

# Committee Report

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**February 22, 2021**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Majority of the Committee on Legislative Administration to which was referred CACR 5,**

**AN ACT New Hampshire general court. Providing that the provision for compensation of legislators is removed. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Bob Greene**

**FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

## **MAJORITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Legislative Administration</b>
Bill Number:	<b>CACR 5</b>
Title:	<b>New Hampshire general court. Providing that the provision for compensation of legislators is removed.</b>
Date:	<b>February 22, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The New Hampshire House of Representatives enjoys a unique and envied position today among the world's legislative bodies. From its inception, it has been comprised of citizen-legislators as our Founding Fathers intended. While our current pay rate discourages aspiring career politicians, the large number of representatives, with a tremendous variety of life experiences, run for office on remarkably modest campaign budgets. Decoupling legislative pay from the New Hampshire Constitution would begin the process of stripping away our cherished institution of its uniqueness for no good reason. The majority of the committee feels this action would put the New Hampshire legislature on a path towards fewer, but lifetime, salaried professional legislators. In other words, to be like many other state legislatures. Like other states, it would create a very high barrier for entry to serve in public office, only open to those with top-notch fundraising skills or the highest levels of socioeconomic status with pockets deep enough to self-fund their campaigns and, in the process, would undermine the diversity of participation we currently possess. The majority asks for your support for the Inexpedient to Legislate motion to preserve a system of governance that has served the Granite State very well since 1776.

Vote 9-6.

Rep. Bob Greene  
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## REGULAR CALENDAR

Legislative Administration

**CACR 5**, New Hampshire general court. Providing that the provision for compensation of legislators is removed. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Bob Greene for the **Majority** of Legislative Administration. The New Hampshire House of Representatives enjoys a unique and envied position today among the world's legislative bodies. From its inception, it has been comprised of citizen-legislators as our Founding Fathers intended. While our current pay rate discourages aspiring career politicians, the large number of representatives, with a tremendous variety of life experiences, run for office on remarkably modest campaign budgets. Decoupling legislative pay from the New Hampshire Constitution would begin the process of stripping away our cherished institution of its uniqueness for no good reason. The majority of the committee feels this action would put the New Hampshire legislature on a path towards fewer, but lifetime, salaried professional legislators. In other words, to be like many other state legislatures. Like other states, it would create a very high barrier for entry to serve in public office, only open to those with top-notch fundraising skills or the highest levels of socioeconomic status with pockets deep enough to self-fund their campaigns and, in the process, would undermine the diversity of participation we currently possess. The majority asks for your support for the Inexpedient to Legislate motion to preserve a system of governance that has served the Granite State very well since 1776. **Vote 9-6.**

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**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**February 22, 2021**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Minority of the Committee on Legislative Administration to which was referred CACR 5,**

**AN ACT New Hampshire general court. Providing that the provision for compensation of legislators is removed. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. Douglas Ley**

**FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

## **MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Legislative Administration</b>
Bill Number:	<b>CACR 5</b>
Title:	<b>New Hampshire general court. Providing that the provision for compensation of legislators is removed.</b>
Date:	<b>February 22, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This proposal to amend the state constitution would simply remove the language specifying that legislators shall receive \$200 per biennium as compensation. Language regarding mileage payments would remain. The amendment does not replace the \$200 biennial salary with any salary whatsoever, leaving that to the legislative process. Legislative salaries could then be specified in statute, as is that of the Governor. The minority of the committee believes this to be a sensible proposal. The \$200 salary is an anachronism, something we often like to point out to others as a quaint proof of Yankee frugality. The reality is that the low salary skews the membership of the NH House towards those who are older and retired, or those with independent sources of wealth and work requirements that are flexible. Younger citizens who are working and raising families are under-represented in the NH House, largely due to the heavy workload and the virtually volunteer status. This may be a citizen legislature but our membership has not reflected the citizenry at large. Therefore, the minority believe this to be a useful proposal to bring before the voters to let them decide.

