

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 3, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Judiciary to which was referred HB 561,

AN ACT relative to potential jurors excused from jury duty due to a lack of residency in the county of jury service. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Michael Sylvia

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Judiciary
Bill Number:	HB 561
Title:	relative to potential jurors excused from jury duty due to a lack of residency in the county of jury service.
Date:	March 3, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill requires the clerk of the court to compile a list of the names of any persons who request to be excused from jury service for lack of residence in the county of jury service and transmit the names on the list to the secretary of state who shall publish the list on the secretary of state's website. This simple measure would allow supervisors of the checklist an aid in keeping the voter rolls current.

Vote 11-10.

Rep. Michael Sylvia
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

Judiciary

HB 561, relative to potential jurors excused from jury duty due to a lack of residency in the county of jury service. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**
Rep. Michael Sylvia for the **Majority** of Judiciary. This bill requires the clerk of the court to compile a list of the names of any persons who request to be excused from jury service for lack of residence in the county of jury service and transmit the names on the list to the secretary of state who shall publish the list on the secretary of state's website. This simple measure would allow supervisors of the checklist an aid in keeping the voter rolls current. **Vote 11-10.**

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Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 10, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Minority of the Committee on Judiciary to which
was referred HB 561,**

**AN ACT relative to potential jurors excused from jury
duty due to a lack of residency in the county of jury
service. Having considered the same, and being unable
to agree with the Majority, report with the following
resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO
LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Cam Kenney

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MINORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Judiciary
Bill Number:	HB 561
Title:	relative to potential jurors excused from jury duty due to a lack of residency in the county of jury service.
Date:	March 10, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill requires the clerk of the court to compile a list of names of individuals who request to be excused from jury service due to lack of residence in the county. Then, this bill would require the secretary of state to publish the list online. According to the prime sponsor, this list could then be a tool used to track voter fraud. Yet, the bill does not mention voting or elections in any respect. Therefore, due to the intent of the bill being unclear in the language, and it attempting to track voter fraud, an issue nonexistent in New Hampshire, the minority believe this bill should be found Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Cam Kenney
FOR THE MINORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

Judiciary

HB 561, relative to potential jurors excused from jury duty due to a lack of residency in the county of jury service. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Cam Kenney for the **Minority** of Judiciary. This bill requires the clerk of the court to compile a list of names of individuals who request to be excused from jury service due to lack of residence in the county. Then, this bill would require the secretary of state to publish the list online. According to the prime sponsor, this list could then be a tool used to track voter fraud. Yet, the bill does not mention voting or elections in any respect. Therefore, due to the intent of the bill being unclear in the language, and it attempting to track voter fraud, an issue nonexistent in New Hampshire, the minority believe this bill should be found Inexpedient to Legislate.

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Cc: Committee Bill File

Voting Sheets



2021 SESSION

Judiciary

 Bill #: HB561 Motion: OTF AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 3-10-2021

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
	11		
Gordon, Edward M. Chairman	11		
McLean, Mark Vice Chairman	1		
Sylvia, Michael J.	2		
Wuelper, Kurt F. Clerk	3		
Alexander, Joe H.	4		
Rice, Kimberly A.	5		
Silber, Norman J. <i>Lacelles, R</i>	6		
Greene, Bob J.	7		
Kelley, Diane E.	8		
Tausch, Lindsay	9		
Trottier, Douglas R.	10		
Smith, Marjorie K.		1	
Berch, Paul S.		2	
Horrigan, Timothy O.		3	
DiLorenzo, Charlotte I.		4	
Chase, Wendy		5	
Kenney, Cam E.		6	
Langley, Diane M.		7	
McBeath, Rebecca Susan		8	
Paige, Mark		9	
Simpson, Alexis		10	



2021 SESSION

Judiciary

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TOTAL VOTE: _____  11  10 

Public Hearing

208/HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 561

BILL TITLE: relative to potential jurors excused from jury duty due to a lack of residency in the county of jury service.

DATE: 2/23/2021

LOB ROOM: 208/Remote **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 3:00 PM
Time Adjourned: 3:14 PM

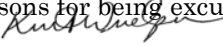
Committee Members: Reps. Gordon, McLean, Wuelper, Sylvia, Alexander Jr., ~~Rice~~, Silber, Greene, D. Kelley, Tausch, Trottier, M. Smith, Berch, Horrigan, DiLorenzo, Chase, Kenney, Langley, McBeath, Paige and Simpson

Bill Sponsors: Rep Kofalt
Blue Sheet Support 0 Oppose 0

TESTIMONY

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

***Rep. Kofalt** This bill is about voter integrity. There is a lot of attention on voter integrity. This bill provides information as to who may claim to live in NH but later be identified as living elsewhere, providing data to support investigation of improper voting. The records of those who have asked to be excused from Jury duty because of where they live be released to the public. Q Horrigan: how many people will this catch? Why is it on a 6-month rolling basis? A The 6-month timing is to reduce the administrative burden. I can't predict how many people will be identified. Q DiLorenzo: is this really needed considering the rarity of being called for jury duty? A For me, it is a tool to help us understand who is registered to vote. Just one tool in a much larger toolbox. Q Horrigan: why limit go this one reason? A Lack of residence would indicate lack of domicile in that county while other reasons for being excused from Jury duty would not.


Rep Kurt Wuelper

House Remote Testify

Judiciary Committee Testify List for Bill HB561 on 2021-02-23

Support: 0 Oppose: 2 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Groetzinger, Tonda	Farmington, NH groetzinger6@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/23/2021 8:58 AM
Vogt, Robin	Portsmouth, NH robin.w.vogt@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/23/2021 9:34 AM

Testimony

Bill as
Introduced

HB 561 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0729
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HOUSE BILL **561**

AN ACT relative to potential jurors excused from jury duty due to a lack of residency in the county of jury service.

SPONSORS: Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 4

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the clerk of the court to compile a list of the names of any persons who request to be excused from jury service for lack of residence in the county of jury service and transmit the names on the list to the secretary of state who shall publish the list on the secretary of state's website.

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.

21-0729
04/11

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to potential jurors excused from jury duty due to a lack of residency in the county of jury service.

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

1 New Section; Jurors; Excuse for Lack of Residence in County. Amend RSA 507-A by inserting after section 11 the following new section:

507-A:11-a Excuse for Lack of Residence in County of Jury Service. The clerk of the court shall compile a list of the names of any persons who request to be excused from jury service for lack of residence in the county of jury service as required under RSA 500-A:7-a, II. Every 6 months, the clerk shall transmit the names on the list to the secretary of state who shall publish the list on the secretary of state's website and make the list available to the public upon request.

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