *candidates or the success or defeat of a measure or measures* which are made without  
8 cooperation or consultation with any candidate, or any authorized committee or agent of such  
9 candidate, and which are not made in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate,  
10 or any authorized committee or agent of such candidate. As used in this paragraph, "clearly  
11 identified" means that the name of the candidate involved appears; a photograph or drawing of the  
12 candidate appears; or the identity of the candidate is apparent by unambiguous reference.

13 5 New Paragraph; Definitions; Electioneering Communication Expenditures. Amend RSA 664:2  
14 by inserting after paragraph XVII the following new paragraph:

15 XVIII. "Electioneering communication expenditures" means expenditures on any  
16 communication that fulfills each of the following conditions:

17 (a) The communication refers to a clearly identified candidate for state office or refers to  
18 a measure without expressly advocating the success or defeat of such candidate or measure;

19 (b) The communication is publicly broadcasted or distributed within 60 days prior to a  
20 general election or within 30 days prior to a primary election for which office the candidate is seeking  
21 or the date on which the measure is being voted; and

22 (c) The communication is targeted to the relevant electorate.

23 6 Registration of Political Committees. Amend RSA 664:3, I to read as follows:

24 I. Any political committee, except the political committee of a political party, shall register  
25 with the secretary of state as provided in this section. The [~~committee shall register with~~]  
26 *committee's registration shall be received* by the secretary of state not later than [24] 48 hours  
27 after [~~receiving any contribution in excess of \$500 or before making any expenditure in excess of~~  
28 ~~\$500, but in no event later than 14 days after the formation of the committee~~] *satisfying the*  
29 *definition of a political committee under RSA 664:2, III. The registration shall be*  
30 *accompanied by an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures that caused the*  
31 *definition of a political committee to be met. Such itemization shall be made pursuant to*  
32 *the manner set forth in RSA 664:6.* The registration shall *also* be accompanied by a fee of \$50,  
33 which shall be deposited by the secretary of state into the general fund; provided, however, that the  
34 political committee of a candidate which registers under this section shall not be required to pay the  
35 \$50 fee. Each political committee shall designate a treasurer or agent who is a citizen of this state  
36 and who is authorized to receive all process and other legal documents on behalf of the political  
37 committee, and through whom may be obtained access to all books and records of the political

1 committee. The political committee shall file with the secretary of state a statement of the purpose  
 2 of the committee and shall indicate whether the committee will be making independent expenditures  
 3 ~~[in support of or in opposition to any candidate including]~~ **or electioneering communication**  
 4 **expenditures. The registration shall also include** a statement of the name, address, occupation,  
 5 and principal place of business of its chairperson and treasurer or agent, and the names and  
 6 addresses of other officers. The committee shall file an amendment to its registration within 14 days  
 7 of any change in the officers or purpose of the committee.

8 7 Prohibited Political Contributions. Amend RSA 664:4 to read as follows:

9 664:4 Prohibited Political Contributions.

10 I. No contribution, whether tangible or intangible, shall be made, *directly or indirectly*, to  
 11 ~~[a] any candidate~~~~[, a political committee,]~~ or political party, or ~~[in behalf of a candidate or]~~ **to any**  
 12 political committee **of a candidate** or political party, ~~[directly or indirectly,]~~ for the purpose of  
 13 promoting the success or defeat of any candidate or political party at any state primary or general  
 14 election:

15 ~~[I. [Repealed.]~~

16 ~~II. By any partnership as such or by any partner acting in behalf of such partnership.~~

17 ~~III.] (a)~~ By any labor union or group of labor unions, or by any officer, director, executive,  
 18 agent, or employee acting in behalf of such union or group of unions; or by any organization  
 19 representing or affiliated with any such union or group of unions, or by any officer, director,  
 20 executive, agent, or employee acting in behalf of such organization.

21 ~~[IV. [Repealed.]~~

22 ~~V.] (b)~~ By any person, **entity, organization, or political committee** (1) if in excess of  
 23 ~~[\$5,000]~~ **\$7,000** in value **for the state primary election and in excess of \$7,000 for the general**  
 24 **election**, except for contributions made by a candidate in behalf of his **or her** own candidacy, or if in  
 25 excess of ~~[\$1,000]~~ **\$3,500** in value ~~[by any person or by any political committee to a candidate or a~~  
 26 ~~political committee working on behalf of a candidate who does]~~ **for the state primary election and**  
 27 **in excess of \$3,500 for the general election when a candidate has** not voluntarily agree to limit  
 28 his **or her** campaign expenditures and those expenditures made on his behalf as provided in  
 29 RSA 664:5-a, **provided that a person organization, or political committee may also**  
 30 **contribute an additional \$5,000 during an exploratory period to either a person exploring**  
 31 **a potential candidacy or the political committee working on behalf of such a person prior**  
 32 **to his or her filing of a declaration of candidacy**, (2) if made anonymously or under a name not  
 33 that of the donor, (3) if made in the guise of a loan, (4) if any other manner concealed, (5) if made  
 34 without the knowledge and written consent of the candidate or his **or her** fiscal agent, a political  
 35 committee or its treasurer, or not to any one of the same.

36 **II. This section shall not be construed to limit the amount of contributions that may**  
 37 **be made to political committees that solely make independent expenditures and do not**

1 *make contributions to candidates, campaigns, political parties, or political committees of*  
2 *either candidates or political parties.*

3 8 Political Expenditure Limitation Amounts. Amend RSA 664:5-b to read as follows:

4 664:5-b Political Expenditure Limitation Amounts. Total expenditures by a candidate who  
5 voluntarily agrees to limit campaign expenditures as provided in RSA 664:5-a shall be as follows:

6 I. For governor:

7 (a) ~~[\$625,000]~~ **\$1,000,000** in a state primary election.

8 (b) ~~[\$625,000]~~ **\$1,000,000** in a state general election.

9 ~~[I-a. For United States senator:~~

10 ~~(a) \$625,000 in a state primary election.~~

11 ~~(b) \$625,000 in a state general election.~~

12 ~~II. For representative to Congress:~~

13 ~~(a) \$350,000 in a state primary election.~~

14 ~~(b) \$350,000 in a state general election.]~~

15 ~~[III.] II. For executive council:~~

16 ~~(a) [\$50,000] \$75,000 in a state primary election.~~

17 ~~(b) [\$50,000] \$75,000 in a state general election.~~

18 ~~[IV.] III. For state senate:~~

19 ~~(a) [\$20,000] \$50,000 in a state primary election.~~

20 ~~(b) [\$20,000] \$50,000 in a state general election.~~

21 ~~[V.] IV. For representative to the general court and all county offices, based upon the latest~~  
22 ~~figures filed with the secretary of state:~~

23 ~~(a) [\$.50] \$1.00 per registered voter in the district or the county in a state primary~~  
24 ~~election.~~

25 ~~(b) [\$.50] \$1.00 per registered voter in the district or the county in a state general~~  
26 ~~election.~~

27 VI. For the purposes of this section, RSA 664:5-a, and the enforcement provisions of this  
28 chapter, "total expenditures" shall mean the sum of all expenditures made to influence either a state  
29 primary or a state general election made by a candidate and those made on the candidate's behalf by  
30 the candidate's committee or committees, the candidate's party, and the candidate's immediate  
31 family. For candidates for governor, United States senator, representative to Congress, state senate,  
32 state representative, and executive council, "total expenditures" shall include any such expenditures  
33 made after January 1 of the election year, regardless of when the person actually declares his or her  
34 candidacy. Each campaign expenditure limitation amount shall apply solely and independently to  
35 either the state primary election or the state general election.

36 9 Reporting by Political Committee. Amend RSA 664:6, I to read as follows:

37 I. Any political committee whose receipts or expenditures ~~[in support of a candidate,~~

1 ~~measure, or political party]~~ exceed \$500 except, for the purposes of this paragraph only, the political  
 2 committee of a political party or the political committee of a candidate, shall file with the secretary of  
 3 state an itemized statement, signed by its chairman and treasurer showing each of its receipts  
 4 exceeding \$25 with the full name and home post office address of the contributor in alphabetical  
 5 order and the amount of the contribution, the date it was received, and the aggregate total for each  
 6 election for each contributor of over \$100. The statement shall be filed not later than the Wednesday  
 7 12 weeks immediately preceding a primary election, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and shall cover  
 8 the period from the day of the committee registration up to and including the Monday before the  
 9 statement is due. All receipts of \$25 or under shall appear on the statements as unitemized receipts.  
 10 Any listing which exceeds an individual's aggregate total of \$100 for each election shall be  
 11 accompanied by the contributor's occupation including official job title, the name of the contributor's  
 12 employer, and the city or town of the contributor's principal place of business, if any. The statement  
 13 shall also show each committee expenditure with the full name and city or town of persons,  
 14 corporations, committees, or to whomever paid or to be paid, the date paid, and the election for which  
 15 the expenditure was made, with the specific nature and amount of each expenditure since the date of  
 16 the registration.

17 *I-a. For purposes of this section only, any corporation that has tax exempt status by*  
 18 *virtue of being organized under section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) of the United States*  
 19 *Internal Revenue Code shall not be required to disclose receipts on its filings with the*  
 20 *secretary of state.*

21 10 Reporting by Political Committee. Amend RSA 664:6, II-a to read as follows:

22 II-a. A political committee shall file a statement in the same form as in paragraph I with the  
 23 secretary of state not later than the Wednesday immediately preceding a primary and a general  
 24 election, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The statement shall summarize the statements under  
 25 paragraphs I and II if such statements are filed and itemize all receipts and expenditures since the  
 26 cutoff of the statement under paragraph II up until the Monday preceding the filing of the statement  
 27 under this paragraph. In addition to the reporting requirements contained in this section, the  
 28 secretary of state shall be notified by the fiscal agent within [24] 48 hours of any contribution  
 29 exceeding \$500 which is received after the statement under this paragraph is filed and prior to the  
 30 day of election.

31 11 Reporting by Political Committee. Amend RSA 664:6, IV-a to read as follows:

32 IV-a. Any political committee whose independent expenditures, in aggregate, exceed \$500  
 33 shall file an itemized statement with the secretary of state *which shall be received by the*  
 34 *secretary of state* not later than [24] 48 hours after such expenditures are made, and thereafter  
 35 each time a further \$500 is expended. Such itemized statements shall cover the period during which  
 36 independent expenditures *and electioneering communication expenditures* totaling \$500 were  
 37 made. Each statement shall include a certification by the political committee that the independent

1 expenditure *or electioneering communication* meets the definition in RSA 664:2, XI *or RSA*  
 2 *664:2, XVIII*. Each statement shall contain the date of each independent expenditure *or*  
 3 *electioneering communication expenditure*; the name and address of the person to whom the  
 4 expenditure was made; the name of the candidate on whose behalf or against whom each  
 5 *independent* expenditure was made *or the name of the candidate who was referenced in each*  
 6 *electioneering communication expenditure*; the amount of each expenditure; the purpose of each  
 7 expenditure, and the aggregate amount of all previous independent expenditures *and*  
 8 *electioneering communication expenditures*. If the independent expenditure is made in support  
 9 of or [~~to oppose~~] *in opposition to* more than one candidate *or if the electioneering*  
 10 *communication expenditure depicts or mentions more than one candidate*, the statement  
 11 made under this paragraph shall allocate the way in which the expenditure was made among the  
 12 candidates on a reasonable basis. For the purposes of this paragraph, "reasonable basis" means a  
 13 statement which reflects the benefit or the burden reasonably expected to be derived or suffered by  
 14 each candidate. The filing requirements of this paragraph shall be in addition to all other filing  
 15 requirements under this section, and shall not be limited to the filing periods during which  
 16 expenditures must otherwise be reported.

17 12 Penalties. Amend RSA 664:21, IV to read as follows:

18 IV. In addition to the fines levied under paragraph I, any person who fails to file any report  
 19 or statement *on behalf of a political committee of a candidate* on the date on which the report  
 20 or statement is due under this chapter shall be subject to a daily fine of \$25 for every weekday for  
 21 which the report or statement is late and until the report or statement is actually filed, except that  
 22 candidates for the general court *and persons authorized to file reports or statements on their*  
 23 *behalf* shall be subject to a daily fine of \$5 under this paragraph.

24 13 New Paragraph; Penalties. Amend RSA 664:21 by inserting after paragraph VI the following  
 25 new paragraph:

26 VII.(a) A political committee other than a political committee of a candidate that fails to  
 27 register in accordance with RSA 664:3 shall be subject to a fine up to 25 percent of the total amount  
 28 of independent expenditures and electioneering communication expenditures made during the period  
 29 from the date the political committee was required to register to the date the political committee  
 30 registered.

31 (b) A political committee that fails to report independent expenditures or electioneering  
 32 communication expenditures in accordance with RSA 664:6, IV-a shall be subject to a fine equal to  
 33 25 percent of the total amount of independent expenditures not reported or reported late.

34 14 Repeal. RSA 655:40-b, relative to filing names of candidates, is repealed.

35 15 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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have decreased expenditures. The Association is unable to determine how many fewer individuals who might be charged, convicted or incarcerated as a result of this bill to determine an exact fiscal impact. The average annual cost to incarcerate an individual in a county correctional facility is approximately \$35,000.

The Department of State and the Department of Justice state they will not incur any fiscal impact as a result of this bill.



HB 1704 FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT relative to political contributions and expenditures, relative to reporting by political committees, and relative to nomination of political organizations.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, and New Hampshire Association of Counties state this bill, as amended by the Senate (Amendment #2012-2329s), may decrease state and county expenditures by indeterminable amounts in FY 2013 and each year thereafter. There will be no impact on state, county, and local revenues, or local expenditures.

**METHODOLOGY:**

The Judicial Branch states this bill would amend RSA 664:4, V, changing the limit on contributions to candidates who do not agree to limit campaign expenditures as provided in RSA 664:5-a. The Branch states RSA 664:21, V makes violations of RSA 664:4, V a misdemeanor for a natural person. The Branch states it does not have information on which to estimate how many charges might not be brought forward as a result of this bill. The Branch states in the past decade there have been very few prosecutions at any level for any violations of RSA 664. The Branch assumes continuation of this historical trend and states any fiscal impact from this bill would be minimal.

The Judicial Council states this bill may result in an indeterminable increase in general fund expenditures. The Council states if an individual is found to be indigent, the flat fee of \$275 per misdemeanor is charged by a public defender or contract attorney. If an assigned counsel attorney is used the fee is \$60 per hour with a cap of \$1,400 for a misdemeanor charge. The Council also states additional costs could be incurred if an appeal is filed. The public defender, contract attorney and assigned counsel rates for Supreme Court appeals is capped at \$2,000 per case, with many assigned counsel attorneys seeking permission to exceed the fee cap. Requests to exceed the fee cap are seldom granted. Finally, expenditures would increase if services other than counsel are requested and approved by the court during the defense of a case or during an appeal.

The New Hampshire Association of Counties states to the extent fewer individuals are charged, convicted, and sentenced to incarceration in a county correctional facility, the counties may have decreased expenditures. The Association is unable to determine how many fewer individuals who might be charged, convicted or incarcerated as a result of this bill to determine

an exact fiscal impact. The average annual cost to incarcerate an individual in a county correctional facility is approximately \$35,000.

The Department of State and the Department of Justice state they will not incur any fiscal impact as a result of this bill.

# Amendments

Sen. Carson, Dist. 14  
April 17, 2012  
2012-1676s  
10/03



Amendment to HB 1704-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

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3 3 Reporting by Political Committees. Amend RSA 664:6, I to read as follows:

4 I. Any political committee whose receipts or expenditures in support of a candidate,  
5 measure, or political party exceed \$2,500 except, for the purposes of this paragraph only, the political  
6 committee of a political party, the political committee of a candidate, or a corporation that is tax  
7 exempt under section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) of the United States Internal Revenue Code,  
8 shall file with the secretary of state an itemized statement, signed by its chairman and treasurer  
9 showing each of its receipts exceeding \$25 with the full name and home post office address of the  
10 contributor in alphabetical order and the amount of the contribution, the date it was received, and  
11 the aggregate total for each election for each contributor of over \$100. The statement shall ~~be filed~~  
12 ~~not later than the Wednesday 12 weeks immediately preceding a primary election, before 5 o'clock in~~  
13 ~~the afternoon, and shall~~ cover the period from the day of the committee registration up to and  
14 including ~~[the Monday before the statement is due]~~ *June 30 of the year prior to the general*  
15 *election. The statement shall be filed not later than 5 business days after the close of the*  
16 *period covered, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon.* All receipts of \$25 or under shall appear on  
17 the ~~[statements]~~ *statement* as unitemized receipts. Any listing which exceeds an individual's  
18 aggregate total of \$100 for each election shall be accompanied by the contributor's occupation  
19 including official job title, the name of the contributor's employer, and the city or town of the  
20 contributor's principal place of business, if any. The statement shall also show each committee  
21 expenditure with the full name and city or town of persons, corporations, committees, or to  
22 whomever paid or to be paid, the date paid, and the election for which the expenditure was made,  
23 with the specific nature and amount of each expenditure since the date of the registration. *The*  
24 *committee shall file reports in the same form covering the periods from July 1 to December*  
25 *31 of the year prior to the general election and January 1 to March 31 of the year of the*  
26 *general election, which shall be filed not later than 5 business days after the close of the*  
27 *period covered, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The committee shall also file a report in*  
28 *the same form not later than the Wednesday 12 weeks immediately preceding a primary*  
29 *election, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon, which shall cover the period from April 1 up to*  
30 *and including the Monday before the statement is due. A committee that registers after the*  
31 *date that a report is due under this paragraph shall file its first report by the next*  
32 *applicable due date, covering the period beginning with the day of the committee*



1 *registration.*

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3 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 5 with the following:

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5 6 Definitions; Political Committee. Amend RSA 664:2, III to read as follows:

6 III. "Political committee" means any *entity, group, or organization, incorporated or*  
7 *nonincorporated, [of 2 or more persons to influence] that makes expenditures to influence*  
8 elections or measures, including the political committee of a political party as defined in paragraph  
9 V.

10 7 Definitions; Expenditure. Amend RSA 664:2, IX to read as follows:

11 IX. "Expenditure" shall mean the disbursement of money or thing of value or the making of  
12 a legally binding commitment to make such a disbursement in the future for the purpose of  
13 influencing the nomination for election or election of any candidate *or candidates or the success*  
14 *or defeat of a measure or measures.* It does not include the candidate's filing fee or his *or her*  
15 expenses for personal travel and subsistence.

16 8 Definitions; Independent Expenditures. Amend RSA 664:2, XI to read as follows:

17 XI. "Independent expenditures" means expenditures by a person, political committee, or  
18 other entity expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate *or*  
19 *candidates or the success or defeat of a measure or measures* which are made without  
20 cooperation or consultation with any candidate, or any authorized committee or agent of such  
21 candidate, and which are not made in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate,  
22 or any authorized committee or agent of such candidate. As used in this paragraph, "clearly  
23 identified" means that the name of the candidate involved appears; a photograph or drawing of the  
24 candidate appears; or the identity of the candidate is apparent by unambiguous reference.

25 9 New Paragraph; Definitions; Electioneering Communication. Amend RSA 664:2 by inserting  
26 after paragraph XVII the following new paragraph:

27 XVIII. "Electioneering communication" means any broadcast, publication, mailer, or cable or  
28 satellite communication that fulfills each of the following conditions:

29 (a) The communication refers to a clearly identified candidate for state office or measure  
30 without a call to action.