Rep. Douglas Ley  
FOR THE MINORITY

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Cc: Committee Bill File

## REGULAR CALENDAR

Legislative Administration

**CACR 5**, New Hampshire general court. Providing that the provision for compensation of legislators is removed. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Douglas Ley for the **Minority** of Legislative Administration. This proposal to amend the state constitution would simply remove the language specifying that legislators shall receive \$200 per biennium as compensation. Language regarding mileage payments would remain. The amendment does not replace the \$200 biennial salary with any salary whatsoever, leaving that to the legislative process. Legislative salaries could then be specified in statute, as is that of the Governor. The minority of the committee believes this to be a sensible proposal. The \$200 salary is an anachronism, something we often like to point out to others as a quaint proof of Yankee frugality. The reality is that the low salary skews the membership of the NH House towards those who are older and retired, or those with independent sources of wealth and work requirements that are flexible. Younger citizens who are working and raising families are under-represented in the NH House, largely due to the heavy workload and the virtually volunteer status. This may be a citizen legislature but our membership has not reflected the citizenry at large. Therefore, the minority believe this to be a useful proposal to bring before the voters to let them decide.

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# Voting Sheets



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on CACR 5**

**BILL TITLE:** New Hampshire general court. Providing that the provision for compensation of legislators is removed.

**DATE:** February 22, 2021

**LOB ROOM:** 303 Hybrid

**MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Greene

Seconded by Rep. Sheehan

Vote: 9-6

**CONSENT CALENDAR: NO**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Vanessa Sheehan, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Legislative Administration

Bill #: CA225 Motion: ITL AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 2/22/21

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Hill, Gregory G. Chairman	9		
Greene, Bob J. Vice Chairman	1		
McKinney, Betsy	2		
Packard, Sherman A.	3		
Osborne, Jason M.	4		
Rouillard, Claire A.	5		
Sheehan, Vanessa L. Clerk	6		
Simon, Matthew J.	7		
Wall, Janet G.	8		
Ley, Douglas A.		1	
Smith, Timothy J.		2	
Frost, Sherry A.		3	
Nutting-Wong, Allison R.		4	
Richards, Beth S.		5	
Espitia, Manny		6	
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	

# Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON CACR 5

**BILL TITLE:** New Hampshire general court. Providing that the provision for compensation of legislators is removed.

**DATE:** February 22, 2021

**LOB ROOM:** 303 Hybrid                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:30 a.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 11:41 a.m.

**Committee Members:** Reps. Hill, Greene, Sheehan, McKinney, Packard, Osborne, Rouillard, Simon, Wall, Ley, T. Smith, Frost, Nutting-Wong, Richards and Espitia

**Bill Sponsors:**

Rep. McWilliams

Rep. Horrigan

TESTIMONY

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

- **Rep McWilliams -**
- Pulls out Legislator pay from the NH Constitution
- So it is able to be changed
- It is a cost to serve on the Legislature
- This bill does not touch mileage
  
- **Rep Harrington Supports the bill -**
- This bill takes out Legislator pay from the Constitution
- Does not mean we cannot pay ourselves a salary
- Mileage is not affected by bill

# House Remote Testify

## Legislative Administration Committee Testify List for Bill CACR5 on 2021-02-22

Support: 134 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 2 Total to Testify: 6

<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
McWilliams, Rebecca	Concord, NH rebecca.mcwilliams@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Merrimack 27	Support	Yes (6m)	2/22/2021 5:04 AM
Horrigan, Rep. Timothy	Strafford 6, NH timothy.horrigan@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Strafford 6 (co sponsor)	Support	Yes (4m)	2/21/2021 9:42 PM
Vann, Ivy	Peterborough, NH ivy@vann.org	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 9:59 PM
Perencevich, Ruth	Concord, NH rperence@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 10:02 PM
Hinebauch, Mel	Concord, NH melhinebauch@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 10:03 PM
Larson, Ruth	Alton, NH ruthlarson@msn.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 10:14 PM
Taylor, Gale	Concord, NH galeforcefacilitators@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 10:21 PM
Lamphier, Regan	Nashua, NH ReganBurkeLamphier@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 10:23 PM
King, Walter	Dover, NH genedocwk@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 10:48 PM
Cotter-Cranston, Linda	Mason, NH lcc@onemain.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 1:08 AM
Aronson, Laura	MANCHESTER, NH laura@mlans.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 1:49 AM
Spielman, Kathy	Durham, NH jspielman@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 6:29 AM
Spielman, James	Durham, NH jspielman@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 6:30 AM

