

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB336

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SB 336 - AS INTRODUCED

2018 SESSION

18-2912
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SENATE BILL **336**

AN ACT relative to the judicial district for the towns of Waterville and Livermore.

SPONSORS: Sen. Woodburn, Dist 1; Rep. Ham, Graf. 5

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill moves the towns of Livermore and Waterville from the Conway judicial district to the Plymouth-Lincoln judicial district.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

AN ACT relative to the judicial district for the towns of Waterville and Livermore.

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

1 1 District Courts; Judicial Districts. Amend RSA 502-A:1, X to read as follows:

2 X. CONWAY DISTRICT. The district for northern Carroll county shall consist of the towns
3 of Conway, Bartlett, Jackson, Eaton, Chatham, Hart's Location, Albany, Madison and the
4 unincorporated places of Hale's Location, Cutt's Grant, *and* Hadley's Purchase~~], and those portions~~
5 ~~of the towns of Waterville and Livermore within the watershed of the Saco River and its~~
6 ~~tributaries].~~ The district court for the district shall be located in Conway, holding sessions regularly
7 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be the
8 Conway District Court.

9 2 District Courts; Judicial Districts. Amend RSA 502-A:2, XXIX to read as follows:

10 XXIX. PLYMOUTH-LINCOLN DISTRICT. The Plymouth-Lincoln district shall consist of
11 the towns of Plymouth, Bristol, Groton, Wentworth, Rumney, Ellsworth, Thornton, Campton,
12 Ashland, Hebron, Holderness, Bridgewater, Alexandria, Lincoln, Woodstock ~~[and those portions of~~
13 ~~the towns of],~~ Livermore, and Waterville ~~[not within the watershed of the Saco River and its~~
14 ~~tributaries].~~ The district court for the district shall be located in Plymouth, holding sessions
15 regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall
16 be Plymouth District Court.

17 3 Effective Date. ~~This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.~~

July 1, 2018

Amendments

Senate Judiciary
January 9, 2018
2018-0063s
04/05

Amendment to SB 336

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:
- 2
- 3 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

Committee Minutes

Senate Judiciary Committee
Jennifer Horgan 271-3092

SB 336, relative to the judicial district for the towns of Waterville and Livermore.

Hearing Date: January 9, 2018

Time Opened: 10:45 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:55 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Carson, Lasky, French and Gannon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Hennessey

Bill Analysis: This bill moves the towns of Livermore and Waterville from the Conway judicial district to the Plymouth-Lincoln judicial district.

Sponsors:

Sen. Woodburn

Rep. Ham

Who supports the bill: Senator Woodburn; Representative Ham; Chief Ted Smith, Lincoln Police; Howard Zibel, Judicial Branch

Who opposes the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Woodburn

- Represents Livermore, but not Waterville.
- Asked to sponsor this bill by Rep. Ham.
- Knows the Judicial Branch has some language and supports that change.
- Livermore was a logging community.
- Created a YouTube video a number of years ago that chronicles the history of Livermore.
- Senator Lasky asked what the population of Livermore is.
 - Zero, and it is quite difficult to get to.

Representative Bonnie Ham

- Represents Livermore and Waterville.
- Livermore is an unincorporated place, and it was the site of East Pond and a mill.
- Lincoln has been put in charge of any issue that comes up in Livermore.
- The Kancamagus Highway and the Triple-I Road both run through Livermore, so there could be cause to arrest someone there.
- Although it is a quiet area, if something did happen the law would require the Chief from Lincoln to go to the Conway Court.
- Lincoln's prosecutor is in Plymouth and going to Conway is quite the commitment.
- This will allow the Chief to go to Plymouth instead of Conway.

Chief Ted Smith (Lincoln Police)

- Previously, they were responding to accidents in Livermore but, they did not have jurisdiction.

- The Sheriff's Department and the State Police did not have the resources to cover it.
- Went to the Legislature and was given police jurisdiction over Livermore.
- Normally, only responds in Livermore to help with accidents or to help Fish and Game.
- There have not been any serious incidents.
- There was an armored car robbery, but that was taken over by the FBI because it was a federal offense.
- This bill will allow the police to go to the Plymouth District Court in the case of an arrest or ticket where the department has two attorneys.
- The Department's attorneys will not go to North Conway

Howie Zibel (NH Judicial Branch)

- Doubts there will be many cases.
- It would be best to have a certain effective date and would suggest July 1, 2018.
- Senator French asked if this will cause any particular burden on Plymouth.
 - No

Summary of testimony presented in opposition:

None

Future Action: Ought to Pass with Amendment

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 10, 2018

Speakers

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **SB 336**

AN ACT

relative to the judicial district for the towns of
Waterville and Livermore.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 4-0

AMENDMENT # 0063s

Senator Harold French
For the Committee

Jennifer Horgan 271-3092

JUDICIARY

SB 336, relative to the judicial district for the towns of Waterville and Livermore.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.
Senator Harold French for the committee.