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HB 138 - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

138

AN ACT permitting a town that has adopted official ballot voting to use a topical description of the substance of a warrant article on the official ballot.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cushing, Rock 21; Rep. Muns, Rock 21; Rep. Andrews-Ahearn, Rock 37; Rep. F. Rice, Rock 21; Rep. Emerick, Rock 21; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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5 concerning any appropriation or appropriation as amended.

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7 inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

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9 first session, shall be placed on file and made available to the public at the office of the clerk of the
10 political subdivision not later than one week prior to the date of the second session of the annual
11 meeting. An official copy of the warrant shall be on display for the voters at the meeting place on the
12 date of the meeting.

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17 presented to the voters by including the following question on the official ballot as prepared by the
18 clerk of the political subdivision:

19 "Are you in favor of the warrant as proposed by the selectmen?" In the event that there shall be
20 more than a single proposed warrant to be submitted to the voters at any given meeting, the issue as
21 to the several warrants shall be put in the following manner: "Are you in favor of the adoption of
22 Warrant No. ____ as proposed by the selectmen as follows: (Here insert topical description of
23 substance of warrant.)?" If such action is to be taken at a meeting other than the one at which
24 officers are to be elected, the clerk shall prepare a special ballot containing the question or questions
25 above stated, and the meeting shall open not later than noon and shall remain open at least 8 hours.
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28 question to the voters under this section, there shall be 2 squares printed after the question, one
29 with the word "yes" beside it and another with the word "no" beside it.

30 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Amendments

Amendment to HB 138

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

2
3 AN ACT permitting a town that has adopted official ballot voting to use a topical
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Speakers

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Bill # HB 138 Date Jan 24, 2013
Committee MCG

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Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB138

BILL TITLE: permitting a town that has adopted official ballot voting to use a topical description of the substance of a warrant article on the official ballot.

DATE: January 24, 2013

LOB ROOM: 301 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:15 am

Time Adjourned: 11:30 am

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. ~~Porter~~, ~~Tatro~~, ~~Hooper~~, ~~Roberts~~, ~~Malloy~~, ~~Carson~~, ~~Lavender~~, Enman, S. ~~White~~, ~~Verschueren~~, ~~Vail~~, ~~Stroud~~, ~~Shackett~~, ~~Danielson~~, ~~Coffey~~, ~~Belanger~~, ~~Lockwood~~, Bickford, ~~Copeland~~ and Bishop.

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Time Adjourned:

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Bickford, David		Bishop, Franklin		Carson, Clyde	X
Coffey, James	X	Copeland, Timothy	X	Danielson, David	X
Enman, Larry		Hooper, Dorothea	X	Lavender, Tom	X
Lockwood, Priscilla	X	Malloy, Dennis	X	Roberts, Kris	X
Shackett, Jeff	X	Stroud, Kathleen	X	Vail, Suzanne	
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TITLE III

TOWNS, CITIES, VILLAGE DISTRICTS, AND UNINCORPORATED PLACES

CHAPTER 40

GOVERNMENT OF TOWN MEETING

Optional Form of Meeting--Official Ballot Referenda

Section 40:13

40:13 Use of Official Ballot. –

I. Notwithstanding RSA 39:3-d, RSA 40:4-e, or any other provision of law, any local political subdivision as defined in RSA 40:12 which has adopted this subdivision shall utilize the official ballot for voting on all issues before the voters.

II. The warrant for any annual meeting shall prescribe the place, day and hour for each of 2 separate sessions of the meeting, and notice shall be given as otherwise provided in this section. Final budgets and ballot questions shall be printed in the annual report made available to the legislative body at least one week before the date of the second session of the annual meeting.

II-a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all local political subdivisions which adopt this subdivision, who have not adopted an April or May election date under RSA 40:14, X, shall comply with the following schedule pertaining to notice, petitioned articles, hearings, and warrants for the annual meeting:

(a) The final date for posting notice of budget hearings under RSA 32:5 and RSA 195:12 and hearings under RSA 33:8-a shall be the second Tuesday in January.