31 (b) The communication is publicly distributed within 60 days prior to a general election  
32 or 30 days prior to a primary election for the office a candidate is seeking.

33 (c) The communication is targeted to the relevant electorate.

34 10 Registration of Political Committees. Amend RSA 664:3, I to read as follows:

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36 with the secretary of state as provided in this section. The committee shall register with the  
37 secretary of state not later than 24 hours after receiving any contribution in excess of [~~\$500~~] *\$2,500*



1 or before making any expenditure in excess of [~~\$500~~] **\$2,500 in the aggregate**, but in no event later  
2 than 14 days after the formation of the committee. The registration shall be accompanied by a fee of  
3 \$50, which shall be deposited by the secretary of state into the general fund; provided, however, that  
4 the political committee of a candidate which registers under this section shall not be required to pay  
5 the \$50 fee. Each political committee shall designate a treasurer or agent who is a citizen of this  
6 state and who is authorized to receive all process and other legal documents on behalf of the political  
7 committee, and through whom may be obtained access to all books and records of the political  
8 committee. The political committee shall file with the secretary of state a statement of the purpose  
9 of the committee and shall indicate whether the committee will be making independent expenditures  
10 in support of or in opposition to any candidate including a statement of the name, address,  
11 occupation, and principal place of business of its chairperson and treasurer or agent, and the names  
12 and addresses of other officers. The committee shall file an amendment to its registration within 14  
13 days of any change in the officers or purpose of the committee.

14 11 Reporting by Political Committee. Amend RSA 664:6, I to read as follows:

15 I. Any political committee whose receipts or expenditures in support of a candidate,  
16 measure, or political party exceed [~~\$500~~] **\$2,500** except, for the purposes of this paragraph only, the  
17 political committee of a political party, [~~or~~] the political committee of a candidate, **or a corporation**  
18 **that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) of the United States**  
19 **Internal Revenue Code**, shall file with the secretary of state an itemized statement, signed by its  
20 chairman and treasurer showing each of its receipts exceeding \$25 with the full name and home post  
21 office address of the contributor in alphabetical order and the amount of the contribution, the date it  
22 was received, and the aggregate total for each election for each contributor of over \$100. The  
23 statement shall be filed not later than the Wednesday 12 weeks immediately preceding a primary  
24 election, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and shall cover the period from the day of the committee  
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30 expenditure with the full name and city or town of persons, corporations, committees, or to  
31 whomever paid or to be paid, the date paid, and the election for which the expenditure was made,  
32 with the specific nature and amount of each expenditure since the date of the registration.

33 12 Reporting by Political Committee. Amend RSA 664:6, II-a to read as follows:

34 II-a. A political committee shall file a statement in the same form as in paragraph I with  
35 the secretary of state not later than the Wednesday immediately preceding a primary and a general  
36 election, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The statement shall summarize the statements under  
37 paragraphs I and II if such statements are filed and itemize all receipts and expenditures since the



1 cutoff of the statement under paragraph II up until the Monday preceding the filing of the statement  
2 under this paragraph. In addition to the reporting requirements contained in this section, the  
3 secretary of state shall be notified by the fiscal agent within 24 hours of any contribution exceeding  
4 ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** which is received after the statement under this paragraph is filed and prior to the day  
5 of election.

6 13 Reporting by Political Committee. Amend RSA 664:6, IV-IV-a to read as follows:

7 IV. Any political committee whose receipts or expenditures do not exceed ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** for a  
8 reporting period need not file. However, when a committee's accumulated receipts or expenditures  
9 for an election exceed ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** the committee shall file a statement at the next reporting  
10 deadline, *unless the committee is a corporation that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(4),*  
11 *501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.*

12 IV-a. Any political committee whose independent expenditures *or spending on*  
13 *electioneering communications*, in aggregate, exceed ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** shall file an itemized  
14 statement with the secretary of state not later than 24 hours after such expenditures are made, and  
15 thereafter each time a further ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** is expended. Such itemized statements shall cover the  
16 period during which independent expenditures *and spending on electioneering*  
17 *communications* totaling ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** were made. Each statement shall include a certification by  
18 the political committee that the independent expenditure *or electioneering communication* meets  
19 the definition in RSA 664:2, XI *or RSA 664:2, XVIII*. Each statement shall contain the date of each  
20 independent expenditure *or spending on electioneering communications*; the name and address  
21 of the person to whom the expenditure was made; the name of the candidate on whose behalf or  
22 against whom each *independent* expenditure was made *or referenced in each electioneering*  
23 *communication*; the amount of each expenditure; the purpose of each expenditure, and the  
24 aggregate amount of all previous independent expenditures *and spending on electioneering*  
25 *communications*. If ~~[the independent expenditure is]~~ *expenditures are* made in support of or to  
26 oppose more than one candidate, the statement made under this paragraph shall allocate the way in  
27 which the expenditure was made among the candidates on a reasonable basis. For the purposes of  
28 this paragraph, "reasonable basis" means a statement which reflects the benefit or the burden  
29 reasonably expected to be derived or suffered by each candidate. The filing requirements of this  
30 paragraph shall be in addition to all other filing requirements under this section, and shall not be  
31 limited to the filing periods during which expenditures must otherwise be reported.

32 14 New Paragraph; Penalties. Amend RSA 664:21 by inserting after paragraph VI the following  
33 new paragraph:

34 VII.(a) A political committee that fails to register in accordance with RSA 664:3 shall be  
35 subject to a fine equal to 25 percent of the electioneering communication and independent  
36 expenditures made during the period from the date the political committee was required to register  
37 to the date the political committee registered.

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1 (b) A political committee that fails to report independent expenditures or spending on  
2 electioneering communications in accordance with RSA 664:6, IV-a shall be subject to a fine equal to  
3 25 percent of the electioneering communication and independent expenditures not reported or  
4 reported late.

5 15 Effective Date.

6 I. Sections 1-5 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2013.

7 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect August 1, 2012.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Eliminates the \$1,000 limit on contributions to candidates who do not agree to limit campaign expenditures, making the \$5,000 limit applicable to all contributions.

II. Authorizes contributions of up to \$5,000 each during the primary election, general election, and exploratory periods of a campaign.

III. Requires earlier reporting by political committees.

IV. Modifies the definition of "political committee" and requires reporting by political committees of spending on electioneering communications, as defined in the bill.

V. Raises from \$500 to \$2,500 the amount of contributions or expenditures triggering registration and reporting requirements for political committees.



Sen. Boutin, Dist. 16  
April 27, 2012  
2012-1898s  
03/10

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1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to political contributions and expenditures, relative to reporting by  
4 political committees, and relatives to nomination of political organizations.  
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Declaration of Intent; Political Organization. Amend RSA 655:17-c to read as follows:

9 655:17-c Declaration of Intent; Political Organization.

10 I. Declarations of intent for political organizations shall be in the following form and signed  
11 by the chairman of the political organization:

12 I, \_\_\_\_\_, chairman of the \_\_\_\_\_ organization hereby declare that the \_\_\_\_\_  
13 organization intends to file nomination papers by the deadline established under RSA 655:43, I. [~~I~~  
14 ~~further declare that the \_\_\_\_\_ organization intends to file the names of candidates for the~~  
15 ~~following offices with the nomination papers.]~~

16 *II. At the time of filing the declaration of intent, the chairman of the political*  
17 *organization shall submit a list of the offices for which it intends to file candidates and*  
18 *the names of the candidates for those offices. In addition, each candidate shall file a*  
19 *declaration of candidacy. The declaration of candidacy shall be in the form provided by*  
20 *RSA 655:17 with the understanding that, where the form says primary election, it shall be*  
21 *construed to mean general election. If the political organization does not obtain enough*  
22 *nomination papers to have its name placed on the ballot, any declarations of candidacy*  
23 *filed for that political organization shall be void.*

24 2 Definitions; Political Committee. RSA 664:2, III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

25 III. "Political committee" means any organization that has as its major purpose promoting,  
26 defeating, or influencing a candidate election, campaign, or measure and that makes expenditures  
27 aggregating more than \$2,500 in a calendar year for that purpose; or that does not have as its major  
28 purpose promoting, defeating, or influencing a candidate election, campaign, or measure but whose  
29 independent expenditures, as defined in paragraph XI, and spending on electioneering  
30 communication, as defined in paragraph XVIII, when combined, total more than \$5,000 in a calendar  
31 year. As used in this paragraph, "organization" includes, but is not limited to, for-profit and  
32 nonprofit corporations, associations, partnerships, and the political committee of a political party, as

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1 defined in paragraph V.

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30 or before making any expenditure in excess of [~~\$500~~] **\$2,500 in the aggregate**, but in no event later  
31 than 14 days after the formation of the committee. The registration shall be accompanied by a fee of  
32 \$50, which shall be deposited by the secretary of state into the general fund; provided, however, that  
33 the political committee of a candidate which registers under this section shall not be required to pay  
34 the \$50 fee. Each political committee shall designate a treasurer or agent who is a citizen of this  
35 state and who is authorized to receive all process and other legal documents on behalf of the political  
36 committee, and through whom may be obtained access to all books and records of the political  
37 committee. The political committee shall file with the secretary of state a statement of the purpose

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1 of the committee and shall indicate whether the committee will be making independent expenditures  
2 in support of or in opposition to any candidate including a statement of the name, address,  
3 occupation, and principal place of business of its chairperson and treasurer or agent, and the names  
4 and addresses of other officers. The committee shall file an amendment to its registration within 14  
5 days of any change in the officers or purpose of the committee.

6 7 Prohibited Political Contributions; Amount. Amend RSA 664:4, V to read as follows:

7 V. By any person (1) if in excess of [~~\$5,000~~] **\$7,000** in value, except for contributions made by  
8 a candidate in behalf of his *or her* own candidacy, or if in excess of [~~\$1,000~~] **\$3,500** in value by any  
9 person or by any political committee to a candidate or a political committee working on behalf of a  
10 candidate who does not voluntarily agree to limit his campaign expenditures and those expenditures  
11 made on his behalf as provided in RSA 664:5-a, *provided that a person may contribute up to*  
12 *\$7,000 for the state primary election and up to \$7,000 for the general election to a*  
13 *candidate who has agreed to voluntary spending limits; or up to \$3,500 for the state*  
14 *primary election and up to \$3,500 for the general election to a candidate who has not*  
15 *agreed to voluntary spending limits, to a political committee, or to a political party; and*  
16 *may contribute an additional \$5,000 during an exploratory period to a political committee*  
17 *working on behalf of a person prior to his or her public declaration of candidacy, (2) if*  
18 *made anonymously or under a name not that of the donor, (3) if made in the guise of a loan, (4) if any*  
19 *other manner concealed, (5) if made without the knowledge and written consent of the candidate or*  
20 *his or her fiscal agent, a political committee or its treasurer, or not to any one of the same.*

21 8 Political Expenditure Limitation Amounts. Amend RSA 664:5-b to read as follows:

22 664:5-b Political Expenditure Limitation Amounts. Total expenditures by a candidate who  
23 voluntarily agrees to limit campaign expenditures as provided in RSA 664:5-a shall be as follows:

24 I. For governor:

25 (a) [~~\$625,000~~] **\$1,000,000** in a state primary election.

26 (b) [~~\$625,000~~] **\$1,000,000** in a state general election.

27 I-a. For United States senator:

28 (a) [~~\$625,000~~] **\$1,000,000** in a state primary election.

29 (b) [~~\$625,000~~] **\$1,000,000** in a state general election.

30 II. For representative to Congress:

31 (a) [~~\$350,000~~] **\$500,000** in a state primary election.

32 (b) [~~\$350,000~~] **\$500,000** in a state general election.

33 III. For executive council:

34 (a) [~~\$50,000~~] **\$75,000** in a state primary election.

35 (b) [~~\$50,000~~] **& 75,000** in a state general election.

36 IV. For state senate:

37 (a) [~~\$20,000~~] **\$50,000** in a state primary election.

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1 (b) ~~[\$20,000]~~ **\$50,000** in a state general election.

2 V. For representative to the general court and all county offices, based upon the latest  
3 figures filed with the secretary of state:

4 (a) ~~[\$-50]~~ **\$1.00** per registered voter in the district or the county in a state primary  
5 election.

6 (b) ~~[\$-50]~~ **\$1.00** per registered voter in the district or the county in a state general  
7 election.

8 VI. For the purposes of this section, RSA 664:5-a, and the enforcement provisions of this  
9 chapter, "total expenditures" shall mean the sum of all expenditures made to influence either a state  
10 primary or a state general election made by a candidate and those made on the candidate's behalf by  
11 the candidate's committee or committees, the candidate's party, and the candidate's immediate  
12 family. For candidates for governor, United States senator, representative to Congress, state senate,  
13 state representative, and executive council, "total expenditures" shall include any such expenditures  
14 made after January 1 of the election year, regardless of when the person actually declares his or her  
15 candidacy. Each campaign expenditure limitation amount shall apply solely and independently to  
16 either the state primary election or the state general election.

17 9 Reporting by Political Committee. Amend RSA 664:6, I to read as follows:

18 I. Any political committee whose receipts or expenditures in support of a candidate,  
19 measure, or political party exceed ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** except, for the purposes of this paragraph only, the  
20 political committee of a political party, ~~[or]~~ the political committee of a candidate, **or a corporation**  
21 **that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) of the United States**  
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23 chairman and treasurer showing each of its receipts exceeding \$25 with the full name and home post  
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25 was received, and the aggregate total for each election for each contributor of over \$100. The  
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34 whomever paid or to be paid, the date paid, and the election for which the expenditure was made,  
35 with the specific nature and amount of each expenditure since the date of the registration.

36 10 Reporting by Political Committee. Amend RSA 664:6, II-a to read as follows:

37 II-a. A political committee shall file a statement in the same form as in paragraph I with the

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1 secretary of state not later than the Wednesday immediately preceding a primary and a general  
2 election, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The statement shall summarize the statements under  
3 paragraphs I and II if such statements are filed and itemize all receipts and expenditures since the  
4 cutoff of the statement under paragraph II up until the Monday preceding the filing of the statement  
5 under this paragraph. In addition to the reporting requirements contained in this section, the  
6 secretary of state shall be notified by the fiscal agent within 24 hours of any contribution exceeding  
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8 of election.

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11 reporting period need not file. However, when a committee's accumulated receipts or expenditures  
12 for an election exceed ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** the committee shall file a statement at the next reporting  
13 deadline, *unless the committee is a corporation that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(4),*  
14 *501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.*

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16 *electioneering communications*, in aggregate, exceed ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** shall file an itemized  
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18 thereafter each time a further ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** is expended. Such itemized statements shall cover the  
19 period during which independent expenditures *and spending on electioneering*  
20 *communications* totaling ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** were made. Each statement shall include a certification by  
21 the political committee that the independent expenditure *or electioneering communication* meets  
22 the definition in RSA 664:2, XI *or RSA 664:2, XVIII*. Each statement shall contain the date of each  
23 independent expenditure *or spending on electioneering communications*; the name and address  
24 of the person to whom the expenditure was made; the name of the candidate on whose behalf or  
25 against whom each *independent* expenditure was made *or referenced in each electioneering*  
26 *communication*; the amount of each expenditure; the purpose of each expenditure, and the  
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31 this paragraph, "reasonable basis" means a statement which reflects the benefit or the burden  
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20 to the date the political committee registered.

21 (b) A political committee that fails to report independent expenditures or spending on  
22 electioneering communications in accordance with RSA 664:6, IV-a shall be subject to a fine equal to  
23 25 percent of the electioneering communication and independent expenditures not reported or  
24 reported late.

25 14 Repeal. RSA 655:40-b, relative to filing names of candidates, is repealed.

26 15 Effective Date.

27 I. Sections 3-6, 9-11, and 13 of this act shall take effect August 1, 2012.

28 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

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1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to political contributions and expenditures, relative to reporting by  
4 political committees, and relatives to nomination of political organizations.  
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Declaration of Intent; Political Organization. Amend RSA 655:17-c to read as follows:

9 655:17-c Declaration of Intent; Political Organization.

10 I. Declarations of intent for political organizations shall be in the following form and signed  
11 by the chairman of the political organization:

12 I, \_\_\_\_\_, chairman of the \_\_\_\_\_ organization hereby declare that the \_\_\_\_\_  
13 organization intends to file nomination papers by the deadline established under RSA 655:43, I. [~~I~~  
14 ~~further declare that the \_\_\_\_\_ organization intends to file the names of candidates for the~~  
15 ~~following offices with the nomination papers.~~]

16 II. *At the time of filing the declaration of intent, the chairman of the political*  
17 *organization shall submit a list of the offices for which it intends to file candidates and*  
18 *the names of the candidates for those offices. In addition, each candidate shall file a*  
19 *declaration of candidacy. The declaration of candidacy shall be in the form provided by*  
20 *RSA 655:17 with the understanding that, where the form says primary election, it shall be*  
21 *construed to mean general election. If the political organization does not obtain enough*  
22 *nomination papers to have its name placed on the ballot, any declarations of candidacy*  
23 *filed for that political organization shall be void.*

24 2 Definitions; Political Committee. RSA 664:2, III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

25 III. "Political committee" means any organization that has as its major purpose promoting,  
26 defeating, or influencing a candidate election, campaign, or measure and that makes expenditures  
27 aggregating more than \$2,500 in a calendar year for that purpose; or that does not have as its major  
28 purpose promoting, defeating, or influencing a candidate election, campaign, or measure but whose  
29 independent expenditures, as defined in paragraph XI, and spending on electioneering  
30 communication, as defined in paragraph XVIII, when combined, total more than \$5,000 in a calendar  
31 year. As used in this paragraph, "organization" includes, but is not limited to, for-profit and  
32 nonprofit corporations, associations, partnerships, and the political committee of a political party, as



1 defined in paragraph V.

2 3 Definitions; Expenditure. Amend RSA 664:2, IX to read as follows:

3 IX. "Expenditure" shall mean the disbursement of money or thing of value or the making of  
4 a legally binding commitment to make such a disbursement in the future for the purpose of  
5 influencing the nomination for election or election of any candidate *or candidates or the success*  
6 *or defeat of a measure or measures*. It does not include the candidate's filing fee or his *or her*  
7 expenses for personal travel and subsistence.

8 4 Definitions; Independent Expenditures. Amend RSA 664:2, XI to read as follows:

9 XI. "Independent expenditures" means expenditures by a person, political committee, or  
10 other entity expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate *or*  
11 *candidates or the success or defeat of a measure or measures* which are made without  
12 cooperation or consultation with any candidate, or any authorized committee or agent of such  
13 candidate, and which are not made in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate,  
14 or any authorized committee or agent of such candidate. As used in this paragraph, "clearly  
15 identified" means that the name of the candidate involved appears; a photograph or drawing of the  
16 candidate appears; or the identity of the candidate is apparent by unambiguous reference.

17 5 New Paragraph; Definitions; Electioneering Communication. Amend RSA 664:2 by inserting  
18 after paragraph XVII the following new paragraph:

19 XVIII. "Electioneering communication" means any broadcast, publication, mailer, or cable or  
20 satellite communication that fulfills each of the following conditions:

21 (a) The communication refers to a clearly identified candidate for state office or measure  
22 without a call to action.

23 (b) The communication is publicly distributed within 60 days prior to a general election  
24 or 30 days prior to a primary election for the office a candidate is seeking.

25 (c) The communication is targeted to the relevant electorate.