Zaenglein, Barbara	Amherst, NH bzaenglein@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 7:01 AM
Zaenglein, Eric	Amherst, NH henley11@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 7:02 AM
Gala Grano, Nicolette	Dover, NH Nicolettegrano@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 7:04 AM
Platt, Elizabeth-Anne	CONCORD, NH lizanneplatt09@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 7:38 AM
Rettew, Annie	CONCORD, NH abrettew@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 7:38 AM
Ellermann, Maureen	CONCORD, NH ellermannf@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 7:38 AM
Petrucelli, Maxine	Webster, NH maxinepet@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 7:44 AM
Petrucelli, Charles	Webster, NH chasmaxpet@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 7:46 AM
Thomas, Nicholas	Manchester, NH nicholas.w.thomas@uconn.edu	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/22/2021 7:47 AM
Howard Jr., Raymond	Alton, NH brhowardjr@yahoo.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	2/22/2021 8:03 AM
Elhuni, Asma	Lebanon, NH asma@radnh.org	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 8:04 AM
Gericke, Carla	Manchester, NH carlagericke@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/22/2021 8:10 AM
Kaplan, Susan	Lebanon, NH sskaplan01@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 8:25 AM
Carter, Lilian	Deering, NH lcarter0914@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 9:43 AM
Clark, Denise	Milford, NH denise.m.clark03055@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/22/2021 9:52 AM
McCagg, Tory	Jaffrey, NH tory@bluesbone.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/22/2021 10:04 AM
Benson, Linda	Hollis, NH lebenson@charter.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 10:17 AM
Keeler, Margaret	New London, NH peg5keeler@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 10:26 AM

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Pugh, Barbara	Amherst, NH barbara.pugh@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 10:45 AM
Waterman, Raymond	Merrimack, NH prwaterman@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 10:58 AM
Waterman, Patricia	Merrimack, NH prwaterman@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 10:59 AM
Hayden, Sam	Hopkinton, NH hayden.sam@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 11:00 AM
Jones, Andrew	Pembroke, NH arj11718@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 11:22 AM
Nunez, Hershel	Pelham, NH hershel.nunez@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	2/22/2021 6:38 PM
Koch, Laurie	Concord, NH kochlj@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 1:37 PM
DeRosa, Robin	robinderosal@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/11/2021 10:01 AM
Robinson, Sarah	feasting52@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/11/2021 10:22 AM
McGuire, Daniel	danmcguire@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/15/2021 6:38 PM
Fordey, Nicole	Litchfield, NH nikkif610@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/19/2021 12:41 PM
Williams, Lindsey	Dover, NH Lindseyfordover@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2/20/2021 8:59 PM
Towne, Matthew	Barrington, NH Mattdowne@metrocast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 6:54 AM
Parshall, Lucius	Marlborough, NH lucius.parshall@state.leg.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 1:53 PM
DeMark, Richard	Meredith, NH demarknh114@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 2:37 PM
Babb, Paul	Antrim, NH paulbabb@protonmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/21/2021 5:25 PM
Taylor, Natalie	Meredith, NH info@natalie4nh.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 9:04 PM
Mooney, Bridget	Wilton, NH bridget@moonchick.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 11:32 PM

Howland, Curtis	Manchester, NH howland@priss.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/21/2021 7:45 PM
Blanchard, Sandra	Loudon, NH sandyblanchard3@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 8:07 PM
Spencer, Louise	Concord, NH lpskentstreet@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 8:19 PM
Torpey, Jeanne	Concord, NH jtorp51@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 8:23 PM
Spencer, Rob	Concord, NH kentstusa@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 8:31 PM
See, Alvin	Loudon, NH absee@4Liberty.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/21/2021 8:44 PM
Corell, Elizabeth	Concord, NH Elizabeth.j.corell@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 8:49 PM
Damon, Claudia	Concord, NH cordsdamon@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 8:57 PM
Richman, Susan	Durham, NH susan7richman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 9:10 PM
Dargie, Paul	Milford, NH pauldargie@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 9:32 PM
Falk, Cheri	Wilton, NH Falk.cj@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 9:34 PM
Dewey, Karen	Newport, NH pkdewey@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/21/2021 9:39 PM