(b) The "budget submission date" as defined in RSA 273-A:1, III and the final date for submission of petitioned articles under RSA 39:3 and RSA 197:6 shall be the second Tuesday in January.

(c) Budget hearings under RSA 32:5 and RSA 195:12 and hearings under RSA 33:8-a and RSA 675:3 shall be held on or before the third Tuesday in January. One or more supplemental budget hearings may be held at any time before the first session of the annual meeting, subject to the 7-day notice requirement in RSA 32:5. If the first hearing or any supplemental hearing is recessed to a later date or time, additional notice shall not be required for a supplemental session if the date, time, and place of the supplemental session are made known at the original hearing.

(d) Warrants under RSA 39:5 and RSA 197:7 and budgets shall be posted and copies available to the general public on or before the last Monday in January.

II-b. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all political subdivisions which hold their annual meetings in April shall comply with the following schedule pertaining to notice, petitioned articles, hearings, and warrants for the annual meeting.

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II-c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all political subdivisions which hold their annual meetings in May shall comply with the following schedule pertaining to notice, petitioned articles, hearings, and warrants for the annual meeting:

(a) The final date for posting notice of budget hearings under RSA 32:5 and RSA 195:12 and hearings under RSA 33:8-a shall be the second Tuesday in March.

(b) The "budget submission date" as defined in RSA 273-A:1, III and the final date for submission of petitioned articles under RSA 39:3 and RSA 197:6 shall be the second Tuesday in March.

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(d) Warrants under RSA 39:5 and RSA 197:7 and budgets shall be posted and copies available to the general public on or before the last Monday in March.

II-d. The voter checklist shall be updated in accordance with RSA 669:5 for each session of the annual meeting.

III. The first session of the annual meeting, which shall be for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot, shall be held between the first and second Saturdays following the last Monday in January, inclusive of those Saturdays; between the first and second Saturdays following the last Monday in February, inclusive of those Saturdays; or between the first and second Saturdays following the last Monday in March, inclusive of those Saturdays at a time prescribed by the local political subdivision's governing body.

IV. The first session of the meeting, governed by the provisions of RSA 40:4, 40:4-a, 40:4-b, 40:4-f, and 40:6-40:10, shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. A vote to restrict reconsideration shall be deemed to prohibit any further action on the restricted article until the second session, and RSA 40:10, II shall not apply. Warrant articles may be amended at the first session, subject to the following limitations:

(a) Warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.

(b) Warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

(c) No warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article. An amendment that changes the dollar amount of an appropriation in a warrant article shall not be deemed to violate this subparagraph.

V. [Repealed.]

[Paragraph V-a effective until July 1, 2013; see also paragraph V-a set out below.]

V-a. Any town may vote to require that all votes by an advisory budget committee, a town budget committee, and the governing body or, in towns without a budget committee, all votes of the governing body relative to budget items or any warrant articles or ballot questions shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article or on the ballot next to the affected ballot question. If a town has not voted to require such tallies to be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article or on the ballot next to the affected ballot question, the governing body may do so on its own initiative.

[Paragraph V-a effective July 1, 2013; see also paragraph V-a set out above.]

V-a. The legislative body of any town, school district, or village district may vote to require that all votes by an advisory budget committee, a town, school district, or village district budget committee, and the governing body or, in towns, school districts, or village districts without a budget committee, all votes of the governing body relative to budget items or any warrant articles or ballot questions shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town, school district, or village district warrant next to the affected warrant article or on the ballot next to the affected ballot question. Unless the legislative body has voted otherwise, if a town or school district has not voted to require such tallies to be printed in the town or school district warrant next to the affected warrant article or on the ballot next to the affected ballot question, the governing body may do so on its own initiative.

VI. All warrant articles shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote, including warrant articles as amended by the first session. All special warrant articles shall be accompanied on the ballot by recommendations as required by RSA 32:5, V, concerning any appropriation or appropriation as amended.