26 6 Registration of Political Committees. Amend RSA 664:3, I to read as follows:

27 I. Any political committee, except the political committee of a political party, shall register  
28 with the secretary of state as provided in this section. The committee shall register with the  
29 secretary of state not later than 24 hours after receiving any contribution in excess of [~~\$500~~] **\$2,500**  
30 or before making any expenditure in excess of [~~\$500~~] **\$2,500 in the aggregate**, but in no event later  
31 than 14 days after the formation of the committee. The registration shall be accompanied by a fee of  
32 \$50, which shall be deposited by the secretary of state into the general fund; provided, however, that  
33 the political committee of a candidate which registers under this section shall not be required to pay  
34 the \$50 fee. Each political committee shall designate a treasurer or agent who is a citizen of this  
35 state and who is authorized to receive all process and other legal documents on behalf of the political  
36 committee, and through whom may be obtained access to all books and records of the political  
37 committee. The political committee shall file with the secretary of state a statement of the purpose

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1 of the committee and shall indicate whether the committee will be making independent expenditures  
2 in support of or in opposition to any candidate including a statement of the name, address,  
3 occupation, and principal place of business of its chairperson and treasurer or agent, and the names  
4 and addresses of other officers. The committee shall file an amendment to its registration within 14  
5 days of any change in the officers or purpose of the committee.

6 7 Prohibited Political Contributions; Amount. Amend RSA 664:4, V to read as follows:

7 V. By any person (1) if in excess of [~~\$5,000~~] **\$7,000** in value, except for contributions made by  
8 a candidate in behalf of his *or her* own candidacy, or if in excess of [~~\$1,000~~] **\$3,500** in value by any  
9 person or by any political committee to a candidate or a political committee working on behalf of a  
10 candidate who does not voluntarily agree to limit his campaign expenditures and those expenditures  
11 made on his behalf as provided in RSA 664:5-a, *provided that a person may contribute up to*  
12 *\$7,000 for the state primary election and up to \$7,000 for the general election to a*  
13 *candidate who has agreed to voluntary spending limits; or up to \$3,500 for the state*  
14 *primary election and up to \$3,500 for the general election to, a candidate who has not*  
15 *agreed to voluntary spending limits, to a political committee, or to a political party; and*  
16 *may contribute an additional \$5,000 during an exploratory period to a political committee*  
17 *working on behalf of a person prior to his or her public declaration of candidacy, (2) if*  
18 *made anonymously or under a name not that of the donor, (3) if made in the guise of a loan, (4) if any*  
19 *other manner concealed, (5) if made without the knowledge and written consent of the candidate or*  
20 *his or her fiscal agent, a political committee or its treasurer, or not to any one of the same.*

21 8 Political Expenditure Limitation Amounts. Amend RSA 664:5-b to read as follows:

22 664:5-b Political Expenditure Limitation Amounts. Total expenditures by a candidate who  
23 voluntarily agrees to limit campaign expenditures as provided in RSA 664:5-a shall be as follows:

24 I. For governor:

25 (a) [~~\$625,000~~] **\$1,000,000** in a state primary election.

26 (b) [~~\$625,000~~] **\$1,000,000** in a state general election.

27 I-a. For United States senator:

28 (a) [~~\$625,000~~] **\$1,000,000** in a state primary election.

29 (b) [~~\$625,000~~] **\$1,000,000** in a state general election.

30 II. For representative to Congress:

31 (a) [~~\$250,000~~] **\$500,000** in a state primary election.

32 (b) [~~\$350,000~~] **\$500,000** in a state general election.

33 III. For executive council:

34 (a) [~~\$50,000~~] **\$75,000** in a state primary election.

35 (b) [~~\$50,000~~] **& 75,000** in a state general election.

36 IV. For state senate:

37 (a) [~~\$20,000~~] **\$50,000** in a state primary election.

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1 (b) [~~\$20,000~~] **\$50,000** in a state general election.

2 V. For representative to the general court and all county offices, based upon the latest  
3 figures filed with the secretary of state:

4 (a) [~~\$.50~~] **\$1.00** per registered voter in the district or the county in a state primary  
5 election.

6 (b) [~~\$.50~~] **\$1.00** per registered voter in the district or the county in a state general  
7 election.

8 VI. For the purposes of this section, RSA 664:5-a, and the enforcement provisions of this  
9 chapter, "total expenditures" shall mean the sum of all expenditures made to influence either a state  
10 primary or a state general election made by a candidate and those made on the candidate's behalf by  
11 the candidate's committee or committees, the candidate's party, and the candidate's immediate  
12 family. For candidates for governor, United States senator, representative to Congress, state senate,  
13 state representative, and executive council, "total expenditures" shall include any such expenditures  
14 made after January 1 of the election year, regardless of when the person actually declares his or her  
15 candidacy. Each campaign expenditure limitation amount shall apply solely and independently to  
16 either the state primary election or the state general election.

17 9 Reporting by Political Committee. Amend RSA 664:6, I to read as follows:

18 I. Any political committee whose receipts or expenditures in support of a candidate,  
19 measure, or political party exceed [~~\$500~~] **\$2,500** except, for the purposes of this paragraph only, the  
20 political committee of a political party, [~~or~~] the political committee of a candidate, *or a corporation*  
21 *that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) of the United States*  
22 *Internal Revenue Code*, shall file with the secretary of state an itemized statement, signed by its  
23 chairman and treasurer showing each of its receipts exceeding \$25 with the full name and home post  
24 office address of the contributor in alphabetical order and the amount of the contribution, the date it  
25 was received, and the aggregate total for each election for each contributor of over \$100. The  
26 statement shall be filed not later than the Wednesday 12 weeks immediately preceding a primary  
27 election, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and shall cover the period from the day of the committee  
28 registration up to and including the Monday before the statement is due. All receipts of \$25 or under  
29 shall appear on the statements as unitemized receipts. Any listing which exceeds an individual's  
30 aggregate total of \$100 for each election shall be accompanied by the contributor's occupation  
31 including official job title, the name of the contributor's employer, and the city or town of the  
32 contributor's principal place of business, if any. The statement shall also show each committee  
33 expenditure with the full name and city or town of persons, corporations, committees, or to  
34 whomever paid or to be paid, the date paid, and the election for which the expenditure was made,  
35 with the specific nature and amount of each expenditure since the date of the registration.

36 10 Reporting by Political Committee. Amend RSA 664:6, II-a to read as follows:

37 II-a. A political committee shall file a statement in the same form as in paragraph I with the

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1 secretary of state not later than the Wednesday immediately preceding a primary and a general  
2 election, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The statement shall summarize the statements under  
3 paragraphs I and II if such statements are filed and itemize all receipts and expenditures since the  
4 cutoff of the statement under paragraph II up until the Monday preceding the filing of the statement  
5 under this paragraph. In addition to the reporting requirements contained in this section, the  
6 secretary of state shall be notified by the fiscal agent within 24 hours of any contribution exceeding  
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8 of election.

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10 IV. Any political committee whose receipts or expenditures do not exceed ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** for a  
11 reporting period need not file. However, when a committee's accumulated receipts or expenditures  
12 for an election exceed ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** the committee shall file a statement at the next reporting  
13 deadline, *unless the committee is a corporation that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(4),*  
14 *501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.*

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20 *communications* totaling ~~[\$500]~~ **\$2,500** were made. Each statement shall include a certification by  
21 the political committee that the independent expenditure *or electioneering communication* meets  
22 the definition in RSA 664:2, XI *or RSA 664:2, XVIII*. Each statement shall contain the date of each  
23 independent expenditure *or spending on electioneering communications*; the name and address  
24 of the person to whom the expenditure was made; the name of the candidate on whose behalf or  
25 against whom each *independent* expenditure was made *or referenced in each electioneering*  
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# Committee Minutes

**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE  
PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

*ATTENDANCE*

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

START: 10:50 AM  
STOP: 11:29 AM

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Date: April 11, 2012

**HEARINGS**

**Tuesday**

**4/17/2012**

**PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

**LOB 101**

**9:00 AM**

(Name of Committee)

(Place)

(Time)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**Comments:** PLEASE NOTE THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR HB 1308 WAS RECESSED ON APRIL 10, 2012.

9:00 AM	HB1308	relative to the definition of "public body" under the right-to-know law.
10:00 AM	HB1546	(New Title) recodifying the laws relative to religious societies and adding a religious exemption to the insurance mandates relative to coverage for contraception.
10:45 AM	HB1704-FN	relative to limits on political contributions and relative to reporting by political committees.
11:30 AM	HB1254	establishing a committee to study the effect of illegal immigration on the state and its political subdivisions.
11:45 AM	HB1353	relative to establishing an individual's status as a veteran.

**Sponsors:**

<b>HB1308</b> Rep. Timothy Comerford Rep. Daniel Itse	Rep. Seth Cohn	Rep. Rick Watrous	Rep. Laura Jones
<b>HB1546</b> Rep. Seth Cohn	Rep. Michele Peckham	Rep. Paul Brown	Rep. Christopher Serlin
<b>HB1704-FN</b> Rep. Shaun Doherty			
<b>HB1254</b> Rep. Joe Duarte Rep. Laurence Rappaport	Rep. Daniel Tamburello	Rep. Norman Tregenza	Rep. Andrew Renzullo
<b>HB1353</b> Rep. Alfred Baldasaro Rep. Kenneth Weyler Rep. William O'Brien	Rep. Daniel Tamburello Rep. Mary Griffin Sen. Jeb Bradley	Rep. John Graham Rep. Russell Ober Sen. Sharon Carson	Rep. Stephen Shurtleff Rep. Pamela Tucker Sen. Gary Lambert

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Sen. John Barnes, Jr.

Chairman



# Public and Municipal Affairs Committee

## Hearing Report

**TO:** Members of the Senate

**FROM:** Deb Martone, Legislative Aide

**RE:** Hearing report on HB 1704-FN – relative to limits on political contributions and relative to reporting by political committees.

**HEARING DATE:** April 17, 2012

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:** Senators Barnes, Forrester, Merrill and Boutin.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT:** Senator Stiles

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Doherty

**What the bill does:** eliminates the \$1,000 limit on contributions to candidates who do not agree to limit campaign expenditures, making the \$5,000 limit applicable to all contributions; authorizes contributions of up to \$5,000 each during the primary election, general election and exploratory periods of a campaign; requires earlier reporting by political committees.

**Who supports the bill:** Representative Doherty; Senator Carson; David Scanlan, Deputy Secretary of State; Gordon Allen and Olivia Zink, Coalition for Open Democracy; Ginny Schneider. (Both Mr. Allen and Ms. Schneider support Senator Carson's disclosure amendment.)

**Who opposes the bill:** No one.

### Summary of testimony received:

- **Senator Barnes** opened the hearing at 10:52 am and introduced the prime sponsor, **Representative Doherty**. Senator Barnes informed Representative Doherty he had no less than 3 amendments to the bill.
- **Representative Doherty** seeks to solve 3 basic problems with the campaign financing system.
- **What is the limit a candidate can accept for contributions during an election?** The current statute is ambiguous. It is a long-standing conflict between the Secretary of State's Office and the Attorney General's Office.

- Representative Doherty has created a pre-primary or exploratory phase, which is not in statute but has been in practice for approximately 10 years.
  - The bill will significantly increase the amount of disclosure and number of disclosures made in campaign finance.
  - These days, some filings are typically being made 18-24 months prior to the actual election.
  - Currently the first report that is filed is not required until August of the election year. A candidate can go upwards of 18 months without showing where their contributions are coming from. This bill would significantly increase the number of campaign finance reports.
  - Campaigns are very much increasing in costs. By raising the limits, it puts more money into the official candidate's campaign committee.
  - **Senator Boutin** asked Representative Doherty to review the new reporting guidelines he is proposing. Senator Boutin expressed concerns about increased reporting, and indicated he was opposed to such a proposal.
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- **David Scanlan**, Deputy Secretary of State, reviewed two amendments they are proposing.
  - The first amendment reinstates voluntary spending limits. It would increase the limit for a candidate who agrees to voluntary spending limits.
  - The second amendment is a non-germane amendment that will help enable compliance with the federal MOVE Act. When a political organization submits its declaration of intent in June, they must also submit the offices on the ballot in which they intend to offer candidates. The candidates themselves must also submit a declaration of intent.
  - Deputy Secretary Scanlan requested a chance to review the definition of "political committee" contained in the amendment to be offered by Senator Carson.
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- **Senator Carson** reviewed Amendment #2012-1676s for committee members.
  - It clarifies the reporting of campaign expenditures by third party groups by redefining "political committee".
  - The amendment amends the definition of "expenditure" and "independent expenditures" to include disbursements that influence the success or defeat of a measure.
  - It requires the reporting of receipts and expenditures of third party groups consistent with federal law.
  - The amendment defines "electioneering communication" referring to a clearly defined candidate for state office or measure without a call to action.
  - It increases penalties for failing to register and report independent expenditures or electioneering communication equal to 25 percent of the amount spent.
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- **Gordon Allen**, Co-Chair of the Coalition for Open Democracy, explained his group performed a study following campaign money in New Hampshire. It lists every campaign expenditure made by a candidate, as well as the contributor.
  - Many independent, outside expenditures were found; some of these almost dominated races.
  - Our current law on reporting independent expenditures is very good.
  - The definition of political committee was creating a loophole for third party outside groups.
  - The new definition of political committee is any entity that spends \$2,500 or more, outside of campaigns, to affect our elections.

•Senator Carson's amendment also closes loopholes for nonprofits.

•**Olivia Zink**, also of the Coalition for Open Democracy, presented results of a poll prepared by The Survey Center of the University of New Hampshire. The majority of those polled want to know what organizations are spending money to influence elections in New Hampshire.

•**Senator Barnes** closed the hearing at 11:29 am.

**Action:** The committee chose to take no immediate action on the bill to allow parties and committee members to review and work on submitted amendments.

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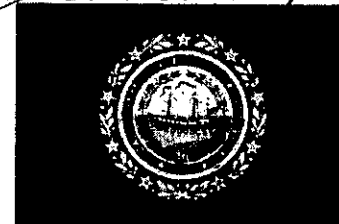
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# Speakers



# Testimony

## NH Voters Have a Right to Know Who is Bankrolling Their Elections



### **Why We Need a Special Interest Spending Disclosure Bill By the 2012 Elections...**

Our election system only works if voters have confidence that elections are fair, above board, and out in the open. This means voters need to know how much money is being spent to influence elections, what the monies are spent on, who is doing the spending, and who they are trying to elect – especially with negative ads. Today, voters and even candidates are in the dark on millions of dollars that outside special interest groups are spending on elections for NH State offices. To help keep State elections clean and open and protect them from being corrupted by undisclosed amounts of outside money hidden from public view, we need a law that provides transparency by requiring these groups to fully disclose all they spend.

Full disclosure will give voters and candidates the straight scoop on who is really behind all those negative newspaper, radio, and TV ads as well as the road signs, robo calls, Internet videos, “twitterbombs” and glossy mailings that flood our mailboxes.

### **... Because of the New Flood of Spending by Special Interests**

This spending problem is reaching epidemic proportions in New Hampshire. We must move quickly, and over the objections of those who want to do nothing, to pass a law to get special interest groups to come clean with the public. This flood of new spending stems from the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court’s “Citizens United” ruling that spending by special interests with deep pockets (such as by the “Super PACs”) can no longer be limited. Because of this, many are predicting that spending by special interest groups will far exceed spending by candidates in the 2012 Gubernatorial and many NH Senate and House races. We cannot stop this spending, but we can make sure every last dollar is reported to our voters.

### **... Because of a Loophole, Special Interests Can Hide Spending and Not Report**

Special interest groups, unfortunately, do not need to report their spending as NH law was intended. In 2010, millions were spent on State races, but only \$60,000 was reported. This is due to a loophole in the current law that requires only special interest groups that are an “organization of 2 or more persons” to report. And because no one exactly knows what such an organization is and it is unclear what “persons” here means, these special interest groups can - and do - legally avoid reporting their spending. This leaves NH voters in the dark.

### **... Because Closing NH’s Loophole Can Be Done Simply in HB 1704**

Senator Carson’s Special Interest Spending Disclosure Bill in an amendment to HB 1704 closes this loophole and restores our right to know. It will bring us full disclosure primarily by enacting the following new definition that requires groups now doing most of the spending to report it.

*“... any entity, group or organization, incorporated or non-incorporated, that makes expenditures [over \$2,500] to influence elections . . .”*

April 17, 2012

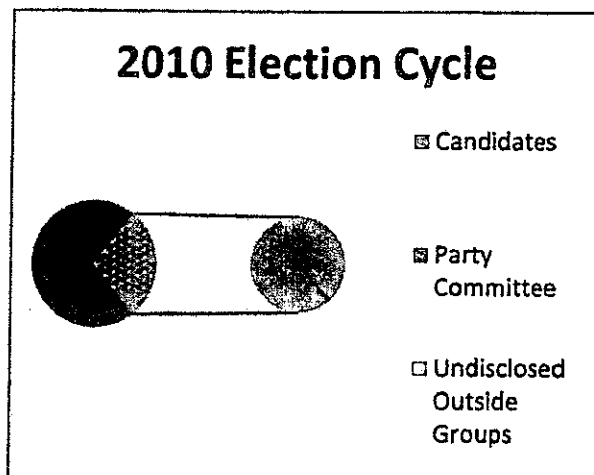
The Honorable Jack Barnes, Chairman  
Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 101  
Concord, NH 03301

TESTIMONY: HB1704

Dear Senator Barnes,

We need to reduce the influence of big money in politics, and increase the voices of average citizens. This bill provides transparency and accountability. If our leaders depend on hefty campaign contributions from big business, lobbyists and other moneyed interests to keep them in office then they will be beholden to these special interests.

The influence of big money is here in NH. The total amount raised and spent by state senate, executive council and gubernatorial candidates on their own campaigns was \$5,669,000 in 2010. An additional \$3,063,000 was spent by party committees. <sup>1</sup>



In the 2010 election cycle, outside groups spent over \$3.5 million dollars on independent expenditures and electioneering communications trying to elect or defeat state senate, executive council, and gubernatorial candidates. Yet only \$60,000 in independent expenditures was disclosed to the Secretary of State through political action committee reporting. Much of this money is from out of state. As a lifelong resident it disturbs me

to realize my local elected officials are beholden to out of state associations and organizations.

NH lacks transparency when it comes to independent expenditures and electioneering communications. An independent expenditure is a political campaign communication which expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate. New

<sup>1</sup> Compiled by researchers at the Institute for Money in Politics [www.followthemoney.org](http://www.followthemoney.org) from campaign finance reports on the NH Secretary of State website [www.sos.nh.gov/electionsnew.html](http://www.sos.nh.gov/electionsnew.html).



Hampshire's disclosure laws around political advertising reporting have not been updated and the amended version of HB1704 will close some of these loopholes.

Unfortunately, big donors are gaining influence, not losing it. Last year's, January 21, 2010 Supreme Court's Citizens United decision amplified the influence of big money by granting corporations first amendment rights. This Supreme Court ruling removed limits on corporate campaign donations and minimizes the input of voters and small donors.

