

# 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 HB 156,**

**AN ACT relative to posting legislative amendments on the New Hampshire legislative website. 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>HB 156</b>
Title:	<b>relative to posting legislative amendments on the New Hampshire legislative website.</b>
Date:	<b>February 22, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The committee heard testimony from the House Clerk that this issue is already being addressed internally and is rapidly undergoing significant web development. Once completed, the ability to post legislative amendments online will see marked improvements in timeliness and transparency, benefiting legislators and constituents alike. Additionally, it is important to note that our internal processes normally are not codified in statute.

Vote 8-7.

Rep. Bob Greene  
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## REGULAR CALENDAR

Legislative Administration

**HB 156**, relative to posting legislative amendments on the New Hampshire legislative website.  
**MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Bob Greene for the **Majority** of Legislative Administration. The committee heard testimony from the House Clerk that this issue is already being addressed internally and is rapidly undergoing significant web development. Once completed, the ability to post legislative amendments online will see marked improvements in timeliness and transparency, benefiting legislators and constituents alike. Additionally, it is important to note that our internal processes normally are not codified in statute. **Vote 8-7.**

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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 HB 156,**

**AN ACT relative to posting legislative amendments on the New Hampshire legislative website. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. Sherry Frost**

**FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

## **MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Legislative Administration</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 156</b>
Title:	<b>relative to posting legislative amendments on the New Hampshire legislative website.</b>
Date:	<b>February 22, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Despite the House Clerk's assertion that new website formats are in the pipeline, the minority of the committee believes that this bill should pass. This measure would increase transparency for the public, which would allow for people to be more informed while testifying. Putting this measure into statute, rather than leaving it as a rule, ensures continuity for the public.

Rep. Sherry Frost  
FOR THE MINORITY

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## REGULAR CALENDAR

Legislative Administration

**HB 156**, relative to posting legislative amendments on the New Hampshire legislative website.  
**OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Sherry Frost for the **Minority** of Legislative Administration. Despite the House Clerk's assertion that new website formats are in the pipeline, the minority of the committee believes that this bill should pass. This measure would increase transparency for the public, which would allow for people to be more informed while testifying. Putting this measure into statute, rather than leaving it as a rule, ensures continuity for the public.

# Voting Sheets



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 156**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to posting legislative amendments on the New Hampshire legislative website.

**DATE:** February 22, 2021

**LOB ROOM:** 303 Hybrid

**MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Greene

Seconded by Rep. Rouillard

Vote: 8-7

**CONSENT CALENDAR: NO**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Vanessa Sheehan, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Legislative Administration

Bill #: HB 156 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	✓		
Greene, Bob J. Vice Chairman —	✓		
McKinney, Betsy	✓		
Packard, Sherman A.	✓		
Osborne, Jason M.	✓		
Rouillard, Claire A.	✓		
Sheehan, Vanessa L. Clerk	✓		
Simon, Matthew J.	✓		
Wall, Janet G.	.	✓	
Ley, Douglas A.		✓	
Smith, Timothy J.		✓	
Frost, Sherry A.		✓	
Nutting-Wong, Allison R.		✓	
Richards, Beth S.		✓	
Espitia, Manny		✓	
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	

# Hearing Minutes

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 156**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to posting legislative amendments on the New Hampshire legislative website.

**DATE:** February 22, 2021

**LOB ROOM:** 303 Hybrid                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 9:05 a.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 9:29 a.m.

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

**Bill Sponsors:**

**Rep. McWilliams**

**Rep. Yokela**

**TESTIMONY**

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

1. Rebecca McWilliams

- Amendments for bills to be shared on the House website. Once the Amendment is adopted by committee, then it is published on website.
- Question: Did you have any discussion with staff or House Clerk about putting this online?
- Answer: No conversation with Paul Smith

2. Paul Smith

- This issue is under development right now on the website. Amendments are kept confidential until voted on. All Amendments will be linked to the website. Doesn't think it is needed but its an advance in technology.

3. Alvin See

- Supporting the bill. Would like Amendments posted as soon as possible.

4. Rep Horington

- Would like to see Amendments and would like a central place for them to be. It is frustrating when an Amendment is referred to and cannot see it.

5. Rep Joe Hannon

- VP Gun Owners of NH
- It is important for the public to be aware of an Amendment and be able to see it. Evey one should know what is coming. Website needs to be completely transparent.

# House Remote Testify

## Legislative Administration Committee Testify List for Bill HB156 on 2021-02-22

Support: 64 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 1 Total to Testify: 3

<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 5:02 AM
Smith, Paul	paul.smith@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	House Clerk's Office	Neutral	Yes (2m)	2/9/2021 12:19 PM
See, Alvin	Loudon, NH absee@4Liberty.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (2m)	2/21/2021 8:42 PM
Corell, Elizabeth	Concord, NH Elizabeth.j.corell@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 8:43 PM
Damon, Claudia	Concord, NH cordsdamon@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 8:55 PM
Richman, Susan	Durham, NH susan7richman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 9:08 PM
Falk, Cheri	Wilton, NH Falk.cj@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 9:31 PM
Dewey, Karen	Newport, NH pkdewey@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 9:38 PM
Hinebauch, Mel	Concord, NH melhinebauch@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	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 10:00 PM
Hinebauch, Melissa	Concord, NH melhinebauch@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 10:01 PM
Larson, Ruth	Alton, NH ruthlarson@msn.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/21/2021 10:10 PM
Altschiller, Debra	Stratham, NH debra.altschiller@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Stratham, Rockingham 19	Support	No	2/21/2021 10:14 PM

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Horrigan, Rep. Timothy	Durham, NH timothy.horrigan@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Strafford 6	Support	No	2/22/2021 8:54 AM
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# Testimony

Bill as  
Introduced

HB 156 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0145

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HOUSE BILL **156**

AN ACT relative to posting legislative amendments on the New Hampshire legislative website.

SPONSORS: Rep. McWilliams, Merr. 27; Rep. Yokela, Rock. 33

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the general court to post amendments on the general court website after they are made public or presented to a legislative committee by a member.

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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.

**HB 156 - AS INTRODUCED**

21-0145

05/10

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

AN ACT                   relative to posting legislative amendments on the New Hampshire legislative website.

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

1           1 New Section; Legislative Officers and Proceedings; Amendments Posted on the General Court  
2 Website. Amend RSA 14 by inserting after section 14-c the following new section:

3           14:14-d Legislative Amendments Available on the General Court Website. The general court  
4 shall post each legislative amendment on the general court's website within 48 hours of the  
5 amendment being made public or presented to a legislative policy committee by the amendment's  
6 sponsor.

7           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.