VII. The second session of the annual meeting, to elect officers of the local political subdivision by official ballot, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot, and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot, shall be held on the second Tuesday in March, the second Tuesday in April, or the second Tuesday in May, as applicable. Notwithstanding RSA 669:1, 670:1, or 671:2, the second session shall be deemed the annual election date for purposes of all applicable election statutes including, but not limited to, RSA 669:5, 669:19, 669:30, 670:3, 670:4, 670:11, 671:15, 671:19, and 671:30 through 32; and votes on zoning ordinances, historic district ordinances, and building codes under RSA 675.

VIII. The clerk of the local political subdivision shall prepare an official ballot, which may be separate from the official ballot used to elect officers, for all warrant articles. Wording shall be substantively the same as the main motion, as it was made or amended at the first session, with only such minor textual changes as may be required to cast the motion in the form of a question to the voters.

IX. (a) "Operating budget" as used in this subdivision means "budget," as defined in RSA 32:3, III, exclusive of "special warrant articles," as defined in RSA 32:3, VI, and exclusive of other appropriations voted separately.

(b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

X. If no operating budget article is adopted, the local political subdivision either shall be deemed to have approved the default budget or the governing body may hold a special meeting pursuant to paragraph XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only; provided that RSA 31:5 and RSA 197:3 shall not apply to such a special meeting. If no operating budget article is adopted the estimated revenues shall nevertheless be deemed to have been approved.

XI. (a) The default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing held pursuant to RSA 32:5 or RSA 197:6. The governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, shall complete a default budget form created by the department of revenue administration to demonstrate how the default budget amount was calculated. The form and associated calculations shall, at a minimum, include the following:

- (1) Appropriations contained in the previous year's operating budget;
- (2) Reductions and increases to the previous year's operating budget; and
- (3) One-time expenditures as defined under subparagraph IX(b).

(b) This amount shall not be amended by the legislative body. However, this amount may be adjusted by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, acting on relevant new information at any time before the ballots are printed, provided the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, completes an amended default budget form.

(c) The wording of the second session ballot question concerning the operating budget shall be as follows:

"Shall the (local political subdivision) raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ _____? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$ _____, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the (local political subdivision) or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only."

XII. Voting at the second session shall conform to the procedures for the nonpartisan ballot system as set forth in RSA 669:19-29, RSA 670:5-7 and RSA 671:20-30, including all requirements pertaining to absentee voting, polling place, and polling hours.

XIII. Approval of all warrant articles shall be by simple majority except for questions which require a 2/3 vote by law, contract, or written agreement.

XIV. Votes taken at the second session shall be subject to recount under RSA 669:30-33 and RSA 40:4-c.

XV. Votes taken at the second session shall not be reconsidered.

XVI. The warrant for any special meeting shall prescribe the date, place and hour for both a first and second session. The second session shall be warned for a date not fewer than 28 days nor more than 60 days following the first session. The first and second sessions shall conform to the provisions of this subdivision pertaining to the first and second sessions of annual meetings. Special meetings shall be subject to RSA 31:5, 39:3, 195:13, 197:2, and 197:3, provided that no more than one special meeting may be held to raise and appropriate money for the same question or issue in any one calendar year or fiscal year, whichever applies, and further provided that any special meeting held pursuant to paragraphs X and XI shall not be subject to RSA 31:5 and RSA 197:3 and shall not be counted toward the number of special meetings which may be held in a given calendar or fiscal year.

XVII. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the sole purpose of a special meeting is to consider the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance, or building code pursuant to RSA 675, the meeting shall consist of only one session, which shall be for voting by official ballot on the proposed ordinance, code, amendment, or repeal. The warrant for the meeting shall be posted in accordance with RSA 39:5. This paragraph shall not apply to a special meeting for consideration of the adoption of an emergency temporary zoning and planning ordinance pursuant to RSA 675:4-a.