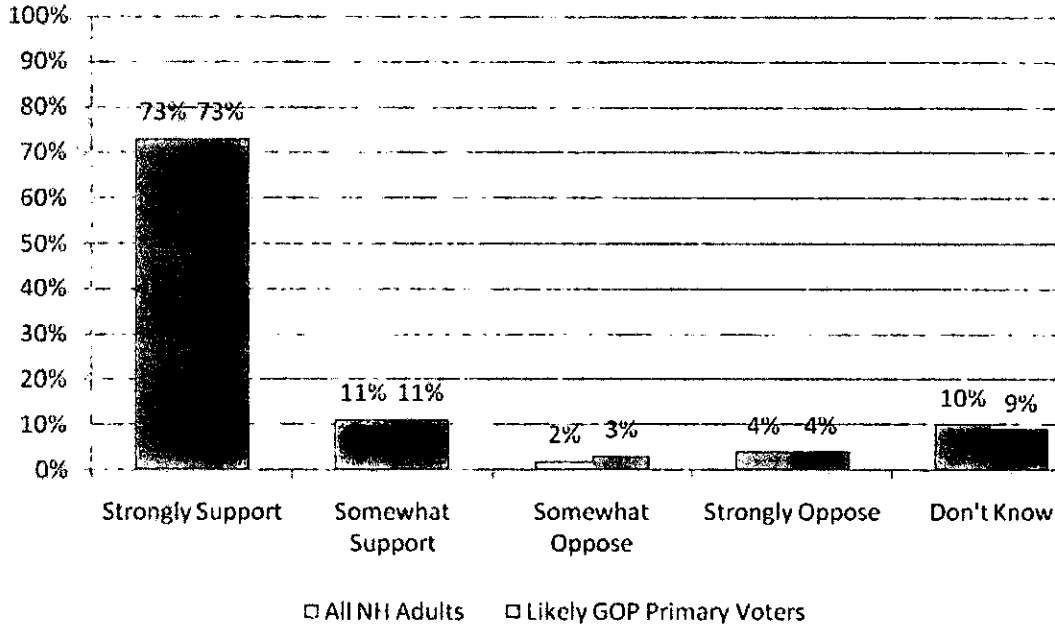
An often-overlooked part of the Citizens United decision actually upheld disclosure requirements, saying that "transparency enables the electorate to make informed decisions and give proper weight to different speakers and messages."

The Center for Responsive Politics expects that the 2012 elections will be the most expensive in history. Furthermore, in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission ruling, outside groups are spending with impunity -- often without publicly disclosing their funders.

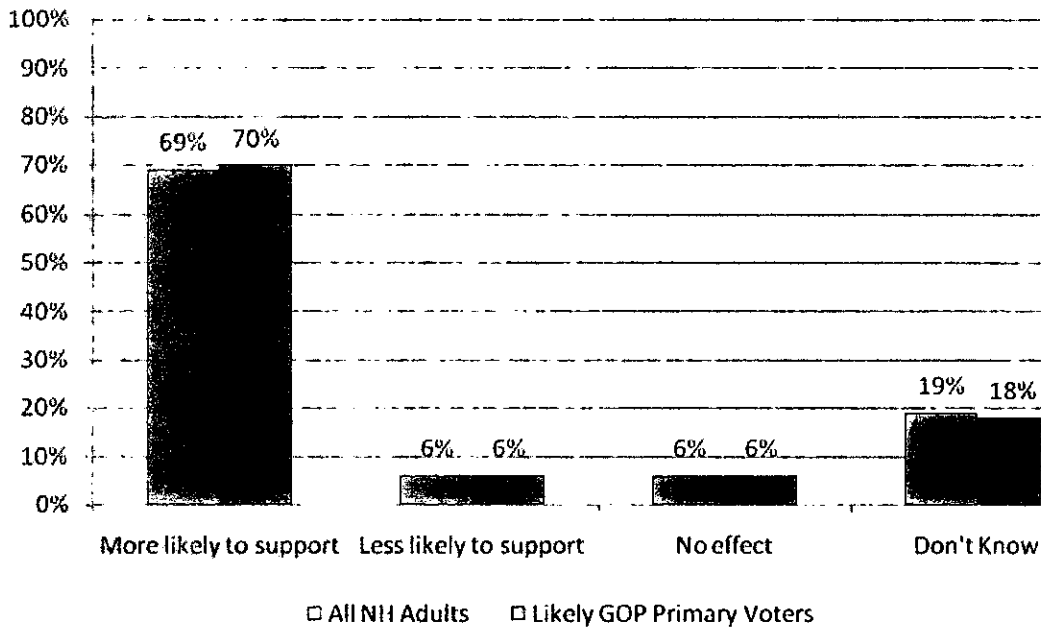
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**Figure 7:** "Would you support or oppose a law that would require corporations, unions, and non-profit groups to disclose their sources of spending when they participate in elections or don't you have an opinion on this?"



**Figure 8:** "Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for President or Congress in the 2012 election that supported a law that would require corporations, unions, and non-profit groups to disclose their sources of spending when they participate in elections or don't you have an opinion on this?"



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**GRANITE STATE POLL**  
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**AMERICANS FOR CAMPAIGN REFORM**  
**AND**  
**COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University of New Hampshire Survey Center included a series of questions on its October, 2011 Granite State Poll for Americans for Campaign Reform and the Committee on Economic Development. Five hundred (500) New Hampshire adults were interviewed by telephone between September 26 and October 4, 2011. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 4.4%. (See Technical Report below for a more detailed description of survey methods.) The following figures display survey results, detailed tabular results can be found in Appendix A, and Appendix B contains the survey instrument.

The major findings of the survey include.

- Nearly one-half of New Hampshire adults (45%) are not confident at all that President Obama and Congress are able to work together to solve the country's problems, 35 percent are not very confident, 18 percent are somewhat confident, and 2 percent are very confident (*Figure 1*)
- 57% of likely Republican Primary voters said they are not confident at all that the President and Congress can work together.
- Almost one-quarter of likely New Hampshire GOP Primary voters (22%) think that they have no influence at all on what the federal government does, 44 percent think they have not much influence, 29 percent think they have some influence, and 4 percent think they have a lot of influence. (*Figure 2*)
- Political independents and those who have a high school education or less are most likely to think they have no influence at all.
- Almost 8 in 10 likely New Hampshire Republican Primary voters (77%) think members of Congress are more interested in serving special interest groups, 10 percent think they are more interested in serving the people they represent, and 13 percent don't know. (*Figure 3*)
- More than half of likely New Hampshire Republican Primary voters (61%) think that political contributions influence what the federal government does, 26 percent think contributions create some influence, 5 percent not much influence, 1 percent no influence at all, and 7 percent don't know. (*Figure 4*)
- College graduates are most likely to say political contributions have a lot of influence.
- More than half of likely New Hampshire GOP Primary voters (56%) strongly agree that special interest groups hinder Congress' effort to address the country's long-term debt and fiscal issues, 27 percent somewhat agree, 12 percent somewhat disagree, 4 percent strongly disagree, and 1 percent don't know. (*Figure 5*)
- Almost Two-thirds (61%) of likely New Hampshire Republican Primary voters strongly disagree with the Supreme Court decision that political spending by corporations and unions is a form of free speech protected under the First Amendment. This decision allows corporations, unions, and non-profit groups to spend unlimited money for election purposes and political advertising without disclosing the source of their funding. 12 percent somewhat disagree with the decision, 8 percent somewhat agree with it, 10 percent strongly agree with it, and 8 percent don't know. (*Figure 6*)
- Just under three-quarters of likely GOP New Hampshire Primary voters (73%) strongly support a law that would require corporations, unions, and non-profits to disclose their sources of spending when they participate in elections. 11 percent somewhat support such a law, 3 percent somewhat oppose it, 4 percent strongly oppose it, and 9 percent don't know. (*Figure 7*)

- Seventy percent of likely New Hampshire Republican Primary voters would be more likely to support a candidate for President or Congress if the candidate supported a law that would require corporations, unions, and non-profits to disclose their sources of spending when they participate in elections. 6 percent would be less likely to support a candidate, 6 percent say it would have no effect on their support, and 18 percent don't know. (Figure 8)
- Almost half of likely GOP New Hampshire Primary voters (40%) support a proposal for a public funding system of federal elections that would allow candidates who collect a large number of contributions from their home state—up to a maximum of \$100 per person—to receive matching public funds on a five-to-one basis to run their campaigns. Ten percent somewhat oppose it, 19 percent strongly oppose it, and 30 percent don't know. (Figure 9)
- Likely New Hampshire GOP Primary voters would be more likely to support a candidate who supported a public funding system by more than two to one—45% to 21%. Thirty three percent say it would have no effect on their vote, or they don't know. (Figure 10)

Figure 1: "There are many problems facing the country today. Overall, how confident would you say you are that President Obama and Congress are able to work together to solve the country's problems?"

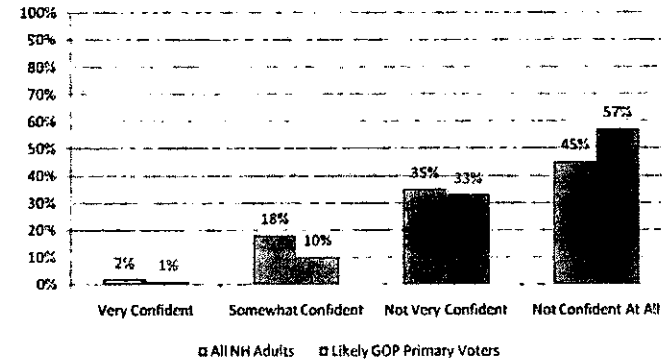


Figure 2: "How much influence do you think that people like yourself have on what the federal government does?"

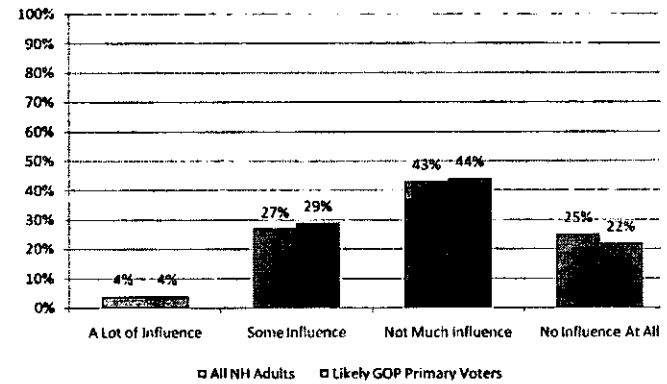


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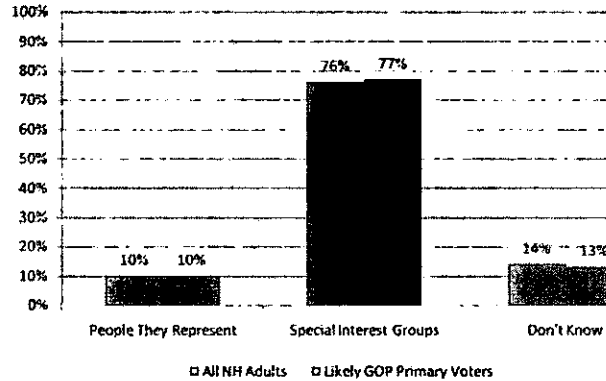


Figure 4: "How much influence do you think that political contributions or donations have on what the federal government does?"

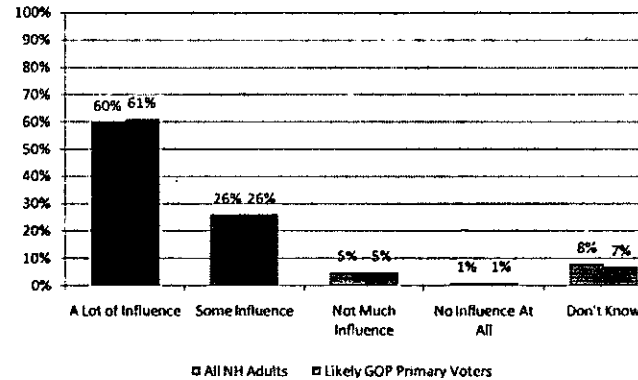


Figure 5: "Would you say you agree or disagree that special interest groups hinder Congress' effort to address the country's long-term debt and fiscal issues?"

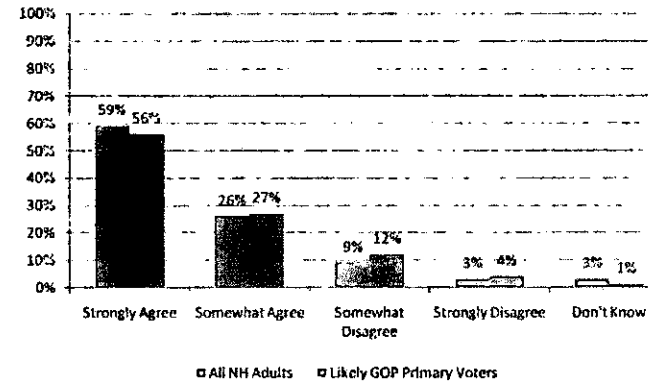


Figure 6: "As you may know, the Supreme Court recently ruled that political spending by corporations and unions are a form of free speech protected under the First Amendment. This ruling allows corporations, unions, and non-profit groups to spend unlimited money for election purposes and political advertising without disclosing the source of their funding. Based on what you know about the Supreme Court's decision, would you say you agree or disagree that corporations, unions, and non-profits should be allowed to spend unlimited and undisclosed contributions for political campaigns, or don't you have an opinion on this issue?"

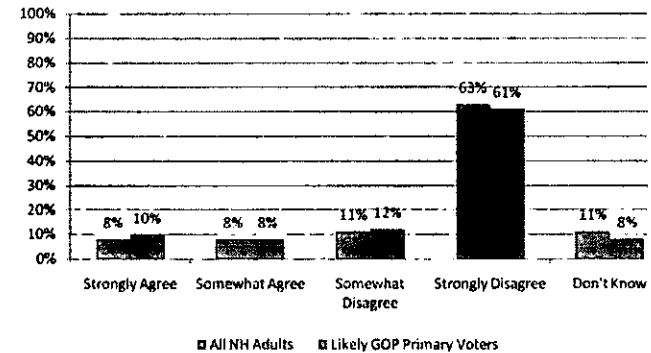


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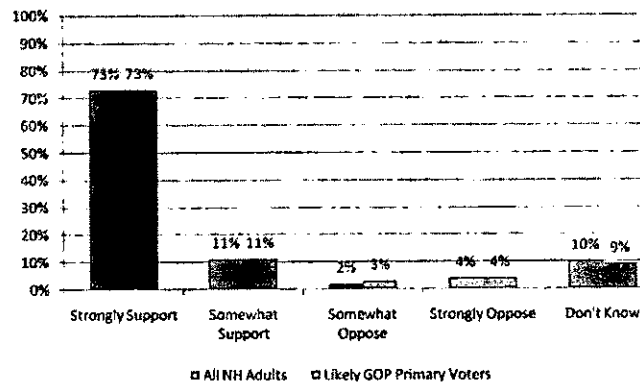


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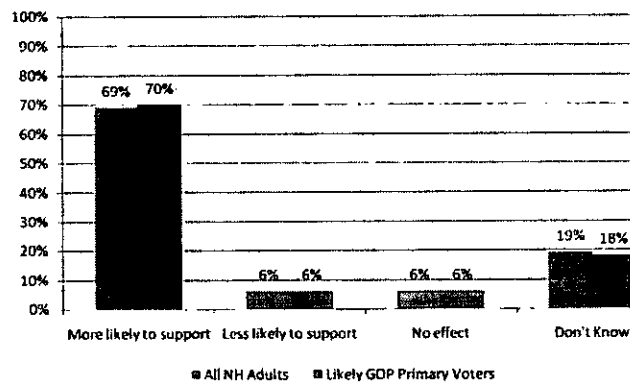


Figure 9: "Now I'm going to read you a description of a specific proposal that would change the way elections are funded. Under this plan, candidates for Congress could run for office without raising large campaign contributions from private donors. Instead, they would collect a large number of contributions from their home state up to a maximum of \$100 per person, matched on a five-to-one basis by public funds to run their campaign."

"Based on what you have heard, would you say you would support or oppose this proposal, or don't you have an opinion on this?"

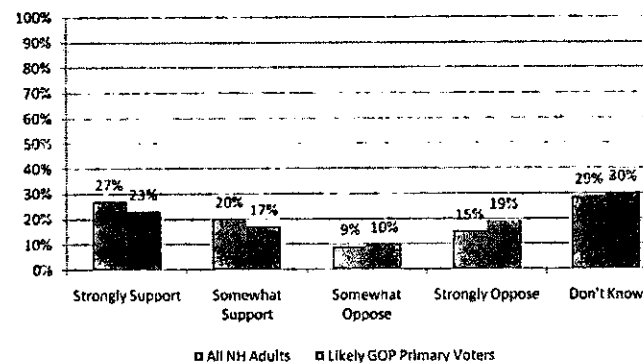
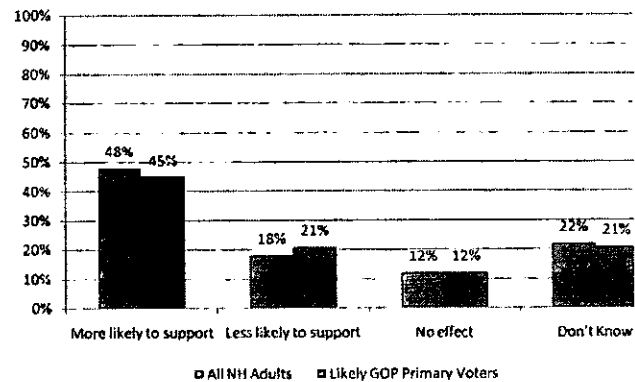


Figure 10: "Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for President or Congress in the 2012 election that supported a proposal such as the one I just described?"



TECHNICAL REPORT

How the Sample Was Selected

The Fall, 2011 Granite State Poll was a survey of randomly selected adults in the state of New Hampshire. This survey was conducted using a procedure called Random Digit Dialing (RDD) which is described below.

A sample of households in the area was selected by a procedure known as random digit dialing. The way this works is as follows. First, with the aid of the computer, one of the three-digit telephone exchanges that are currently used in the area (e.g., 772) is randomly selected. The computer then randomly selects one of the "working blocks"--the first two of the last four numbers in a telephone number (e.g., 64)--and attaches it to the randomly selected exchange. Finally, the computer program then generates a two-digit random number between 00 and 99 (e.g., 57) which is attached to the previously selected prefix (772), and the previously selected working block (64) resulting in a complete telephone number -- i.e., 772-6457. This procedure is then repeated numerous times by the computer to generate more random numbers, so that we have a sufficient quantity to conduct the survey. The end result is that each household in the area in which there is a telephone has an equally likely chance of being selected into the sample.

The random sample used in the Granite State Poll was purchased from Marketing Systems Group (MSG), Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. MSG screens each selected telephone number to eliminate non-working numbers, disconnected numbers, and business numbers to improve the efficiency of the sample, reducing the amount of time interviewers spend calling non-usable numbers.

Each of these randomly generated telephone numbers is called by one of our interviewers from a centrally supervised facility at the UNH Survey Center. If the number called is found not to be a residential one, it is discarded and another random number is called. (Approximately forty-five percent of the numbers were discarded because they are found to be businesses, institutions, or not assigned.) If it is a residential number, the interviewer then randomly selects a member of the household by asking to speak with the adult currently living in the household who has had the most recent birthday. This selection process ensures that every adult (18 years of age or older) in the household has an equally likely chance of being included in the survey. No substitutions are allowed. If, for example, the randomly selected adult is not at home when the household is first contacted, the interviewer cannot substitute by selecting someone else who just happens to be there at the time. Instead, he or she must make an appointment to call back when the randomly selected adult is at home. In this way, respondent selection bias is minimized.

