

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 10, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred HB 181,

AN ACT relative to the local option for operation of sports book retail locations. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Susan Almy

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Ways and Means
Bill Number:	HB 181
Title:	relative to the local option for operation of sports book retail locations.
Date:	February 10, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill is identical to one filed last year in the Senate which was lost in the complications of the COVID sessions. It was specific to the desire of the City of Nashua to hold a vote on a municipal issue during the 2020 state primary election. The committee found that the city will be able to vote on this in November in its biennial city election, and that the bill will not help that issue. Several committee members also felt that the participants in a state primary are by and large quite different from those concerned with municipal issues, and that there should not be an exemption from the existing standard that limits municipal issues to municipal elections.

Vote 23-0.

Rep. Susan Almy
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ways and Means

HB 181, relative to the local option for operation of sports book retail locations. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

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Voting Sheets



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK
2021 Session - Ways and Means**

Roll Call Committee Registers Report

AN ACT relative to the local option for operation of sports book retail locations.

Bill #	HB 181
Motion	ITL
Amendment #	
Exec Session Date	2/10/21
Consent Calendar?	Yes

Member	Motion / Seconded	Yea	Nay	NV
Major, Norman L. (Chairman)		X		
Abrami, Patrick F. (Vice Chairman)		X		
Griffin, Mary E.				X
Ulery, Jordan G.	Second	X		
Ober, Russell T.		X		
Bershtein, Alan (Clerk)		X		
Doucette, Fred G.		X		
Elliott, Robert J.		X		
Janigian, John C.		X		
Nunez, Hershel		X		
Baxter, Tim		X		
Spilsbury, Walter		X		
Tudor, Paul D.		X		
Almy, Susan W.	Motion	X		
Ames, Richard		X		
Southworth, Thomas L.		X		
Malloy, Dennis J.		X		
Schamberg, Thomas C.		X		
Tucker, Edith M.		X		
Gomarlo, Jennie R.		X		
Loughman, Tom J.		X		
Gourgue, Amanda L.		X		
Hakken-Phillips, Mary A.		X		
Murphy, James Michael		X		
Total Vote		23		1

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Bershtein, Clerk

Public Hearing

House Committee on Ways and Means
Public Hearing on: HB 181

Bill Title: AN ACT relative to the local option for operation of sports book retail locations.

Date: February 4, 2021
LOB Room: 206 + remote
Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 1:04 PM
Time Public Hearing Adjourned: 1:22 PM

Committee Members: Reps. Major, Abrami, Bershtein, M. Griffin, Ulery, R. Ober, Doucette, Elliott, Janigian, Nunez, Baxter, Spilsbury, Tudor, Almy, Ames, Southworth, Malloy, Schamberg, Tucker, Gomarolo, Loughman, Gourgue, Hakken-Phillips and Murphy

SPONSORS: Rep. O'Brien, Hills. 36; Rep. Telerski, Hills. 35; Rep. Cote, Hills. 31;
Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13

TESTIMONY

Rep. Telerski, Hills. 35

- Introduced bill
- Bill came about as a result of sports betting failing in Nashua.
- This bill would allow sports betting to be on the ballot in November 2021 in Nashua voters.
- Concerns about the state-wide limitation of licenses.
- There was not enough time to educate voters.

Charlie McIntyre, NH Lottery

- Supports the bill
- Lottery would love to see a location in Nashua
- There is some urgency, given the speed of the sports betting bill making its way through Massachusetts

Rep Spilsbury asked if there is precedent for this type of bill. No one could answer the query and Rep Almy suggested we ask election law.


House Remote Testify

Ways and Means Committee Testify List for Bill HB181 on 2021-02-04

Support: 4 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Rosenwald, Cindy	cindy.rosenwald@leg.state.nh.us	603.566.0586	An Elected Official	SD 13	Support	No	1/30/2021 12:04 PM
Telerski, Laura	Laura.Telerski@Leg.State.NH.US	603.320.3957	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 35	Support	No	1/31/2021 3:24 PM
Cote, Rep. David E.	david.cote@leg.state.nh.us	603.882.2244	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2/4/2021 5:23 AM
Rathbun, Eric	ericrathbun@gmail.com	860.912.3751	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/3/2021 11:23 PM

Testimony

Archived: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:50:25 AM
From: [Schmidt, Jan](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:18:26 AM
To: ~House Ways & Means Committee
Subject: HB181 support
Importance: Normal
Attachments: [NashuaCitysealcolorjpeg_000.jpg](#);

Honored Members,

Please OTP HB181 to allow municipalities to put the sports betting question on the ballot again during any election.

Respectfully,
Jan

Jan Schmidt
schmidtj@nashuanh.gov<<mailto:schmidtj@nashuanh.gov>>

Nashua's Ward 1 Alderman

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Bill as
Introduced

HB 181 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **181**

AN ACT relative to the local option for operation of sports book retail locations.

SPONSORS: Rep. O'Brien, Hills. 36; Rep. Telerski, Hills. 35; Rep. Cote, Hills. 31; Sen.
Rosenwald, Dist 13

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill allows a vote for accepting operation of sports book retail locations by a city at the state primary election.

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

AN ACT relative to the local option for operation of sports book retail locations.

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

1 1 Local Option for Operation of Sports Book Retail Locations. Amend RSA 287-I:6, III to read as
2 follows:

3 III. If the question is not approved, the question may later be voted upon according to the
4 provisions of paragraph I at the next annual town meeting or regular municipal election. A city with
5 biennial elections may conduct a vote on the question in accordance with the provisions of paragraph
6 I at the September state primary election.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.