

# Committee Report

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**February 22, 2021**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Legislative Administration to which  
was referred HB 190,**

**AN ACT relative to financial disclosures by legislators.**

**Having considered the same, report the same with the  
recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. Janet Wall**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Legislative Administration</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 190</b>
Title:	<b>relative to financial disclosures by legislators.</b>
Date:	<b>February 22, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This bill changes the requirement for filing financial disclosure forms for all representatives, senators and staff. Rather than filing every year as currently required under RSA 14-B:8, the change proposed in the bill requires financial disclosure forms to be filed at the beginning of every biennium. All forms will continue to be posted on the NH General Court website. Any changes in a member's financial status will still require reporting. The Legislative Ethics Committee requested this bill.

Vote 14-1.

Rep. Janet Wall  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Legislative Administration

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Rep. Janet Wall for Legislative Administration. This bill changes the requirement for filing financial disclosure forms for all representatives, senators and staff. Rather than filing every year as currently required under RSA 14-B:8, the change proposed in the bill requires financial disclosure forms to be filed at the beginning of every biennium. All forms will continue to be posted on the NH General Court website. Any changes in a member's financial status will still require reporting. The Legislative Ethics Committee requested this bill. **Vote 14-1.**

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## Committee Report

Committee: Legislative Administration

Bill Number: HB 190

Bill Title: relative to financial disclosures by legislators.

Date: 2-22-2021

Consent Calendar?

**Yes**

No

Committee Recommendation:

**Ought To Pass**

Ought To Pass w/Amendment    Amendment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Inexpedient To Legislate

Interim Study (available only in 2nd year of biennium)

Statement of Intent:

HB190 changes the requirement for filing financial disclosure forms for all representatives, senators and staff. Rather than filing every year as currently required under RSA 14-B:8, the bill now requires filing financial disclosure forms at the beginning of every biennium. All forms will continue being posted on the NH General Court website. Any changes in a member's financial status will still require reporting. The Joint Ethics Committee requested this bill.

Committee Vote: 14-1

Respectfully submitted: Rep. Janet Wall

# Voting Sheets

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 190**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to financial disclosures by legislators.

**DATE:** February 22, 2021

**LOB ROOM:** 303 Hybrid

**MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS**

Moved by Rep. Wall

Seconded by Rep. Frost

Vote: 14-1

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Vanessa Sheehan, Clerk







2021 SESSION

Legislative Administration

Bill #: HB 190 Motion: OTP 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>14</b>	<b>1</b>	

# Hearing Minutes

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 190**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to financial disclosures by legislators.

**DATE:** February 22, 2021

**LOB ROOM:** 303 Hybrid                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 9:30 a.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 9:45 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. Gordon**

**Rep. Wall**

**TESTIMONY**

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

1. Rep Gordon

- This bill deals with financial disclosure forms. Don't feel a need for the disclosure to be filled out every year (unless something has changed). It is a burden to staff to chase down people to fill out disclosure. It is time consuming.
- Question: Rep Espitia - If circumstances change would they file an update?
- Answer: Rep Gordon - If there are changes, you are required to disclose it.
- Question: Rep Richards - If there is a change is there an update process?
- Answer: Rep Gordon - Yes, you can make it a requirement.
- Rep Richard - If you won the lottery would it be necessary to report it?
- Answer: Rep Gordon - You are required to disclose income, you would have to disclose it. Would it create a conflict?
  
- Rep McKinney commented to Amendment

2. Rep Wall - Cosponsor

- Strong support of the bill. It is a nuisance to fill out these forms every year. Legislature and Staff want this bill to pass. It will be convenient to everyone.

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Q - Espitia - if circumstances change would they file an update

A - Gordon - if there are changes you are required to disclose info.

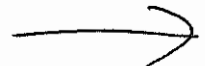
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F.W. Richard = if you won the lottery would it be necessary to report it?

A - Gordon = you're required to disclose income - you'd have to disclose it.  
would it create a conflict?

Rep  
McKinney commented to amendment.



# House Remote Testify

Legislative Administration Committee Testify List for Bill HB190 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>
Vogt, Robin	Portsmouth, NH robin.w.vogt@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/22/2021 10:01 AM

# Testimony

Bill as  
Introduced

HB 190 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0314

10/05

HOUSE BILL            **190**

AN ACT                relative to financial disclosures by legislators.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Gordon, Graf. 9; Rep. Wall, Straf. 6

COMMITTEE:          Legislative Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires that the legislative ethics financial disclosure form for members and officers of the general court shall only be filed in January of the first year of the biennium.

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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 Twenty One*

AN ACT                   relative to financial disclosures by legislators.

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

1           1 Legislative Ethics; Filing of Financial Disclosure Form; Biannually. Amend the introductory  
2 paragraph of RSA 14-B:8 to read as follows:

3           14-B:8 Financial Disclosure Form. Every representative, senator, and officer of the house of  
4 representatives and the senate, shall file with the legislative ethics committee a financial disclosure  
5 form [~~annually~~] no later than the third Friday of January ***in the first legislative session of the***  
6 ***biennium***. If the legislator's or legislative officer's financial circumstances change, he or she shall  
7 file a new financial disclosure form prior to participation in any official activity which would have  
8 been affected by the change. The financial disclosure form shall include the following information:

9           2 Legislative Ethics; Filing of Financial Disclosure Form. Amend RSA 14-B:9 to read as follows:

10          14-B:9 Filing With Secretary of State. All forms filed under RSA 14-B:8 shall be on file with the  
11 secretary of state on or before February 15 ***in the first legislative session of the biennium***.

12          3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.