When the Interviewing Was Done

New Hampshire adults in the Granite State Poll were interviewed between September 26 and October 4, 2011. Each selected respondent was called by a professional UNH Survey Center interviewer from a centrally supervised facility at the UNH Survey Center. Telephone calls during the field period were made between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Response Rates

Interviews were completed with 500 randomly selected adults in New Hampshire from a sample of 3,630 randomly selected telephone numbers. Using American Association for Public Opinion (AAPOR) Response Rate 4, the response rate for the Fall, 2011 Granite State Poll was 30 percent. The formula to calculate standard AAPOR response rate is:

$$\frac{1}{((I+P) + (R+NC+O) + e(UH+UO))}$$

I=Complete Interviews, P=Partial Interviews, R=Refusal and break off, NC=Non Contact, O=Other, e=estimated portion of cases of unknown eligibility that are eligible, UH=Unknown household, UO=Unknown other.

Weighting of Data

The data have been weighted to account for known biases of telephone surveys. The data in the Granite State Poll are weighted by the number of adults and telephone lines within households to equalize the chances that any one adult would be selected for inclusion. The data are also weighted by respondent sex, and region of the state.



**Sampling Error**

The Granite State Poll, like all surveys, is subject to sampling error due to the fact that all residents in the area were not interviewed. For those questions asked of five hundred (500) or so respondents, the error is +/-4.4%. For those questions where fewer than 500 persons responded, the sampling error can be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Sampling error} = \pm (1.96) \sqrt{\frac{P(1-P)}{N}}$$

Where P is the percentage of responses in the answer category being evaluated and N is the total number of persons answering the particular question.

For example, suppose you had the following distribution of answers to the question, "Should the state spend more money on road repair even if that means higher taxes?" Assume 1,000 respondents answered the question as follows:

YES	- 47%
NO	- 48%
DONT KNOW	- 5%

**APPENDIX A:**

**DETAILED TABULAR RESULTS**

The sampling error for the "YES" percentage of 47% would be

$$\pm (1.96) \sqrt{\frac{(47)(53)}{1,000}} = \pm 3.1\%$$

for the "NO" percentage of 48% it would be

$$\pm (1.96) \sqrt{\frac{(48)(52)}{1,000}} = \pm 3.1\%$$

and for the "DONT KNOW" percentage of 5% it would be

$$\pm (1.96) \sqrt{\frac{(5)(95)}{1,000}} = \pm 1.4\%$$

In this case we would expect the true population figures to be within the following ranges:

YES	43.9% - 50.1% (i.e., 47% +/-3.1%)
NO	44.9% - 51.1% (i.e., 48% +/-3.1%)
DONT KNOW	3.6% - 6.4% (i.e., 5% +/-1.4%)

Q21: "There are many problems facing the country today. Overall, how confident would you say you are that President Obama and Congress are able to work together to solve the country's problems? Would you say you are very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not confident at all?"

	Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not Very Confident	Not Confident at All	Total
All 18 Adults	20	40	35	5	100
By Party Affiliation					
Registered Democrat	24	41	33	4	102
Not Registered Dem./Other	16	39	45	0	100
By Education					
High School or Less	16	37	47	0	100
Some College	24	41	33	4	102
College Graduate	24	41	33	4	102
Postgraduate Work	24	41	33	4	102
Income					
Less than \$10,000	16	37	47	0	100
\$10,000 to \$14,999	24	41	33	4	102
\$15,000 to \$24,999	24	41	33	4	102
\$25,000 to \$34,999	24	41	33	4	102
\$35,000 to \$49,999	24	41	33	4	102
\$50,000 or more	24	41	33	4	102

Q22: "There are many problems facing the country today. Overall, how confident would you say you are that President Obama and Congress are able to work together to solve the country's problems? Would you say you are very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not confident at all?"

	Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not Very Confident	Not Confident at All	Total
All 18 Adults	20	40	35	5	100
Marital Status					
Married	18	37	45	0	100
Divorced/Separated	20	40	35	5	100
Never Married	18	37	45	0	100
Adults in Household					
One	18	37	45	0	100
Two	20	40	35	5	100
Three or more	18	37	45	0	100
Children in Household					
No children	20	40	35	5	100
One	18	37	45	0	100
Two or more	18	37	45	0	100
Religion					
Protestant	18	37	45	0	100
Catholic	18	37	45	0	100
Other	18	37	45	0	100
Years Moved to NH					
5 years or less	18	37	45	0	100
6 to 10 years	18	37	45	0	100
11 to 20 years	18	37	45	0	100
21 or more years	18	37	45	0	100
Region					
Northwest NH	18	37	45	0	100
Westcentral NH	18	37	45	0	100
Central/East	18	37	45	0	100
White Mountain	18	37	45	0	100
Seacoast	18	37	45	0	100
Congressional District					
First Cong. District	18	37	45	0	100
Second Cong. District	18	37	45	0	100
Executive Council District					
1st District	18	37	45	0	100
2nd District	18	37	45	0	100
3rd District	18	37	45	0	100
4th District	18	37	45	0	100
5th District	18	37	45	0	100

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NOTE: This poll reflects the opinion of people like yourself who are not in the federal government. Would you say you have a lot of influence, some influence, or not much influence on the federal government?

	All People	No influence at all	Some influence	A lot of influence
<b>All People</b>	45	2%	44%	54%
<b>Registered to Vote</b>				
Registered Dem/Lean Dem	64	3%	51%	46%
Registered Rep/Lean Rep	24	1%	44%	55%
<b>Party Identification</b>				
Democrat	54	2%	44%	46%
Independent	39	1%	45%	54%
Republican	6	1%	45%	54%
<b>Political Ideology</b>				
Liberal	54	3%	45%	46%
Conservative	4	1%	45%	54%
<b>Sex of Respondent</b>				
Male	45	2%	44%	54%
Female	45	2%	44%	54%
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 24	45	2%	44%	54%
25 to 34	25	3%	45%	54%
35 to 44	58	2%	43%	55%
45 and older	49	2%	44%	54%
<b>Residence (City)</b>				
Grand Union Leader	99	2%	44%	54%
East of the Green	24	1%	44%	55%
North NH	54	2%	44%	54%
Wilton to RRR	54	2%	44%	54%
<b>Education</b>				
High school or less	45	1%	43%	56%
Technical school/some college	49	2%	44%	54%
College graduate	45	2%	44%	54%
Postgraduate work	65	2%	42%	56%
<b>Income</b>				
Less than \$20,000	54	2%	44%	54%
\$20,000 to \$40,000	24	1%	43%	56%
\$40,000 to \$60,000	101	2%	44%	54%
\$60,000 to \$75,000	49	2%	44%	54%
\$75,000 to \$90,000	39	2%	44%	54%
\$90,000 + more	65	2%	43%	55%

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	All People	No influence at all	Some influence	A lot of influence
<b>All People</b>	45	2%	44%	54%
<b>Marital Status</b>				
Married	64	2%	43%	55%
Divorced/Separated	11	1%	44%	55%
Never married	24	1%	44%	55%
<b>Adults in Household</b>				
One	65	2%	43%	55%
Two	49	2%	43%	55%
Three or more	49	2%	43%	55%
<b>Children in Household</b>				
No children	54	2%	43%	55%
One	29	1%	43%	56%
Two or more	11	1%	43%	56%
<b>Religion</b>				
Protestant	24	2%	43%	55%
Catholic	69	2%	43%	55%
Other	6	1%	43%	56%
<b>Years Lived in NH</b>				
1 year or less	19	2%	43%	56%
2 to 10 years	69	2%	43%	55%
11 to 20 years	6	1%	43%	56%
21 or more years	6	1%	43%	56%
<b>Region</b>				
Northern NH	65	2%	43%	55%
Western NH	19	2%	43%	56%
Central/Lakes	11	1%	43%	56%
Williamstown County	11	2%	43%	56%
Manchester	6	1%	43%	56%
<b>Congressional District</b>				
First Cong. District	54	2%	43%	55%
Second Cong. District	49	2%	43%	55%
<b>Executive Council Districts</b>				
1st District	24	2%	43%	56%
2nd District	41	2%	43%	55%
3rd District	11	2%	43%	56%
4th District	24	2%	43%	56%
5th District	49	2%	43%	55%

Q12: "Generally speaking, do you think members of Congress are more interested in serving the people they represent, or do you think are more interested in serving special interest groups or do you think are more interested in serving the public?"

	People they represent	Special interest groups	Don't know	Number Respondents
<b>All NH Adults</b>	58%	36%	6%	696
<b>200 Primary Election</b>	57%	37%	6%	249
<b>Registered to Vote</b>				
Registered Democrat	53%	35%	12%	171
Non-Registered	70%	20%	10%	71
Registered Rep/Lean	44%	35%	21%	154
<b>Party Identification</b>				
Democrat	53%	37%	10%	204
Independent	47%	33%	20%	90
Republican	25%	31%	44%	192
<b>Political Ideology</b>				
Liberal	47%	36%	17%	95
Moderate	44%	30%	26%	213
Conservative	74%	16%	10%	153
<b>Sex of Respondent</b>				
Male	74%	21%	5%	285
Female	32%	33%	35%	251
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 24	47%	37%	16%	41
25 to 34	43%	36%	21%	124
35 to 44	40%	39%	21%	192
45 and older	74%	18%	8%	318
<b>Where You Work</b>				
Head of Home	55%	31%	14%	145
Head of Non-Profit	33%	32%	35%	47
Health Worker	29%	34%	37%	204
Other	44%	31%	25%	172
<b>Education</b>				
High school or less	49%	32%	19%	98
Technical school/Some college	25%	35%	40%	113
College graduate	49%	24%	27%	153
Postgraduate work	25%	28%	47%	151
<b>Income</b>				
Less than \$30,000	33%	44%	23%	47
\$30,000 to \$49,999	21%	37%	42%	23
\$50,000 to \$74,999	15%	30%	55%	22
\$75,000 to \$99,999	22%	28%	50%	27
\$100,000 or more	13%	23%	64%	10
\$100,000 or more	13%	23%	64%	10

Q12: "Generally speaking, do you think members of Congress are more interested in serving the people they represent, or do you think are more interested in serving special interest groups or do you think are more interested in serving the public?"

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<b>All NH Adults</b>	58%	36%	6%	696
<b>Marital Status</b>				
Married	57%	37%	6%	294
Divorced/separated	69%	28%	3%	63
Never married	37%	38%	25%	66
<b>Adults in Household</b>				
One	33%	38%	29%	41
Two	30%	37%	33%	102
Three or more	37%	25%	38%	95
<b>Children in Household</b>				
No children	44%	38%	18%	29
One	24%	40%	36%	32
Two or more	32%	22%	46%	108
<b>Religion</b>				
No religion	24%	34%	42%	57
Catholic	44%	30%	26%	147
Other	32%	36%	32%	129
<b>Years Lived in NH</b>				
5 years or less	51%	32%	17%	42
6 to 10 years	33%	33%	34%	41
11 to 20 years	14%	32%	54%	21
20 or more years	10%	23%	67%	32
<b>Region</b>				
Northwest	31%	30%	39%	56
Middle	44%	30%	26%	47
Central	44%	30%	26%	78
South	10%	34%	56%	152
Seacoast	13%	34%	53%	17
<b>Congressional District</b>				
First Cong. District	44%	30%	26%	228
Second Cong. District	75%	20%	5%	285
<b>Statewide Council Districts</b>				
1st District	44%	30%	26%	89
2nd District	44%	30%	26%	125
3rd District	44%	30%	26%	47
4th District	44%	30%	26%	97
5th District	44%	30%	26%	153

Q12a: How much influence do you think that political contributions or donations have on what the federal government does? Would you say it has a lot of influence, some influence, or not much influence at all or do you not have an opinion on this?

	All U.S. Adults	Not much influence at all	Some influence	A lot of influence	Don't know
All U.S. Adults	689	14%	55%	28%	3%
Dem/Lean Dem	354	13%	56%	27%	3%
Rep/Lean Rep	335	15%	54%	27%	3%
Age					
18 to 29	104	12%	57%	27%	3%
30 to 49	244	13%	55%	27%	3%
50 to 64	204	14%	54%	27%	3%
65 and older	137	16%	53%	26%	3%
Gender					
Male	344	14%	55%	27%	3%
Female	345	14%	54%	27%	3%
Education					
High school or less	104	15%	53%	26%	3%
Technical school/Some college	229	13%	55%	27%	3%
College graduate	356	13%	55%	27%	3%
Postgraduate work	100	12%	56%	27%	3%
Income					
Less than \$10,000	104	15%	53%	26%	3%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	104	14%	54%	27%	3%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
\$50,000 or more	104	12%	56%	27%	3%

Q12a: How much influence do you think that political contributions or donations have on what the federal government does? Would you say it has a lot of influence, some influence, or not much influence at all or do you not have an opinion on this?

	All U.S. Adults	Not much influence at all	Some influence	A lot of influence	Don't know
All U.S. Adults	689	14%	55%	28%	3%
Marital Status					
Married	480	13%	56%	27%	3%
Not married	209	15%	53%	26%	3%
Adults in Household					
One	104	15%	53%	26%	3%
Two	244	13%	55%	27%	3%
Three or more	341	13%	55%	27%	3%
Children in Household					
One or more	480	13%	56%	27%	3%
None	209	15%	53%	26%	3%
Religion					
Protestant	244	13%	55%	27%	3%
Catholic	209	14%	54%	27%	3%
Other	236	15%	53%	26%	3%
Years lived in NY					
4 years or less	104	15%	53%	26%	3%
5 to 10 years	244	13%	55%	27%	3%
11 to 20 years	204	13%	55%	27%	3%
21 or more years	137	12%	56%	27%	3%
Region					
Northern NY	104	14%	54%	27%	3%
Western NY	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
Central NY	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
Buffalo-Cattaraugus	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
Saratoga	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
Congressional District					
First Cong. District	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
Second Cong. District	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
Executive Council Districts					
1st District	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
2nd District	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
3rd District	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
4th District	104	13%	55%	27%	3%
5th District	104	13%	55%	27%	3%

NOTE: "Would you say you agree or disagree that special interest groups hinder Congress' effort to address the country's long-term debt and fiscal issues - would you say you strongly agree - somewhat agree - somewhat disagree - or strongly disagree?"

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Number Sampled
<b>All US Adults</b>	55%	26%	15%	10%	14%	690
<b>By Residence</b>						
Urban	57%	24%	14%	10%	15%	271
Suburban	53%	27%	16%	11%	13%	212
Rural	52%	28%	15%	12%	13%	107
<b>Registered to Vote</b>						
Registered Non-voter	59%	23%	15%	10%	13%	104
Active Voter	54%	28%	16%	11%	11%	212
Registered Republican	57%	25%	14%	11%	13%	173
<b>Party Identification</b>						
Democrat	57%	23%	15%	10%	15%	188
Rep/Lean Dem	54%	25%	16%	11%	14%	96
Republican	52%	27%	15%	11%	15%	105
<b>Political Ideology</b>						
Liberal	52%	18%	12%	13%	15%	97
Moderate	52%	28%	16%	10%	14%	215
Conservative	54%	27%	15%	10%	14%	151
<b>Sex of Respondent</b>						
Male	53%	25%	14%	11%	17%	288
Female	57%	23%	15%	11%	14%	232
<b>Age</b>						
18 to 24	51%	27%	17%	10%	15%	41
25 to 44	51%	23%	16%	11%	19%	126
45 to 64	55%	25%	15%	10%	15%	113
65 and older	53%	23%	16%	11%	17%	117
<b>Business Size Range</b>						
Head of household	52%	26%	15%	11%	16%	129
Small Business	52%	25%	16%	11%	16%	87
Midsize BIZ	54%	27%	16%	11%	12%	204
Large BIZ	53%	27%	15%	11%	14%	149
<b>Education</b>						
High school or less	52%	27%	15%	11%	15%	98
Technical school/Some college	51%	29%	16%	11%	13%	111
College graduate	54%	27%	15%	11%	13%	154
Postgraduate work	54%	26%	12%	11%	13%	119
<b>Income</b>						
Less than \$10,000	51%	27%	17%	11%	14%	47
\$10,000 to \$14,999	50%	27%	16%	11%	16%	77
\$15,000 to \$19,999	50%	25%	16%	11%	18%	79
\$20,000 to \$24,999	50%	25%	16%	11%	18%	84
\$25,000 to \$29,999	51%	24%	15%	11%	19%	90
\$30,000 or more	51%	23%	15%	11%	20%	128

NOTE: "Would you say you agree or disagree that special interest groups hinder Congress' effort to address the country's long-term debt and fiscal issues - would you say you strongly agree - somewhat agree - somewhat disagree - or strongly disagree?"

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Number Sampled
<b>All US Adults</b>	55%	26%	15%	10%	14%	690
<b>Marital Status</b>						
Married	57%	24%	15%	10%	14%	413
Unmarried/Non-rated	51%	27%	16%	11%	15%	83
Never married	47%	27%	17%	11%	18%	44
<b>Adults in Household</b>						
One	47%	27%	17%	11%	18%	57
Two	58%	24%	15%	10%	13%	112
Three or more	51%	25%	16%	11%	15%	55
<b>Children in Household</b>						
2+ children	47%	22%	17%	12%	12%	127
One	57%	25%	17%	11%	14%	73
Two or more	45%	27%	16%	11%	11%	57
<b>Religion</b>						
Protestant	52%	27%	15%	11%	15%	176
Catholic	57%	24%	15%	10%	14%	146
Other	48%	22%	16%	11%	13%	148
<b>Years Lived in NH</b>						
1 year or less	42%	24%	17%	11%	16%	42
2 to 10 years	50%	24%	12%	11%	13%	41
11 to 20 years	51%	22%	12%	11%	14%	47
20 or more years	47%	23%	13%	11%	16%	118
<b>Region</b>						
Northwest NH	47%	23%	16%	11%	13%	54
North Central NH	44%	23%	15%	11%	17%	44
Central/White	54%	24%	14%	11%	17%	74
Hillsborough County	50%	24%	16%	11%	19%	153
Seacoast	49%	24%	13%	11%	13%	157
<b>Congressional District</b>						
First Cong. District	53%	23%	12%	11%	11%	226
Second Cong. District	49%	27%	16%	11%	14%	210
<b>Executive Council Districts</b>						
1st District	44%	24%	17%	11%	14%	87
2nd District	53%	26%	17%	11%	13%	100
3rd District	42%	23%	18%	11%	16%	84
4th District	49%	22%	12%	11%	16%	86
5th District	51%	23%	16%	11%	19%	102

Q17: "Should you support or oppose a law that would require corporations, unions, and nonprofit groups to disclose their sources of spending when they participate in elections? Or don't you have an opinion on this?"