Source. 1995, 164:1, eff. July 31, 1995. 1996, 276:1, 2, eff. June 10, 1996. 1997, 318:4, 5, 12, eff. Aug. 22, 1997. 1999, 86:1-3, eff. Aug. 2, 1999. 2000, 16:2, 3, 4, 5, eff. April 30, 2000. 2001, 71:5-7, eff. July 1, 2001. 2004, 219:1, eff. Aug. 10, 2004. 2007, 305:2, eff. Sept. 11, 2007. 2009, 2:2, eff. Feb. 20, 2009. 2010, 69:1, eff. July 18, 2010; 90:2-4, eff. July 24, 2010. 2011, 1:1, eff. Feb. 4, 2011; 57:1, eff. May 9, 2011. 2012, 217:2, eff. July 1, 2013.

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Voting Sheets

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Amendments:

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

Moved by Rep. Stroud

Seconded by Rep. Danielson

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

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

Moved by Rep. Tatro

Seconded by Rep. Danielson

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

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: YES NO (Please circle one)

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

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. J. Belanger Clerk

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Report

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MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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PH Date: 24 / Jan / 2013

Exec Session Date: 30 / JAN / 2013

Motion: OTB

Amendment #: 0059 H

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Porter, Marjorie A, Chairman	✓	
Tatro, Bruce L, V Chairman	✓	
Roberts, Kris E		
Hooper, Dorothea D	✓	
Carson, Clyde J	✓	
Enman, Larry S		
Lavender, Tom	✓	
Malloy, Dennis J	✓	
Vail, Suzanne M	✓	
Verschueren, James	✓	
White, Syndi G		
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Lockwood, Priscilla P	✓	
Belanger, James P, Clerk	✓	
Coffey, James E	✓	
Copeland, Timothy D	✓	
Shackett, Jeffrey S	✓	
Bishop, Franklin C		
Bickford, David A	✓	
Danielson, David J	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:		

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Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Porter, Marjorie A, Chairman	✓	
Tatro, Bruce L, V Chairman	✓	
Roberts, Kris E		
Hooper, Dorothea D	✓	
Carson, Clyde J	✓	
Enman, Larry S		
Lavender, Tom	✓	
Malloy, Dennis J	✓	
Vail, Suzanne M	✓	
Verschueren, James	✓	
White, Syndi G		
Stroud, Kathleen M	✓	
Lockwood, Priscilla P	✓	
Belanger, James P, Clerk	✓	
Coffey, James E	✓	
Copeland, Timothy D	✓	
Shackett, Jeffrey S	✓	
Bishop, Franklin C		
Bickford, David A	✓	
Danielson, David J	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:		

16

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Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 31, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY
GOVERNMENT to which was referred HB138,

AN ACT permitting a town that has adopted official
ballot voting to use a topical description of the
substance of a warrant article on the official ballot.

Having considered the same, report the same with the
following amendment, and the recommendation that
the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Bruce L Tatro

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Bill Number:	HB138
Title:	permitting a town that has adopted official ballot voting to use a topical description of the substance of a warrant article on the official ballot.
Date:	January 31, 2013
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill permits towns who use an official ballot to print a shorter description of an article instead of the entire text of the article. If a person wishes to read the entire text a copy will be available at the polls.

Vote 16-0.

Rep. Bruce L Tatro
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB138, permitting a town that has adopted official ballot voting to use a topical description of the substance of a warrant article on the official ballot. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Bruce L Tatro for MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT. This bill permits towns who use an official ballot to print a shorter description of an article instead of the entire text of the article. If a person wishes to read the entire text a copy will be available at the polls. **Vote 16-0.**

Original: House Clerk
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COMMITTEE REPORT

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COMMITTEE:

MFCG

BILL NUMBER:

HB 138

TITLE:

TOPICAL DESCRIPTIONS ON WARRANTS

DATE:

30 Jan 2013

CONSENT CALENDAR:

YES ☒

NO ☐

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OUGHT TO PASS

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OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT

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INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

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INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT:

THIS BILL PERMITS TOWNS WHO USE AN OFFICIAL BALLOT
TO PRINT A SHORTER DESCRIPTION OF AN ARTICLE
INSTEAD OF THE ENTIRE TEXT OF THE ARTICLE.
IF A PERSON WISHES TO READ THE ENTIRE TEXT
A COPY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE POLLS.

COMMITTEE VOTE:

16-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep.

Brian L. D.

For the Committee

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