# Testimony

**Archived:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:16:09 PM  
**From:** [Asma Elhuni](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:55:53 AM  
**To:** ~House Legislative Administration  
**Subject:** CACR5  
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Committee members,

I hope you are all doing well. I am a resident of Lebanon NH. I am also the Movement Politics Director for Rights and Democracy. I wanted to reach out to write in strong support of [CACR5](#). There are many people who would make great Representatives but just don't ever run because of commitments like work that pays their bills and puts food on the table. The current 200 dollars is simply volunteer work that people just do not have the luxury of being able to do because of needing to provide for family members. This bill would allow the possibility to increase the amount Representatives make. You all already know about the long hours and hw needed to do your jobs well. You should be compensated and even if you accept volunteer work, it's important to make room for those who really can't only do volunteer work but would if they could.

Please vote "ought to pass" for CACR5.

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**Asma Elhuni**  
Movement Politics Director  
Rights and Democracy NH  
[asma@radnh.org](mailto:asma@radnh.org)

*"Collective Liberation or No Liberation"*

**Archived:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:17:36 PM

**From:** [Walt Costa](#)

**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 3:11:56 PM

**To:** [~House Legislative Administration](#)

**Subject:** CACR 5

**Importance:** Normal

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Good Afternoon,

I'm writing to express my opposition to CACR 5 introduced recently. I ask that this bill be voted ITL . I cannot raise my pay when I feel like it. If this is passed where does this end ???

My wife and I are taxpayers living in Laconia.

R/ Walt Costa

Laconia NH

**Archived:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:17:36 PM  
**From:** [Timothy Horrigan](#)  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:45:36 PM  
**To:** [~House Legislative Administration](#)  
**Cc:** [TimothyHORRIGAN@me.com](mailto:TimothyHORRIGAN@me.com); [timothyhorrigan56@gmail.com](mailto:timothyhorrigan56@gmail.com); [Tim Horrigan](#); [Timothy Horrigan](#); [Rebecca McWilliams](#)  
**Subject:** Rep. Timothy Horrigan: written testimony in favor of CACR 5  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Attachments:**  
[CACR 5 \(2021\) House Legislative Administration \(Rep. Timothy Horrigan, in favor\).pdf](#) 

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**My written testimony in favor of CACR 5 is attached in PDF format and it is also pasted into the body of this email.**

**Thanks, Rep. Timothy Horrigan**

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**Testimony in Favor of CACR 5:  
RELATING TO: New Hampshire general court.**

**PROVIDING THAT: the provision for compensation of legislators is removed.**

Rep. Timothy Horrigan (Strafford 6)  
House Legislative Administration Committee; February 22, 2021

CACR 5 is a very simple bill (or strictly speaking, a very simple resolution.) If passed, it would delete the 133-year-old constitutional provision, in Article 15 part 2<sup>nd</sup>, which fixes legislative pay at \$100/year (\$125/year for the Speaker of the House and the Senate President.)

To use an expression which our predecessors in the mid-1880's wouldn't have understood because it wouldn't be coined for another 75 years or so, legislative salaries were “hard-wired,” to the tune of \$100/year, into the state constitution in 1887.

This is hard for us today to imagine but it's true: in 1887— and during the 1800s in general— there was no inflation, although prices and wages did rise and fall over the years. So fixing the legislative salary in the state constitution probably seemed less ridiculous now than it did back then. Even then it was probably not a great idea. And, \$100 was a small salary even in 1887. That year, Governor Charles H. Sawyer made \$2000/year, the equivalent of about \$55,000 in 2021 dollars. If we were paid 1/20 of Governor Christopher T. Sununu's current salary, we would be making \$7185.22/year.