	All	Rep	Dem	Ind	Mod	Lib	Cons
<b>All U.S. Adults</b>	724	318	228	26	26	100	408
<b>By Party Affiliation</b>							
Registered to Vote	718	318	228	26	26	100	408
Registered Democrat	318	137	181	10	10	40	194
Unaffiliated/Other	400	181	147	16	16	60	212
Registered Rep./Other	300	137	163	16	16	40	112
<b>Party Identification</b>							
Dem/Lean Dem	318	137	181	10	10	40	194
Dem/Lean Dem	137	137	181	10	10	40	194
Rep/Lean Rep	181	181	181	10	10	40	194
<b>Political Ideology</b>							
Liberal	104	137	64	10	10	30	85
Moderate	418	181	117	16	16	70	211
Conservative	606	181	147	16	16	110	194
<b>Sex of Respondent</b>							
Male	318	137	181	10	10	40	194
Female	406	181	147	16	16	60	212
<b>Age</b>							
18 to 24	904	318	228	26	26	100	418
25 to 34	124	137	181	10	10	40	194
35 to 44	174	181	147	16	16	60	212
45 and older	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
<b>Marriage and Divorce</b>							
Never Married	214	137	181	10	10	40	194
Married	504	228	181	16	16	60	212
Married	214	137	181	10	10	40	194
Divorced	290	94	147	16	16	60	112
<b>Educational Attainment</b>							
High school or less	474	137	181	10	10	40	194
High school or less	114	137	181	10	10	40	194
Some college	260	137	181	10	10	40	194
Bachelor's degree	200	91	147	16	16	60	112
Postgraduate work	100	45	66	6	6	20	66
<b>Income</b>							
Less than \$20,000	424	137	181	10	10	40	194
\$20,000 to \$24,999	104	45	66	6	6	20	66
\$25,000 to \$29,999	104	45	66	6	6	20	66
\$30,000 to \$34,999	104	45	66	6	6	20	66
\$35,000 to \$39,999	104	45	66	6	6	20	66
\$40,000 or more	104	45	66	6	6	20	66

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	All	Rep	Dem	Ind	Mod	Lib	Cons
<b>All U.S. Adults</b>	724	318	228	26	26	100	408
<b>Racial/Ethnic</b>							
White	504	228	181	16	16	60	212
White	404	181	147	16	16	60	112
Black	100	45	66	6	6	20	66
Hispanic	100	45	66	6	6	20	66
Asian	100	45	66	6	6	20	66
Other	100	45	66	6	6	20	66
<b>Marital Status</b>							
Married	504	228	181	16	16	60	212
Married	404	181	147	16	16	60	112
Divorced/Separated	100	45	66	6	6	20	66
Never Married	100	45	66	6	6	20	66
<b>Adults in Household</b>							
One	318	137	181	10	10	40	194
Two	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
Three or more	200	91	147	16	16	60	112
<b>Children in Household</b>							
No children	318	137	181	10	10	40	194
One	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
Two or more	200	91	147	16	16	60	112
<b>Religion</b>							
Protestant	318	137	181	10	10	40	194
Catholic	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
Other	200	91	147	16	16	60	112
<b>Years Lived in NE</b>							
5 years or less	424	137	181	10	10	40	194
6 to 10 years	104	45	66	6	6	20	66
11 to 15 years	104	45	66	6	6	20	66
16 to 20 years	104	45	66	6	6	20	66
21 or more years	104	45	66	6	6	20	66
<b>Region</b>							
Western NE	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
Western NE	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
Central/Maine	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
Willamette Valley	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
Southwest	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
<b>Congressional District</b>							
First Cong. District	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
Second Cong. District	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
<b>Executive Council Districts</b>							
1st District	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
2nd District	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
3rd District	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
4th District	214	91	147	16	16	60	112
5th District	214	91	147	16	16	60	112

Q10: "Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for President or Congress in the 2012 election that supported a law that would require representatives, senators, and congressional judges to disclose their sources of spending when they participate in a campaign? Would you have an opinion on this?"

	More likely to support	Less likely to support	No Effect	Don't Know	No Answer
<b>All U.S. Adults</b>	59%	35%	6%	1%	1%
<b>Registered to Vote</b>	75%	21%	4%	0%	0%
Registered Democrat	75%	21%	4%	0%	0%
Registered Other	62%	35%	3%	0%	0%
Registered Republican	62%	35%	3%	0%	0%
<b>Party Identification</b>					
Democrat	75%	21%	4%	0%	0%
Independent	62%	35%	3%	0%	0%
Republican	62%	35%	3%	0%	0%
<b>Political Ideology</b>					
Liberal	75%	21%	4%	0%	0%
Moderate	62%	35%	3%	0%	0%
Conservative	62%	35%	3%	0%	0%
<b>Sex of Respondent</b>					
Male	70%	29%	1%	0%	0%
Female	68%	31%	1%	0%	0%
<b>Age</b>					
18 to 24	58%	37%	5%	0%	0%
25 to 34	67%	29%	4%	0%	0%
35 to 44	74%	23%	3%	0%	0%
45 and older	69%	29%	2%	0%	0%
<b>Work or Home</b>					
Head of Household	73%	25%	2%	0%	0%
Head of Family	72%	26%	2%	0%	0%
Married	68%	31%	1%	0%	0%
Living with MHA	78%	21%	1%	0%	0%
<b>Education</b>					
High school or less	52%	45%	3%	0%	0%
Technical school/Some college	70%	28%	2%	0%	0%
College graduate	75%	23%	2%	0%	0%
Postgraduate work	79%	20%	1%	0%	0%
<b>Income</b>					
Less than \$10,000	52%	45%	3%	0%	0%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	75%	23%	2%	0%	0%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	67%	29%	4%	0%	0%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	78%	21%	1%	0%	0%
\$35,000 to \$44,999	82%	17%	1%	0%	0%
\$45,000 or more	73%	26%	1%	0%	0%

Q11: "Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for President or Congress in the 2012 election that supported a law that would require senators, judges, and congressional judges to disclose their sources of spending when they participate in a campaign? Would you have an opinion on this?"

	More likely to support	Less likely to support	No Effect	Don't Know	No Answer
<b>All U.S. Adults</b>	69%	28%	3%	0%	0%
<b>Marital Status</b>					
Married	71%	27%	2%	0%	0%
Never married	64%	34%	2%	0%	0%
<b>Adults in Household</b>					
One	72%	26%	2%	0%	0%
Two	70%	28%	2%	0%	0%
Three or more	70%	28%	2%	0%	0%
<b>Children in Household</b>					
0 children	72%	26%	2%	0%	0%
One	67%	31%	2%	0%	0%
Two or more	67%	31%	2%	0%	0%
<b>Religion</b>					
Protestant	69%	29%	2%	0%	0%
Catholic	69%	29%	2%	0%	0%
Other	71%	27%	2%	0%	0%
<b>Years Lived in NH</b>					
5 years or less	64%	32%	4%	0%	0%
6 to 10 years	69%	28%	3%	0%	0%
11 to 20 years	70%	28%	2%	0%	0%
21 or more years	71%	27%	2%	0%	0%
<b>Region</b>					
Western NH	71%	27%	2%	0%	0%
Western NH	71%	27%	2%	0%	0%
Central/Lakes	68%	30%	2%	0%	0%
White Mountain County	64%	34%	2%	0%	0%
Seacoast	67%	30%	3%	0%	0%
<b>Congressional District</b>					
First Cong. District	67%	30%	3%	0%	0%
Second Cong. District	71%	27%	2%	0%	0%
<b>Executive Council Districts</b>					
1st District	75%	23%	2%	0%	0%
2nd District	74%	24%	2%	0%	0%
3rd District	70%	28%	2%	0%	0%
4th District	69%	29%	2%	0%	0%
5th District	68%	30%	2%	0%	0%



Q10: "Now I'm going to read you a description of a specific proposal that would change the way elections are funded. Under this plan, candidates for Congress could run for office without raising large campaign contributions from private donors. Instead, they could collect a large number of contributions from their home state up to a maximum of \$250 per person, selected on a lottery basis by public funds to run their campaign."

"To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal? (If you have an opinion on this)"

	Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total	Weighted Response
All Ed Adults	27%	36%	31%	15%	9%	495	495
USC Primary Likely Voters	23%	37%	23%	19%	7%	749	749
Registered to Vote							
Registered Democrat	27%	39%	23%	14%	2%	314	314
Unregistered	25%	32%	34%	19%	21%	212	212
Registered Republican	24%	33%	32%	15%	13%	154	154
Party Identification							
Democrat	23%	45%	24%	10%	2%	183	183
Republican	27%	27%	34%	22%	10%	116	116
Other	22%	33%	30%	12%	13%	134	134
Political Ideology							
Liberal	33%	24%	23%	14%	8%	97	97
Moderate	25%	34%	31%	10%	2%	278	278
Conservative	24%	33%	34%	10%	1%	174	174
Sex of Respondent							
Male	27%	33%	29%	15%	2%	214	214
Female	26%	37%	30%	12%	3%	251	251
Age							
18 to 29	27%	47%	25%	7%	2%	81	81
30 to 49	23%	33%	32%	12%	2%	289	289
50 to 64	25%	39%	28%	10%	1%	373	373
65 and older	23%	35%	33%	12%	3%	152	152
Source for News							
Read/Watch/Listen	24%	37%	23%	15%	2%	161	161
Read/Watch/Listen	26%	35%	24%	13%	2%	87	87
Watch/Listen	28%	34%	24%	12%	2%	129	129
Listen/Watch	29%	33%	23%	15%	2%	166	166
Education							
High school or less	22%	32%	30%	14%	2%	339	339
Technical school/Some college	27%	36%	23%	12%	2%	111	111
College graduate	25%	35%	24%	10%	2%	253	253
Postgraduate work	22%	39%	24%	8%	2%	249	249
Income							
Less than \$20,000	22%	32%	32%	13%	2%	87	87
\$20,000 to \$40,000	25%	34%	24%	10%	3%	271	271
\$40,000 to \$60,000	23%	35%	24%	10%	2%	309	309
\$60,000 to \$80,000	24%	36%	24%	10%	2%	229	229
\$80,000 to \$100,000	21%	39%	24%	11%	2%	211	211

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"To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal? (If you have an opinion on this)"

	Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total	Weighted Response
All Ed Adults	27%	36%	31%	15%	9%	495	495
Marital Status							
Married	26%	33%	27%	17%	2%	251	251
Divorced/Separated	23%	34%	24%	15%	4%	113	113
Never married	29%	37%	21%	8%	5%	131	131
Adults in Household							
One	23%	34%	29%	12%	2%	159	159
Two	23%	32%	27%	15%	3%	122	122
Three or more	25%	36%	24%	10%	2%	96	96
Children in Household							
1 or children	23%	33%	26%	14%	2%	167	167
One	25%	32%	24%	12%	3%	129	129
Two or more	23%	37%	27%	10%	2%	178	178
Religion							
Evangelical	23%	34%	26%	12%	3%	129	129
Catholic	23%	35%	24%	12%	3%	145	145
Other	29%	32%	24%	10%	3%	121	121
Years Lived in NH							
5 years or less	22%	38%	29%	10%	2%	82	82
6 to 10 years	23%	34%	24%	12%	3%	129	129
11 to 20 years	25%	32%	24%	10%	3%	173	173
20 or more years	27%	31%	24%	10%	3%	310	310
Region							
Northern NH	23%	33%	26%	12%	3%	161	161
Western NH	24%	32%	27%	10%	2%	88	88
Central/Lakes	28%	30%	24%	10%	2%	109	109
Hills/Western County	24%	34%	24%	10%	2%	121	121
Seacoast	26%	35%	24%	10%	2%	156	156
Congressional District							
First Cong. District	23%	33%	26%	12%	3%	121	121
Second Cong. District	29%	34%	24%	10%	2%	274	274
Executive Council Districts							
1st District	26%	34%	24%	10%	2%	89	89
2nd District	23%	35%	24%	10%	2%	116	116
3rd District	28%	30%	24%	10%	2%	93	93
4th District	23%	32%	24%	10%	2%	87	87
5th District	24%	31%	24%	10%	2%	102	102

Q131: "Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for President or Congress in the 2012 election that supported a proposal such as the one I just described?"

	More likely to support	Less likely to support	No effect	Don't know	Force re-asked
<b>All US Adults</b>	488	181	128	210	492
<b>Dem/Lean Dem</b>	454	211	128	210	448
<b>Rep/Lean Rep</b>	378	149	98	199	398
<b>Dem/Lean Dem</b>	388	158	108	208	398
<b>Rep/Lean Rep</b>	368	158	98	198	398
<b>Party Identification</b>					
Democrat	454	211	128	210	492
Rep/Lean Rep	378	149	98	199	398
Independent	368	158	98	198	398
<b>Political Ideology</b>					
Liberal	454	211	128	210	492
Mod/Cons	378	149	98	199	398
Conservative	368	158	98	198	398
<b>Sex of Respondent</b>					
Male	454	211	128	210	492
Female	378	149	98	199	398
<b>Age</b>					
18 to 24	388	158	108	208	418
25 to 49	454	211	128	210	492
50 to 74	378	149	98	199	398
75 and older	368	158	98	198	398
<b>Business Role</b>					
Small Business Owner	368	158	98	198	398
Exec/Officer/Manager	378	149	98	199	398
Self-employed	378	149	98	199	398
Not in business	368	158	98	198	398
<b>Education</b>					
High school or less	368	158	98	198	398
Technical school/Some college	378	149	98	199	398
College graduate	378	149	98	199	398
Postgraduate work	368	158	98	198	398
<b>Income</b>					
Less than \$10,000	368	158	98	198	398
\$10,000 to \$14,999	378	149	98	199	398
\$15,000 to \$19,999	378	149	98	199	398
\$20,000 to \$24,999	378	149	98	199	398
\$25,000 to \$29,999	378	149	98	199	398
\$30,000 or more	368	158	98	198	398

Q131: "Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for President or Congress in the 2012 election that supported a proposal such as the one I just described?"

	More likely to support	Less likely to support	No effect	Don't know	Force re-asked
<b>All US Adults</b>	488	181	128	210	492
<b>Marital Status</b>					
Married	454	211	128	210	492
Divorced/Separated	378	149	98	199	398
Never married	368	158	98	198	398
<b>Adults in Household</b>					
One	454	211	128	210	492
Two	378	149	98	199	398
Three or more	368	158	98	198	398
<b>Children in Household</b>					
No children	368	158	98	198	398
One	454	211	128	210	492
Two or more	378	149	98	199	398
<b>Religion</b>					
Protestant	454	211	128	210	492
Catholic	378	149	98	199	398
Other	368	158	98	198	398
<b>Years lived in NH</b>					
5 years or less	368	158	98	198	398
6 to 10 years	454	211	128	210	492
11 to 20 years	378	149	98	199	398
20 or more years	368	158	98	198	398
<b>Region</b>					
Western NH	368	158	98	198	398
Western NH	378	149	98	199	398
Central/Northern	454	211	128	210	492
Hillsborough County	378	149	98	199	398
Southern	368	158	98	198	398
<b>Congressional District</b>					
First Cong. District	454	211	128	210	492
Second Cong. District	378	149	98	199	398
<b>Executive Council District</b>					
1st District	368	158	98	198	398
2nd District	454	211	128	210	492
3rd District	378	149	98	199	398
4th District	368	158	98	198	398
5th District	378	149	98	199	398

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APPENDIX B:

QUESTIONNAIRE AND CODEBOOK

This appendix contains the questionnaire used in the October 2011 Granite State Poll. It also includes the following information about the data:

1. The numeric codes used to categorize the answers given by survey respondents.
2. A code indicating the sponsor of the question.
3. The variable names and numbers of the variables in the SPSS file of the data.
4. The missing data codes used in the SPSS file (indicated by an asterisk [\*])

INTRO:

"Good evening / afternoon. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling for the Granite State Poll from the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. This month, the University is conducting a confidential study of politics and public opinion in New Hampshire, and we'd really appreciate your help and cooperation."

SEAS

"Before we begin, do you live at this residence all year round or are you on vacation in New Hampshire?"

- 1 LIVE IN NH YEAR ROUND
- 2 SEASONAL, JUST VACATIONING → "Thank you very much, we are only interviewing year round residents "
- \* 99 REFUSED

BIR1

"In order to determine who to interview, could you tell me, of the adults aged 18 or older who currently live in your household -- including yourself -- who had the most recent birthday? I don't mean who is the youngest, but rather, who had the most recent birthday?"

- 1 INFORMANT → SKIP TO SEX
- 2 SOMEONE ELSE (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_ → SKIP TO INT2
- 3 DONT KNOW ALL BIRTHDAYS, ONLY SOME → CONTINUE WITH BIR2 BELOW
- 4 DONT KNOW ANY BIRTHDAYS OTHER THAN OWN → SKIP TO SEX
- \* 99 REFUSED -- ENTER NON-RESPONSE INFORMATION

BIR2

"Of the ones that you do know, who had the most recent birthday?"

- 1 INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_ → SKIP TO SEX
- 2 SOMEONE ELSE (SPECIFY): \_\_\_\_\_ → GO TO INT2
- 3 PERSON NOT AVAILABLE
- \* 99 REFUSED

INT2

ASK TO SPEAK TO THAT PERSON

"Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ calling for the Granite State Poll from the University of New Hampshire. This month the University is conducting a confidential study of public opinion in New Hampshire, and we'd really appreciate your help and cooperation. You have been identified as the adult in your household who had the most recent birthday. Is this correct?"

- 1 YES
- 2 APPOINTMENT
- \* 99 REFUSAL

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## SEX

"Thank you very much for helping us with this important study. Before we begin I want to assure you that all of your answers are strictly confidential. They will be combined with answers from other people from across the state. Your telephone number was randomly selected from all families in New Hampshire. This call may be monitored for quality assurance."

"Participation is voluntary. If you decide to participate, you may decline to answer any question or end the interview at any time."

IF ASKED: "This survey will take about 10 minutes to complete."

## RECORD SEX OF RESPONDENT

1 MALE  
2 FEMALE

\* 99 NA

## UNHSC

## TOWN

"First, in what town do you live?" ENTER NUMBER OF TOWN FROM SHEET

997 OTHER -- TYPE IN \_\_\_\_\_  
998 DK - DO NOT PROBE  
\* 999 NA / REFUSED

## UNHSC

## PRESAPP

"GENERALLY SPEAKING, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?"

(IF APPROVE): "Would you say that you STRONGLY approve of the way he is handling his job as president, or that you approve only SOMEWHAT?"

(IF DISAPPROVE): "Would you say that you STRONGLY disapprove of the way he is handling his job as president, or that you disapprove only SOMEWHAT?"

(IF NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK): "Would you say that you lean a little more toward APPROVING or DISAPPROVING of the way he is handling his job as president?"

1 STRONGLY APPROVE  
2 APPROVE SOMEWHAT  
3 LEAN TOWARD APPROVING

4 NEITHER, NOT SURE, DK

5 LEAN TOWARD DISAPPROVING  
6 DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT  
7 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

\* 99 NA

## UNHSC

## MIPUS

"There are many problems facing the United States today. In general, what do you think is the most IMPORTANT problem facing the country as a whole today?" (PROBE: "Could you be more SPECIFIC or give me an example?")

RECORD VERBATIM PROBE FOR SPECIFIC ANSWER

## UNHSC

## EVOLVE

"Next, I'd like to ask you about your views on evolution."

"Which of the following statements comes closest to your views on the origin and development of human beings.

## READ NUMBERS 1 TO 3 AND ROTATE RESPONSES

1 Human beings have developed over millions of years from less advanced forms of life, but God had no part in this process,  
2 Human beings have developed over millions of years from less advanced forms of life, but God guided this process, or  
3 God created human beings pretty much in their present form at one time within the last 10,000 years or so."

98 DK / NOT SURE  
99 NA / REFUSED

## UNHSC

## CLIMATE

"Now I'd like to ask you a question about the issue of global warming or climate change."

"Based on what you have heard or read, do you believe increases in the Earth's temperature over the last century are due more to the effects of pollution from human activities, or more to natural changes in the environment that are not due to human activities?"

1 HUMAN ACTIVITIES  
2 NATURAL CAUSES  
3 BOTH - VOLUNTEERED  
4 CLIMATE CHANGE NOT HAPPENING - VOLUNTEERED

98 DK / NOT SURE  
99 NA / REFUSED

## REGVOTE

"Let's turn to politics for a minute. Are you registered to vote at your current address?"

