

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

May 27, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Municipal and County Government
to which was referred SB 84,**

**AN ACT (New Title) relative to village district public
bodies. Having considered the same, report the same
with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO
PASS.**

Rep. Tony Piemonte

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Municipal and County Government
Bill Number:	SB 84
Title:	(New Title) relative to village district public bodies.
Date:	May 27, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill provides that every legislative body, governing body, board, commission, or committee of any village district shall be deemed a “public body” under RSA 91-A and shall be subject to all applicable provisions of that chapter.

Vote 17-2.

Rep. Tony Piemonte
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

Municipal and County Government

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 84

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to village district public bodies.

DATE: May 17, 2021

LOB ROOM: Hybrid

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Lascelles

Seconded by Rep. Tripp

Vote: 17-2

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk



1/22/2021 10:08:26 AM
Roll Call Committee Registers
Report

2021 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: SB84 Motion: OTP AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 5/17/21

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Dolan, Tom Chairman	17		
Piemonte, Tony Vice Chairman	1		
MacDonald, John T. Clerk	2		
Tripp, Richard P.	3		
Guthrie, Joseph A.	4		
Lascelles, Richard W.	5		
McBride, Everett P.	6		
Melvin, Charles R.	7		
Ayer, Paul F.	8		
Pauer, Diane	9		
Porter, Marjorie A.	10		
Treleaven, Susan GS <i>Rep. Berch</i>	11		
Gilman, Julie D.	12		
Maggiore, Jim V.	13		
Stavis, Laurel	14		
Mangipudi, Latha D.		1	
Vann, Ivy C. <i>Rep. VAi1</i>		2	
Klee, Patricia S. <i>Rep. BRASSIE</i>	15		
Gallager, Eric B.	16		
TOTAL VOTE:	17	2	

Public Hearing

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 84

BILL TITLE: (New Title) relative to village district public bodies.

DATE: May 10, 2021

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

Time Adjourned: 9:55 a.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Dolan, J. MacDonald, Tripp, Guthrie, Lascelles, Melvin, Ayer, Pauer, Porter, Treleaven, Gilman, Maggiore, Stavis, Mangipudi, Vann, Klee and Gallager

Bill Sponsors:
Sen. Reagan

TESTIMONY

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

Rep Ellen Read - Amendment.

Senator John Reagan - Prime sponsor of the bill. The bill is as it stands. Know nothing about the amendment mentioned by Rep. Read.

Rep. Porter: Substance of the amendment was part of the original bill. But was removed by the Senate. Why? ANS: No idea why.

Rep. Stavis: Senator Reagan stated that village districts were exempt. ANS: They are not mentioned in the law.

Rep. Ellen Read - My apologies that he did not receive the amendment. I tried to call, left message with the Senator. The original was known as the purple/pink law. Landowners have to post. Currently have to post. Signs can be damaged. Cameras on non posted land no opposition in testimony before Senate. Fish and Game supported the bill. It is cheaper and tamper resistant then the signs. Purple spray paint is no longer used for trail marking. They are not long vertical stripes. Fish and Game issues licenses and give education. It will be part of their education process.

Chairman Dolan: This appears to be part of a law to govern 91-A? ANS - Rep. Read: When it was introduced, it was a bill to deal with the purple/paint law. It is being used as a vehicle for the 91-A. My amendment adds the original language to the current bill.

Rep. Read happy with the committee dealing with it and not Fish and Game Committee. They can still use the posting that is currently being used.

Kristina Snyder - Voices support for the amendment. It is currently a tedious process. The signs are generally ripped down and also being chewed by animals. The current method is very difficult for older people. Other states have been using this method.

Rep. Dolan: End discussion on amendment. The majority of what we have heard should deal with the Fish and Game Committee. I will contact the chairman of Fish and Game to see if they want to take on a second committee to look at the bill.

Rep. Read does not believe that the Chair of Fish and Game will have a problem with it.

Chairman Dolan will get back to us by the 17th.

Cordell Johnston, NH Municipal Association - We are neutral. This bill was originally an omnibus bill. This doesn't really change the law. Village District are currently referred as political subdivisions. They are subject to the Right to Know law. This clarifies that Village Districts are subject to the Right to Know law.

Paul Smith, Clerk of the House - Non-germane public hearing on the amendment. It is not germane to this bill. Need to notice the non-germane Public Hearing for the amendment. I would suggest if the member has a piece go through its own committee. The legislative session still has a year to go.

Linda Dionne - I live in Raymond. I am the one who wanted the purple paint bill. This is not a Fish and Game bill. It should go to a Criminal Trespass Committee.

Rep. Porter: The bill before us only has one part. The second part is floating in the air (purple paint).

Rep. Guthrie: I don't understand the omnibus bills.

Chairman Dolan: We can delete certain sections of the bill. Then it can go to a committee of conference.

Paul Smith, Clerk of the House - The issue before you is a one issue bill. The amendment is not germane. It does not belong in the purview of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John Macdonald
Clerk

House Remote Testify

Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill SB84 on 2021-05-10

Support: 4 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 1 Total to Testify: 2

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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>
Snyder, Kristina	Chester, NH khsnyder22@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	Yes	5/9/2021 4:23 PM
Johnston, Cordell	Concord, NH cjohnston@nhmunicipal.org	A Lobbyist	NH Municipal Association	Neutral	Yes (1m)	No	5/7/2021 3:58 PM
Reagan, Senator John	Deerfield, NH kathryn.cummings@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Senate District 17	Support	No	No	5/10/2021 8:29 AM
Read, Ellen	Newmarket, NH ellen4nh@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Rockingham 17	Support	No	Yes	5/10/2021 8:11 AM
Vogt, Robin	Portsmouth, NH robin.w.vogt@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	5/10/2021 9:44 AM

Testimony

Archived: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 9:37:52 AM

From: [Eric Gallager](#)


Sent: Saturday, May 8, 2021 9:55:05 AM

To: ~House Municipal and County Govt

Subject: Amendment to SB84

Importance: Normal

Attachments:

[SB 84 - 2021-1315h.pdf](#) 

Hello colleagues, just writing to let you know that I am considering introducing an amendment to SB84 on behalf of Rep. Read. It's amendment 2021-1315h, and I've attached a copy of it. Please provide for an opportunity for a motion to introduce the amendment when we're exec-ing SB84.

Thanks,
Rep. Gallager

Bill as
Introduced

CHAPTER 118
SB 84 - FINAL VERSION

03/11/2021 0558s

2021 SESSION

21-0271
11/08

SENATE BILL **84**
AN ACT relative to village district public bodies.
SPONSORS: Sen. Reagan, Dist 17
COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that every legislative body, governing body, board, commission, or committee of any village district shall be deemed a “public body” under RSA 91-A and shall be subject to all applicable provisions of that chapter.

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.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to village district public bodies.

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

1 118:1 New Section; Village Districts; Public Body. Amend RSA 52 by inserting after section 11-
2 a the following new section:

3 52:11-b Public Body. Every legislative body, governing body, board, commission, or committee of
4 any village district established under this chapter shall be deemed a “public body” under RSA 91-A
5 and shall be subject to all applicable provisions of that chapter.

 118:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 09, 2021

Effective Date: September 07, 2021