If CACR 5 passes, that would not mean that we legislators cannot pay ourselves a salary. We would be able to set our compensation through statute law. In fact, in RSA 24, we already set our own compensation for our service with our respective county delegations.

Raising our own salary would be controversial, but it's better than the status quo. The \$100/year salary is absurdly low and makes it impossible for most citizens to serve.

CACR 5 makes no changes to Article 15 Part 2nd's provisions relating to mileage. Before and after 1887, mileage formulas were much more complicated and (adjusted for inflation) apparently much more generous than they are now. However, landmark State Supreme Court cases from 1949 and 1961 established that legislative mileage payments must have a reasonable relation to the cost of travel, and mileage laws have been essentially unchanged since 1963. In both 1949 and 1961 the justices noted that our \$100/year salary was extraordinarily low.

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Rep. Timothy Horrigan; 7A Faculty Rd; Durham, NH 03824  
email: [Timothy.Horrigan@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Timothy.Horrigan@leg.state.nh.us)

Bill as  
Introduced

**CACR 5 - AS INTRODUCED**

2021 SESSION

21-0140  
06/10

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **5**

RELATING TO: New Hampshire general court.

PROVIDING THAT: the provision for compensation of legislators is removed.

SPONSORS: Rep. McWilliams, Merr. 27; Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 6

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

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ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution removes the provision for compensation of the legislature. Legislators may still receive mileage for daily attendance.

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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

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: New Hampshire general court.

PROVIDING THAT: the provision for compensation of legislators is removed.

*Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:*

1 I. That article 15 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

2 [Art.] 15. [~~Compensation of the~~ Legislature~~[-]; Mileage for Attendance.~~] [~~The presiding~~  
3 ~~officers of both houses of the legislature, shall severally receive out of the state treasury as~~  
4 ~~compensation in full for their services for the term elected the sum of \$250, and] All [other] members~~  
5 ~~[thereof]~~ **of both houses of the legislature**, seasonably attending and not departing without  
6 license, [~~the sum of \$200 and each member]~~ shall receive mileage for actual daily attendance on  
7 legislative days, but not after the legislature shall have been in session for 45 legislative days or  
8 after the first day of July following the annual assembly of the legislature, whichever occurs first;  
9 provided, however, that, when a special session shall be called by the governor or by a 2/3 vote of the  
10 then qualified members of each branch of the general court, such officers and members shall receive  
11 for attendance [~~an additional compensation of \$3 per day for a period not exceeding 15 days and]~~ the  
12 usual mileage. Nothing herein shall prevent the payment of additional mileage to members  
13 attending committee meetings or on other legislative business on nonlegislative days.

14 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified  
15 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2022.

16 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to  
17 insert in their warrants for the said 2022 election an article to the following effect: To decide  
18 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2021 session of the general court shall  
19 be approved.

20 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

21 "Are you in favor of amending article 15 of the constitution to read as follows:

22 [Art.] 15. [Legislature; Mileage for Attendance.] All members of both houses of the legislature,  
23 seasonably attending and not departing without license, shall receive mileage for actual daily  
24 attendance on legislative days, but not after the legislature shall have been in session for 45  
25 legislative days or after the first day of July following the annual assembly of the legislature,  
26 whichever occurs first; provided, however, that, when a special session shall be called by the  
27 governor or by a 2/3 vote of the then qualified members of each branch of the general court, such



**CACR 5 - AS INTRODUCED**

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1 officers and members shall receive for attendance the usual mileage. Nothing herein shall prevent  
2 the payment of additional mileage to members attending committee meetings or on other legislative  
3 business on nonlegislative days."

4 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or  
5 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall  
6 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no cross is made in  
7 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall  
8 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to Constitutional  
9 Amendments proposed by the 2021 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at the top of the  
10 ballot.

11 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it  
12 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

13 VII. Voters' Guide.

14 AT THE PRESENT TIME, article 15 of the New Hampshire constitution provides for  
15 compensation and mileage for members of both houses of the legislature.

16 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, there will be no provision in the constitution  
17 for compensation of legislators. The provision granting mileage will remain in effect.