IF YES: "Are you registered as a Democrat, Independent, Republican or something else?"

1 REGISTERED DEMOCRAT  
2 REGISTERED INDEPENDENT / UNAFFILIATED / UNDECLARED  
3 REGISTERED REPUBLICAN  
4 REGISTERED - OTHER

\* 98 NOT REGISTERED / DK (DO NOT PROBE)  
99 NA / REFUSED

## PRIMINT

"I know that it is a long way away, but as you know, the New Hampshire Presidential Primary is being held in 2012. How interested would you say you are in the 2012 New Hampshire Presidential Primary election ... extremely interested ... very interested ... somewhat interested ... or not very interested?"

1 EXTREMELY INTERESTED  
2 VERY INTERESTED  
3 SOMEWHAT INTERESTED  
4 NOT VERY INTERESTED

98 DK (DO NOT PROBE)  
99 NA

NOTE: The Supreme Court recently ruled that political spending by corporations and unions are a form of free speech protected under the First Amendment. This ruling allows corporations, unions, and nonprofits to spend unlimited money for political advertising and the same as their funding."

"Based on what you know about the Supreme Court's decision, would you say you agree or disagree that corporations, unions, and nonprofits should be allowed to spend unlimited and undisclosed contributions for political campaigns, or don't you have an opinion on this issue?"

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Don't know	Number Responded
<b>All US Adults</b>	86	86	118	659	188	787
<b>Age</b>						
18 to 29	74	84	123	713	98	246
30 to 49	94	76	149	474	76	114
50 to 69	74	79	91	74	91	211
70 and older	114	119	104	563	127	327
<b>Party Identification</b>						
Dem/Lean Dem	46	76	128	774	45	114
Rep/Lean Rep	69	711	29	444	129	76
Registered Rep/Lean Rep	121	91	104	626	91	118
<b>Political Ideology</b>						
Liberal	66	149	124	614	114	74
Moderate	76	24	134	73	66	212
Conservative	121	104	66	584	127	104
<b>Sex of Respondent</b>						
Male	104	214	124	614	76	244
Female	76	51	98	674	121	211
<b>Age</b>						
18 to 29	124	114	249	414	114	41
30 to 49	104	46	104	584	144	222
50 to 69	84	84	74	74	84	132
70 and older	94	91	104	614	104	117
<b>Gender (for Women)</b>						
Head of Household	124	144	114	584	76	141
Head of Family/Spouse	124	76	124	614	109	47
Married/Spouse	84	76	124	624	119	214
Listen to NPR	74	109	74	714	51	149
<b>Education</b>						
High school or less	24	76	114	744	214	84
Technical school/Some college	124	76	124	614	66	111
College graduate	74	84	98	644	104	104
Postgraduate work	74	124	124	644	24	121
<b>Income</b>						
Less than \$25,000	124	46	144	614	204	47
\$25,000 to \$49,999	84	24	104	674	214	67
\$50,000 to \$74,999	64	84	64	684	104	12
\$75,000 to \$99,999	24	04	144	684	24	29
\$100,000 to \$99,999	74	124	74	684	114	50

NOTE: The Supreme Court recently ruled that political spending by corporations and unions are a form of free speech protected under the First Amendment. This ruling allows corporations, unions, and nonprofits to spend unlimited money for political advertising and the same as their funding."

"Based on what you know about the Supreme Court's decision, would you say you agree or disagree that corporations, unions, and nonprofits should be allowed to spend unlimited and undisclosed contributions for political campaigns, or don't you have an opinion on this issue?"

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Don't know	Number Responded
<b>All US Adults</b>	86	86	118	659	188	787
<b>Marital Status</b>						
Married	24	61	114	644	109	352
Never married	44	114	44	674	109	217
Divorced/separated	124	64	124	564	104	44
<b>Adults in Household</b>						
One	74	44	64	694	104	57
Two	44	64	114	614	109	162
Three or more	74	124	114	614	84	98
<b>Children in Household</b>						
No children	64	64	94	674	76	229
One	124	54	124	524	109	52
Two or more	104	84	124	574	124	44
<b>Religion</b>						
Protestant	94	24	24	624	109	174
Catholic	64	104	214	564	67	144
Other	84	104	104	784	84	142
<b>Years Lived in NJ</b>						
1 year or less	114	144	74	674	84	41
2 to 10 years	44	144	144	684	114	41
11 to 20 years	44	94	224	554	124	74
21 or more years	64	74	74	654	104	102
<b>Region</b>						
Northwest NJ	74	84	94	714	104	24
Western NJ	24	74	104	714	24	44
Central/Lakes	84	24	94	744	124	77
Billsborough County	84	24	104	744	124	149
Southwest	84	94	94	624	124	158
<b>Congressional District</b>						
First Cong. District	64	94	104	584	124	224
Second Cong. District	64	74	114	674	94	224
<b>Executive Council Districts</b>						
1st District	64	54	44	774	44	85
2nd District	84	44	114	654	104	119
3rd District	74	44	64	674	114	89
4th District	64	124	114	574	24	64
5th District	114	94	124	524	144	102

F3

\*Which of the following statements best describes you .. (READ NUMBERS 1 TO 5)

- 1 I will probably NOT vote in the 2012 Presidential Primary election, → SKIPTO GENINT
- 2 I MAY vote in the 2102 Primary election,
- 3 Unless some emergency comes up, I WILL vote in the 2012 Primary election,
- 4 I will DEFINITELY vote in the 2012 Primary election, or
- 5 I just don't know at this time \* → SKIPTO GENINT

99 NA/REFUSED → SKIPTO GENINT

ASK IF REGVOTE = 2, 4, 98, 99

DKPRIM

\*Which Presidential primary election do you think you will vote in, in 2012 ... the Republican Primary or the Democratic Primary?"

- 1 VOTE IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARY – SKIPTO GOPFAV
- 2 VOTE IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY – SKIPTO DEMPRIM
- 3 DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS
- 4 WILL NOT VOTE IN 2008 PRIMARY – SKIPTO GENINT

99 NA / REFUSED - SKIPTO GENINT

DKPRIMP

\*As of RIGHT NOW, which primary do you think you will vote in?"

- 1 VOTE IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARY – SKIPTO GOPFAV
- 2 VOTE IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY – SKIPTO DEMPRIM
- 3 DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS – SKIPTO GENINT

4 WILL NOT VOTE IN 2012 PRIMARY – SKIPTO GENINT

99 NA / REFUSED – SKIPTO GENINT

DEMPRIM

\*Do you plan on voting for Barack Obama in the 2012 New Hampshire Democratic primary or do you plan to vote for another Democratic candidate?"

- 1 WOULD VOTE FOR OBAMA
- 2 WOULD VOTE FOR OTHER CANDIDATE → SPECIFY

97 WILL NOT VOTE  
98 DK / NOT SURE  
99 NA / REFUSED

SKIPTO GENINT

GOPFAV

\*Next, I'd like to get your overall opinion of some REPUBLICANS who are running or may run for President in 2012. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of this person - or if you have never heard of him." "First, how about ... ROTATE GOPFAV1 TO GOPFAV12

GOPFAV1

"Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney"

(READ IF NECESSARY) "Would you say you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of him?"

- 1 FAVORABLE
  - 2 NEITHER FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE - VOLUNTEERED
  - 3 UNFAVORABLE
- 98 DK / NEVER HEARD OF / KNOW TOO LITTLE TO SAY  
99 NA / REFUSED

GOPFAV2

"Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin"

GOPFAV3

"Texas Congressman Ron Paul"

GOPFAV4

"Former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson"

GOPFAV5

"Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich"

GOPFAV6

"Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani"

GOPFAV7

"Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum"

GOPFAV8

"Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann?"

GOPFAV9

"Former U.S. Ambassador to China John Huntsman?"

GOPFAV10

"Texas Governor Rick Perry?"

GOPFAV11

"Businessman Herman Cain?"

GOPFAV12

"Former Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer?" (ROE - mer)

**GOP1**

"Have you definitely decided who you will vote for in the New Hampshire primary ... are you leaning toward someone ... or have you considered some candidates but are still trying to decide?"

- 1 DEFINITELY DECIDED WHO WILL VOTE FOR
- 2 LEANING TOWARD SOMEONE
- 3 STILL TRYING TO DECIDE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

**GOP2**

"I'm going to read you the names of the candidates who are either running or considering running for the Republican nomination if the Republican primary for president were held today, which of the following would you support for the Republican nomination ... Michele Bachmann Herman Cain ... Newt Gingrich ... Rudy Giuliani ... Jon Huntsman Gary Johnson Sarah Palin Ron Paul ... Rick Perry ... Buddy Roemer ... Mitt Romney ... Rick Santorum ... or someone else?" ROTATE CANDIDATES

- 1 MICHELE BACHMANN
- 2 HERMAN CAIN
- 3 NEWT GINGRICH
- 4 RUDY GIULIANI
- 5 JON HUNTSMAN
- 6 GARY JOHNSON
- 7 SARAH PALIN
- 8 RON PAUL
- 9 RICK PERRY
- 10 BUDDY ROEMER
- 11 MITT ROMNEY
- 12 RICK SANTORUM
- 13 OR SOMEONE ELSE - SPECIFY
- 97 WILL NOT VOTE → SKIPTO GENINT
- 98 DK / NOT SURE → SKIPTO GENINT
- 99 NA / REFUSED → SKIPTO GENINT

**GOP3**

"Who is your second choice?" IF NECESSARY, READ LIST AGAIN MINUS FIRST CHOICE.

- 1 MICHELE BACHMANN
- 2 HERMAN CAIN
- 3 NEWT GINGRICH
- 4 RUDY GIULIANI
- 5 JON HUNTSMAN
- 6 GARY JOHNSON
- 7 SARAH PALIN
- 8 RON PAUL
- 9 RICK PERRY
- 10 BUDDY ROEMER
- 11 MITT ROMNEY
- 12 RICK SANTORUM
- 13 OR SOMEONE ELSE - SPECIFY
- 97 NO SECOND CHOICE
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

**GOP4**

"Which of the candidates who are either running or considering running for the Republican nomination would you NOT vote for under any circumstance?"

- 1 MICHELE BACHMANN
- 2 HERMAN CAIN
- 3 NEWT GINGRICH
- 4 RUDY GIULIANI
- 5 JON HUNTSMAN
- 6 GARY JOHNSON
- 7 SARAH PALIN
- 8 RON PAUL
- 9 RICK PERRY
- 10 BUDDY ROEMER
- 11 MITT ROMNEY
- 12 RICK SANTORUM
- 13 OR SOMEONE ELSE - SPECIFY
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

**PRIMWIN**

"Regardless of who you are voting for, which candidate do you think is most likely to win the Republican nomination?"

- 1 MICHELE BACHMANN
- 2 HERMAN CAIN
- 3 NEWT GINGRICH
- 4 RUDY GIULIANI
- 5 JON HUNTSMAN
- 6 GARY JOHNSON
- 7 SARAH PALIN
- 8 RON PAUL
- 9 RICK PERRY
- 10 BUDDY ROEMER
- 11 MITT ROMNEY
- 12 RICK SANTORUM
- 13 OR SOMEONE ELSE - SPECIFY
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

GENWIN

"And regardless of who you are voting for, which candidate do you think has the best chance of defeating President Obama in the 2012 general election?"

- 1 MICHELE BACHMANN
- 2 HERMAN CAIN
- 3 NEWT GINGRICH
- 4 RUDY GIULIANI
- 5 JON HUNTSMAN
- 6 GARY JOHNSON
- 7 SARAH PALIN
- 8 RON PAUL
- 9 RICK PERRY
- 10 BUDDY ROEMER
- 11 MITT ROMNEY
- 12 RICK SANTORUM
- 13 OR SOMEONE ELSE - SPECIFY
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

NOMSTR

"Some Republican voters think it is more important to nominate a candidate that shares their political and social values, while others think it is more important to nominate a candidate that can beat President Obama in the 2012 general election. What about yourself. do you feel it is more important that the Republican nominee shares your political and social values or it is more important that nominee can beat President Obama?" ROTATE RESPONSES

- 1 SHARES VALUES
- 2 ABLE TO BEAT OBAMA
- 3 BOTH EQUALLY IMPORTANT - VOLUNTEERED
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

GENINT

"I know that it is a long way away, but as you know, the next Presidential General Election is being held in 2012. How interested would you say you are in the 2012 Presidential General Election ... extremely interested ...very interested ... somewhat interested ... or not very interested?"

- 1 EXTREMELY INTERESTED
- 2 VERY INTERESTED
- 3 SOMEWHAT INTERESTED
- 4 NOT VERY INTERESTED
- 98 DK (DO NOT PROBE)
- 99 NA

GENLV

"Which of the following statements best describes you ... (READ NUMBERS 1 TO 5)

- 1 I will probably NOT vote in the November 2012 presidential Election. → SKIPTO TPARTY
- 2 I MAY vote in the November 2012 presidential election,
- 3 Unless some emergency comes up, I WILL vote in the November 2012 presidential election,
- 4 I will DEFINITELY vote in the November 2012 presidential election, or
- 5 I just don't know at this time \* → SKIPTO TPARTY
- 99 NA/REFUSED → SKIPTO TPARTY

PRESDC

"I know that it is early, but have you definitely decided who you will vote for in the election for Presidential 2012. are you leaning toward someone ... or have you considered some candidates but are still trying to decide?"

- 1 DEFINITELY DECIDED WHO WILL VOTE FOR
- 2 LEANING TOWARD SOMEONE
- 3 STILL TRYING TO DECIDE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

ROTATE PRES1 TO PRES3

PRES1

"Suppose the 2012 presidential election was being held today and the candidates were Mitt Romney, the Republican, and Barack Obama, the Democrat, who would you vote for?"

ROTATE CANDIDATES

- 1 ROMNEY
- 2 OBAMA
- 3 OTHER - VOLUNTEERED
- 4 WILL NOT VOTE
- 98 DK / UNSURE / UNDECIDED
- 99 NA/REFUSED

PRES2

"Suppose the 2012 presidential election was being held today and the candidates were Ron Paul, the Republican, and Barack Obama, the Democrat, who would you vote for?"

ROTATE CANDIDATES

- 1 PAUL
- 2 OBAMA
- 3 OTHER - VOLUNTEERED
- 4 WILL NOT VOTE
- 98 DK / UNSURE / UNDECIDED
- 99 NA/REFUSED



**PRES3**

"Suppose the 2012 presidential election was being held today and the candidates were Rick Perry, the Republican, and Barack Obama, the Democrat, who would you vote for?"

**ROTATE CANDIDATES**

- 1 PERRY
- 2 OBAMA
- 3 OTHER - VOLUNTEERED
- 4 WILL NOT VOTE
- 98 DK / UNSURE / UNDECIDED
- 99 NA/REFUSED

**UNHSC**

**TPARTY**

"Overall would you say you support the political movement known as the Tea Party, you oppose the Tea Party, or that you neither support nor oppose it?"

IF NEITHER / DK: "Would you say you lean towards supporting or opposing the Tea Party movement?"

- 1 SUPPORT TEA PARTY
- 2 LEAN - SUPPORT
- 3 NEITHER SUPPORT OR OPPOSE
- 4 LEAN - OPPOSE
- 5 OPPOSE TEA PARTY
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

**ACR1**

"Turning to some other questions about government and politics."

"There are many problems facing the country today. Overall, how confident would you say you are that President Obama and Congress are able to work together to solve the country's problems? Would you say you are very confident ... somewhat confident ... not very confident ... or not confident at all?"

- 1 VERY CONFIDENT
- 2 SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT
- 3 NOT VERY CONFIDENT
- 4 NOT CONFIDENT AT ALL
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

**ACR2**

"How much influence do you think that people like yourself have on what the federal government does? Would you say you have a lot of influence ... some influence ... not much influence ... or no influence at all?"

- 1 A LOT OF INFLUENCE
- 2 SOME INFLUENCE
- 3 NOT MUCH INFLUENCE
- 4 NO INFLUENCE AT ALL
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

**ACR3**

"Generally speaking, do you think members of Congress are more interested in serving the people they represent, or do you think are more interested in serving special interest groups or don't you have an opinion on this?"

**ROTATE RESPONSES**

- 1 PEOPLE THEY REPRESENT
- 2 SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
- 98 DK / NOT SURE / NO OPINION
- 99 NA / REFUSED

**ACR4**

"How much influence do you think that political contributions or donations have on what the federal government does? Would you say it has a lot of influence ... some influence ... not much influence ... no influence at all or don't you have an opinion on this?"

- 1 A LOT OF INFLUENCE
- 2 SOME INFLUENCE
- 3 NOT MUCH INFLUENCE
- 4 NO INFLUENCE AT ALL
- 98 DK / NOT SURE / NO OPINION
- 99 NA / REFUSED

**ACR5**

"Would you say you agree or disagree that special interest groups hinder Congress' effort to address the country's long-term debt and fiscal issues ... would you say you strongly agree ... somewhat agree ... somewhat disagree ... or strongly disagree?"

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 98 DK / NOT SURE / NO OPINION
- 99 NA / REFUSED

**ACR6**

"As you may know, the Supreme Court recently ruled that political spending by corporations and unions are a form of free speech protected under the First Amendment. This ruling allows corporations, unions, and non-profit groups to spend unlimited money for election purposes and political advertising without disclosing the source of their funding."

"Based on what you know about the Supreme Court's decision, would you say you agree or disagree that corporations, unions, and non-profits should be allowed to spend unlimited and undisclosed contributions for political campaigns, or don't you have an opinion on this issue?"

IF AGREE/DISAGREE: "Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 3 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 98 DK / NOT SURE / NO OPINION
- 99 NA / REFUSED

ACR7

"Would you support or oppose a law that would require corporations, unions, and non-profit groups to disclose their sources of spending when they participate in elections or don't you have an opinion on this?"

"Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 4 STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 98 DK / NOT SURE / NO OPINION
- 99 NA / REFUSED

ACR8

"Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for President or Congress in the 2012 election that supported a law that would require corporations, unions, and non-profit groups to disclose their sources of spending when they participate in elections or don't you have an opinion on this?"

- 1 MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT
- 2 LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT
- 3 NO EFFECT - VOLUNTEERED
- 98 DK / NOT SURE / NO OPINION
- 99 NA / REFUSED

ACR9

"Now I'm going to read you a description of a specific proposal that would change the way elections are funded. Under this plan, candidates for Congress could run for office without raising large campaign contributions from private donors. Instead, they would collect a large number of contributions from their home state up to a maximum of \$100 per person, matched on a five-to-one basis by public funds to run their campaign."

"Based on what you have heard, would you say you would support or oppose this proposal, or don't you have an opinion on this?"

"Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 4 STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 98 DK / NOT SURE / NO OPINION
- 99 NA / REFUSED

ACR10

"Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for President or Congress in the 2012 election that supported a proposal such as the one I just described?"

IF ASKED TO REREAD PROPOSAL: "Under this plan, candidates for Congress could run for office without raising large campaign contributions from private donors. Instead, they would collect a large number of contributions from their home state up to a maximum of \$100 per person, matched on a five-to-one basis by public funds to run their campaign."

- 1 MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT
- 2 LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT
- 3 NO EFFECT - VOLUNTEERED
- 98 DK / NOT SURE / NO OPINION
- 99 NA / REFUSED

NP1

"Let's change the subject again."

"How familiar are you with an electrical transmission project called the Northern Pass project? Would you say you are very familiar with it ... somewhat familiar ... not very familiar ... or not at all familiar?"

- 1 VERY FAMILIAR
- 2 SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR
- 3 NOT VERY FAMILIAR
- 4 NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR → SKIPTO NP3
- 98 DON'T KNOW/NEVER HEARD OF (VOLUNTEERED) → SKIPTO NP3
- 99 NA/REFUSED → SKIPTO NP3

NP2

"Based on what you have seen or heard, would you say you support or oppose the Northern Pass project?"

"Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 NEUTRAL/DON'T KNOW/DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY (VOLUNTEERED)
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 99 NA/REFUSED

NP3

"The Northern Pass project will run along a 140 mile transmission line from Canada through the middle of New Hampshire. Opponents of the plan say that the project will harm the landscape of northern New Hampshire and hurt tourism. Supporters of the plan say the project may reduce electric rates for New Hampshire by as much as 10%. Would you say you agree or disagree that the potential reduction in electric rates is worth the harm to the landscape and tourism in northern New Hampshire, or don't you know enough about this to say?"

- 1 AGREE, WORTH THE COSTS
- 2 DISAGREE, NOT WORTH THE COSTS
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

NP4

"In order to develop the Northern Pass project, it may be necessary to take some private land by eminent domain. Would you say you favor or oppose the use of eminent domain in the Northern Pass project?"

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSE
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

NP5

"Would you say you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Public Service of New Hampshire, also known as PSNH, or don't you know enough about it to say?"

- 1 FAVORABLE
- 2 NEITHER FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE - VOLUNTEERED
- 3 UNFAVORABLE
- 98 DK / NEVER HEARD OF / KNOW TOO LITTLE TO SAY
- 99 NA / REFUSED

GM1

"On another topic ... as you may know, New Hampshire legalized marriage between gay and lesbian couples in 2009. Recently, there has been an effort in the State Legislature to repeal this law. Would you say you support or oppose the effort to repeal legalized gay marriage in New Hampshire?"

IF SUPPORT: "Do you strongly support this or just somewhat?"  
IF OPPOSE: "Do you strongly oppose this or just somewhat?"

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 NEUTRAL/DON'T KNOW → SKIPTO GM3
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE → SKIPTO GM2B
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE → SKIPTO GM2B

\* 99 NA/REFUSED → SKIPTO GM3

GM2A

"Would you be more or less likely to vote for your state senator or representative if they voted AGAINST repealing legalized marriage between gay and lesbian couples in New Hampshire, or would it have no effect on your vote?"

- 1 MORE LIKELY
- 2 LESS LIKELY
- 3 NO EFFECT

98 DK / NOT SURE  
99 NA / REFUSED

SKIPTO GM3

GM2B

"Would you be more or less likely to vote for your state senator or representative if they voted IN FAVOR of repealing legalized marriage between gay and lesbian couples in New Hampshire, or would it have no effect on your vote?"

- 1 MORE LIKELY
- 2 LESS LIKELY
- 3 NO EFFECT

98 DK / NOT SURE  
99 NA / REFUSED

GM3

"What kind of impact do you think that legalizing marriage between gay and lesbian couples has had in New Hampshire ... do you think it has had a major impact on the state ... a minor impact ... or not impact at all?"

- 1 MAJOR IMPACT
- 2 MINOR IMPACT
- 3 NO IMPACT AT ALL

98 DK / NOT SURE  
99 NA / REFUSED

GM4

"Now thinking about your personal life ... do you think that legalizing marriage between gay and lesbian couples has had a major impact on YOU ... a minor impact ... or not impact at all?"

- 1 MAJOR IMPACT
- 2 MINOR IMPACT
- 3 NO IMPACT AT ALL

98 DK / NOT SURE  
99 NA / REFUSED

GM5

"On a related topic... would you support or oppose a law that would protect transgendered individuals from discrimination, or do you feel you don't know enough about this issue to say?"

IF ASKED "Transgendered is someone who is born into one sex but identifies themselves as the opposite sex."

IF SUPPORT: "Do you strongly support this or just somewhat?"  
IF OPPOSE: "Do you strongly oppose this or just somewhat?"

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
- 3 NEUTRAL/DON'T KNOW
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE

\* 99 NA/REFUSED

UNHSC  
D1

"Now, a few final questions ..."

"Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?"

- 1 MARRIED (INCLUDE COMMON LAW MARRIAGE & SPOUSE AWAY IN MILITARY)
- 2 WIDOWED
- 3 DIVORCED
- 4 SEPARATED
- 5 NEVER MARRIED (INCLUDING ANNULMENTS)
- 6 LIVING TOGETHER NOT MARRIED (VOLUNTEERED)
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
D2

"Are you or any other person in your household a member of a labor union?"

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- \* 98 DK (DO NOT PROBE)
- 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
D3

"What is the highest grade in school, or level of education that you've completed and got credit for ..." [READ RESPONSES]

- 1 "Eighth grade or less,
- 2 Some high school,
- 3 High school graduate, (INCLUDES G.E.D.)
- 4 Technical school,
- 5 Some college,
- 6 College graduate,
- 7 Or postgraduate work?"
- \* 98 DK (DO NOT PROBE)
- 99 NA / REFUSED

NEWS2

"Do you subscribe to or regularly read ..."

(READ LIST AND CHECK ALL SAY YES TO)

- 1 The Union Leader or the New Hampshire Sunday News?"
- 2 The Boston Globe?"
- 3 NONE OF THE ABOVE

NEWS3

"How often, if ever, do you watch WMUR, Channel 9 News? Would you say everyday ... several times a week ... occasionally or never?"

- 1 EVERYDAY
- 2 SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK
- 3 OCCASIONALLY
- 4 NEVER
- 98 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 99 NA/REFUSED

NEWS4

"How often, if ever, do you listen to New Hampshire Public Radio? Would you say everyday ... several times a week ... occasionally or never?"

- 1 EVERYDAY
- 2 SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK
- 3 OCCASIONALLY
- 4 NEVER
- 98 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 99 NA/REFUSED

UNHSC

D4

"GENERALLY SPEAKING, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?"

(IF REPUBLICAN): "Would you call yourself a STRONG Republican or a NOT VERY STRONG Republican?"

(IF DEMOCRAT): "Would you call yourself a STRONG Democrat or a NOT VERY STRONG Democrat?"

(IF INDEPENDENT, NO PREFERENCE, OR OTHER): "Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or to the Democratic party?"

- 1 STRONG DEMOCRAT
- 2 NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT
- 3 INDEPENDENT, BUT CLOSER TO DEMOCRATS
- 4 INDEPENDENT—CLOSER TO NEITHER
- 5 INDEPENDENT, BUT CLOSER TO REPUBLICANS
- 6 NOT VERY STRONG REPUBLICAN
- 7 STRONG REPUBLICAN
- 8 OTHER PARTY

- \* 99 DK / NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
VOTEHIST

"Now, please think about elections you have voted in over the last five years . . . including local, state, and national elections. Would you say you have voted for more Democrats . . . more Republicans . . . or that you have voted for almost exactly the same number of each?"

IF DEMOCRATS--"Have you voted only for Democrats, mostly for Democrats, or for slightly more Democrats than Republicans?"

IF REPUBLICANS--"Have you voted only for Republicans, mostly for Republicans, or for slightly more Republicans than Democrats?"

- 1 ONLY DEMOCRATS
- 2 MOSTLY DEMOCRATS
- 3 SLIGHTLY MORE DEMOCRATS
- 4 ALMOST SAME DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS
- 5 SLIGHTLY MORE REPUBLICANS
- 6 MOSTLY REPUBLICANS
- 7 ONLY REPUBLICANS
  
- 98 DK
- 99 NA

UNHSC  
VOTE08

"Think back to the election for President in 2008. Did you vote John McCain, Barack Obama, someone else, or did you skip that election?"

- 1 JOHN MCCAIN - REPUBLICAN
- 2 BARACK OBAMA - DEMOCRAT
- 3 OTHER
  
- 97 DID NOT VOTE
  
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
D5

"We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. What about yourself--that is, in politics, do you generally think of yourself as a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?" (PROBE: "In general . . .")

(IF LIBERAL): "Would you say you are EXTREMELY liberal, FAIRLY liberal, or just SOMEWHAT liberal?"

(IF CONSERVATIVE): "Would you say you are EXTREMELY conservative, FAIRLY conservative, or just SOMEWHAT conservative?"

(IF MODERATE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD): "Would you say that you LEAN a little more toward the LIBERAL side or the CONSERVATIVE side?"

- 1 EXTREMELY LIBERAL
- 2 FAIRLY LIBERAL
- 3 SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
- 4 MODERATE--LEANS LIBERAL
- 5 MODERATE--LEANS NEITHER
- 6 MODERATE--LEANS CONSERVATIVE
- 7 SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
- 8 FAIRLY CONSERVATIVE
- 9 EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE
  
- 97 REFUSED
- 98 DK (PROBE: "In general . . .")
- 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
D6

"On another topic: What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?"

- 1 PROTESTANT
- 2 CATHOLIC
- 3 JEWISH
- 4 NONE, NO RELIGION
- 5 OTHER (SPECIFY)
  
- 97 REFUSED
- 98 DON'T KNOW / NOT SURE
- 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
EVAN

"Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian?"

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
- 99 NA/REFUSED

## UNHSC

D7

"How often do you attend religious services apart from occasional weddings, baptisms, or funerals ... more than once a week ... once a week ... once or twice a month ... a few times a year ... or never?"

- 1 MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK
- 2 ONCE A WEEK
- 3 ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH
- 4 A FEW TIMES A YEAR
- 5 NEVER
- 98 DK (DO NOT PROBE)
- 99 NA

## UNHSC

ABORT

"Which of the following statements BEST represents your position on abortion ... abortions should be legal in ALL circumstances ... abortion should be legal in limited circumstances, such as in cases of rape or incest or when the mother's life is in danger ... or, abortion should not be legal in ANY circumstance?" (ROTATE ANSWER OPTIONS)

- 1 LEGAL IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES
- 2 LEGAL IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES
- 3 NOT LEGAL IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE
- 98 DK/NOT SURE (DO NOT PROBE)
- 99 NA / REFUSED

## UNHSC

D8

"What is your current age?"

\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ (RECORD EXACT NUMBER OF YEARS OLD -- E.G., 45)  
 \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_

- 96 NINETY-SIX YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
- 97 REFUSED
- 98 DK
- 99 NA

## UNHSC

D9

"How many years have you lived in the State of New Hampshire?"

IF "ALL MY LIFE" ASK - "About how many years is that?"

RECORD EXACT NUMBER OF YEARS OF RESIDENCE

- 1 ONE YEAR OR LESS
- 96 96 YEARS OF MORE
- 97 REFUSED
- 98 DK
- 99 NA

## UNHSC

MVFROM

"Have you always lived in New Hampshire or did you move here from another state?"

IF MOVED HERE ASK - "What state did you move here from?"

ENTER STATE NUMBER

95 ALWAYS LIVED IN NH → SKIPTO D10  
 96 CANADA  
 97 OTHER COUNTRY

- 98 DON'T KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

## UNHSC

MVTONHI

"What year did you move to New Hampshire?"

ENTER LAST TWO DIGITS OF YEAR RESPONDENT SAYS.

EXAMPLE 1965 ENTER "65"  
 EXAMPLE 2004 ENTER "04"

- 998 DON'T KNOW
- 999 NA/REFUSED

## UNHSC

D10

"How many of the persons who CURRENTLY live in your household are under 18 years of age, including babies and small children?"

- 0 NONE
- 1 ONE
- 2 TWO
- 3 THREE
- 4 FOUR
- 5 FIVE
- 6 SIX
- 7 SEVEN OR MORE

- 98 DK
- 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

D11

"Including yourself, how many adults CURRENTLY live in your household?"

- 1 ONE
- 2 TWO
- 3 THREE
- 4 FOUR
- 5 FIVE
- 6 SIX
- 7 SEVEN OR MORE
- 98 DK
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC  
EMPLOY

"Which of the following best describes your current employment status ... Are you currently ...

READ RESPONSES. IF R GIVES 2 RESPONSES, ENTER LOWER NUMBER

- 1 Employed full-time,
- 2 Employed part-time,
- 3 Self-employed,
- 4 Retired and not working,
- 5 Unemployed and looking for work,
- 6 Homemaker,
- 7 Disabled, or a
- 8 Student?"
- 98 DK / NOT SURE (DO NOT PROBE)
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

D13

"How much TOTAL income did you and your family receive in 2010, not just from wages or salaries but from ALL sources -- that is, before taxes and other deductions were made? Was it ... (READ CATEGORIES)

- |   | <u>ANNUAL/MONTHLY EQUIVALENT</u> |                   |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Less than \$15,000,              | LESS THAN \$1,250 |
| 2 | \$15,000 - \$29,999,             | \$1,250 - \$2,499 |
| 3 | \$30,000 - \$44,999,             | \$2,500 - \$3,749 |
| 4 | \$45,000 - \$59,999,             | \$3,750 - \$4,999 |
| 5 | \$60,000 - \$74,999,             | \$5,000 - \$6,249 |
| 6 | \$75,000 - \$99,999, or          | \$6,250 - \$8,333 |
| 7 | \$100,000 and over?"             | \$8,334 AND OVER  |

UNHSC

D14

"Not counting business lines, extension phones, or cellular phones -- on how many different telephone NUMBERS can your household be reached?"

- 1 ONE
- 2 TWO
- 3 THREE
- 4 FOUR
- 5 FIVE
- 6 SIX
- 7 SEVEN OR MORE
- 8 INTERVIEW CONDUCTED ON CELL PHONE
- 98 DK
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

UNHSC

Q-CONTACT

"We are looking for survey participants who are willing to be contacted again in the future for other surveys as your opinions are of great value to our researchers and provide guidance to policy makers."

"Would you be willing to be contacted for a future interview?"

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

IF (ANSWER = 2)SKIPTO END

Q-PHONECHK

"In order to keep in touch in the future, I need to confirm your phone number. Is \_\_\_\_\_ the best number to reach you?"

- 1 YES - BEST NUMBER/CORRECT
- 2 NO - COLLECT BEST NUMBER
- 99 REFUSED

Q-WEBPANEL

"The UNH Survey Center sometimes works with other colleges and universities to conduct academic surveys and polls on a variety of topics. We're working to gather a group of people who might participate in some of this research by occasionally completing surveys online."

"If you are willing to help with this kind of study, we will ask for your email address. We would only use this email to contact you about academic projects and we would not share your email with anyone other than our partner universities. Of course, you are not obligated to participate in any study that you don't want to and we will remove your email from our list upon request."

"Are you willing to receive email invitations to participate in future projects?"

"There may be incentives offered for participation in some of these studies."

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

IF (ANSWER = 2)SKIPTO ADDRESS

Q:EMAIL2

"Great, we appreciate your help. Could I please have your email address?"

Q:ADDRESS

"In order to keep in touch in the future, I need to confirm the spelling of your name and your address."

Q:END

"Thank you for your time and participation. Your input has been very valuable. Goodbye."



# Committee Report

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**SENATE**  
**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**

Date: May 2, 2012

**THE COMMITTEE ON Public and Municipal Affairs**

to which was referred House Bill 1704-FN

**AN ACT** relative to limits on political contributions and relative to reporting by political committees.

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

**OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

**BY A VOTE OF: 4-0**

**AMENDMENT # 1968s**

**Senator David R. Boutin**  
**For the Committee**

**Debra Martone 271-3092**

## New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

**Docket of HB1704**

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** relative to limits on political contributions and relative to reporting by political committees.*Official Docket of HB1704:*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Body</b>	<b>Description</b>
1/4/2012	H	<b>Introduced</b> 1/4/2012 and Referred to Election Law; <b>HJ 7</b> , PG.364
2/8/2012	H	Public Hearing: 2/14/2012 1:30 PM LOB 308
2/15/2012	H	Executive Session: 2/21/2012 1:00 PM LOB 308
2/21/2012	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass for Mar 7 (Vote 17-2; CC); <b>HC 18</b> , PG.1064-1065
3/7/2012	H	Ought to Pass: MA VV; <b>HJ 21</b> , PG.1302
3/28/2012	S	Introduced and Referred to Public and Municipal Affairs
4/11/2012	S	Hearing: 4/17/12, Room 101, LOB, 10:45 a.m.; <b>SC15</b>
5/3/2012	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment # <b>2012-1968s</b> , NT, 5/9/12; <b>SC18</b>
5/9/2012	S	Sen. Bradley Moved Laid on Table
5/9/2012	S	Sen. Bradley Withdrew Motion to Lay on Table
5/9/2012	S	Committee Amendment 1968s; AF, VV
5/9/2012	S	Ought to Pass Not Voted On
5/9/2012	S	Sen. Bradley Moved Laid on Table, MA, VV
5/16/2012	S	Sen. Bradley Moved Remove From Table, MA, VV
5/16/2012	S	Sen. D'Allesandro Moved Laid On Table, MF, VV
5/16/2012	S	Sen. Barnes Floor Amendment # <b>2012-2329s</b> , NT, <b>RC 16Y-6N</b> , AA
5/16/2012	S	Sen. Merrill Floor Amendment # <b>2012-2331s</b> , NT, <b>RC 4Y-18N</b> , AF
5/16/2012	S	<b>Ought to Pass with Amendment 2329s</b> , NT, MA, <b>RC 16Y-6N</b> ; OT3rdg
5/17/2012	H	House Non-Concurs with Senate AM #2329s(NT) and Requests C of C (Rep E.Hogan): MA VV; <b>HJ 46</b> , PG.2489
5/17/2012	H	Speaker Appoints: Reps Bates, Byrne, Birdsell, Gimás; <b>HJ 46</b> , PG.2489
5/23/2012	S	Sen. Barnes Accedes to House Request for Committee of Conference ; MA, VV
5/23/2012	S	President Appoints: Senators Barnes, Forrester, and Merrill
5/25/2012	H	Conference Committee Meeting: 5/29/2012 3:00 PM LOB 308
5/31/2012	S	Conference Committee Report; Not Signed Off

NH House

NH Senate

# Other Referrals

# COMMITTEE REPORT FILE INVENTORY

HB 1764-FN ORIGINAL REFERRAL \_\_\_\_\_ RE-REFERRAL

1. THIS INVENTORY IS TO BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE COMMITTEE AIDE AND PLACED INSIDE THE FOLDER AS THE FIRST ITEM IN THE COMMITTEE FILE.
2. PLACE ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE FOLDER FOLLOWING THE INVENTORY IN THE ORDER LISTED.
3. THE DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE AN "X" BESIDE THEM ARE CONFIRMED AS BEING IN THE FOLDER.
4. THE COMPLETED FILE IS THEN DELIVERED TO THE CALENDAR CLERK.

DOCKET (Submit only the latest docket found in Bill Status)

COMMITTEE REPORT

CALENDAR NOTICE

HEARING REPORT

HANDOUTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING

PREPARED TESTIMONY AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS

SIGN-UP SHEET(S)

ALL AMENDMENTS (passed or not) CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE:

- AMENDMENT # 1968s       - AMENDMENT # 1676s  
 - AMENDMENT # 1898s      \_\_\_\_\_ - AMENDMENT # \_\_\_\_\_

ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL:

AS INTRODUCED      \_\_\_\_\_ AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE  
\_\_\_\_\_ FINAL VERSION       AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER (Anything else deemed important but not listed above, such as amended fiscal notes): AMENDED FISCAL NOTE 05/23/12

DATE DELIVERED TO SENATE CLERK

06/29/12

Debra A. Mantone  
By COMMITTEE AIDE