

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**SB30**

# Bill as Introduced

SB 30 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0219

06/11

SENATE BILL

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COMMITTEE:

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

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Approved: March 09, 2021  
Effective Date: March 09, 2021

# Committee Minutes

# SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

## Election Law and Municipal Affairs

Sen James Gray, Chair  
Sen Regina Birdsell, Vice Chair  
Sen Ruth Ward, Member  
Sen Donna Soucy, Member  
Sen Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Member

Date: January 13, 2021

### HEARINGS

Thursday	01/21/2021	
(Day)	(Date)	
Election Law and Municipal Affairs	REMOTE	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m. SB 30	permitting the towns of Tilton and Northfield to redraw their boundary lines.	
9:10 a.m. SB 31	relative to voter checklists and modifying the absentee ballot affidavit.	
9:20 a.m. SB 46	relative to the use of electronic poll books by cities and towns.	
9:35 a.m. SB 43	relative to the allocation of electoral college votes.	

Committee members will receive secure Zoom invitations via email.

Members of the public may attend using the following links:

1. Link to Zoom Webinar: <https://www.zoom.us/j/97950833624>
2. To listen via telephone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): 1-301-715-8592, or 1-312-626-6799 or 1-929-205-6099, or 1-253-215-8782, or 1-346-248-7799, or 1-669-900-6833
3. Or iPhone one-tap: 13126266799,97950833624# or 16465588656,97950833624#
4. Webinar ID: [979 5083 3624](https://www.zoom.us/j/97950833624)
5. To view/listen to this hearing on YouTube, use this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjBZdtrjRnQdmg-2MPMiWrA>
6. To sign in to speak, register your position on a bill and/or submit testimony, use this link: <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/remotecommittee/senate.aspx>

The following email will be monitored throughout the meeting by someone who can assist with and alert the committee to any technical issues: [remotesenate@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:remotesenate@leg.state.nh.us) or call (603-271-6931).



**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**Sponsors:**

**SB 30**

Sen. Giuda

Rep. Lang

**SB 31**

Sen. Gray

**SB 46**

Sen. Perkins Kwoka

Sen. Soucy

**SB 43**

Sen. Avard

Sen. Giuda

Sen. French

Rep. Harvey-Bolia

Sen. Ward

Sen. Rosenwald

Sen. Gannon

Rep. Piemonte

Rep. Hill

Rep. Cross

Rep. Lang

Sen. Gray

Sen. Bradley

Rep. Baldasaro

Rep. Pearl

Sen. Sherman

Sen. Ricciardi

Rep. Welch

Tricia Melillo 271-3077

James P. Gray  
Chairman

**Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee**  
*Tricia Melillo 271-3077*

**SB 30**, permitting the towns of Tilton and Northfield to redraw their boundary lines.

**Hearing Date:** January 21, 2021

**Time Opened:** 9:00 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 9:14 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Gray, Birdsell, Ward, Soucy and Perkins Kwoka

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill permits the towns of Northfield and Tilton, upon a 2/3 vote of both towns, to change their boundary line.

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**Who supports the bill:** Senator Bob Giuda, Senator Harold French, Representative Juliet Harvey-Bolia, Jeanie Forrester

**Who opposes the bill:** None

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Senator Bob Giuda**

- This bill needs to be moved on expeditiously in order for the towns to bring warrant articles forward to complete the requested legislation this Spring at their Town Meetings.
- It allows a change of boundaries between Tilton and Northfield by enabling Tilton to incorporate Atkinson Island, also known as Tilton Island, into its boundaries.
- This has been agreed upon between the two Communities Leadership and their Representatives.
- This will also change the County of Island from Merrimack to Belknap.
- Senator Gray asked if he could clarify what is needed for the Communities to agree to this, which is addressed in paragraph one of the bill.
  - Senator Giuda replied that it will require a 2/3rds vote, of the voters present and voting, at the annual Town Meetings in Northfield and Tilton.

**Representative Juliet Harvey-Bolia**

- She is in support of the bill and thinks it will be great for the betterment of both Communities.

**Jeanne Forester – Town Administrator, Tilton**

- In 1987, the heirs of Charles Tilton deeded the area known as Atkinson Island, also known as Tilton Island, to the towns of Tilton and Northfield to be used exclusively for a public park.
- Currently, the Park is enjoyed by many at concerts in the park, picnicking on the Island, fishing off the edge and many other town sponsored events.
- It sits in the middle of the Winnepesaukee River and is in the town of Northfield and the County of Merrimack.
- It is only accessible through the town of Tilton via a historic, rod iron and cast bridge.
- For many years, the two towns have shared expenses to maintain the Island, but as the years have passed there has been a desire by both towns to change the ownership status of the Island.
- Tilton has had warrant articles in 2017 and again in 2019 to ask the voters to take full responsibility of the Island.
- Northfield has had sister warrant articles asking their residents to convey the property to Tilton.
- In both cases the residents have voted in the affirmative.
- Attempts to contact the heirs to allow this conveyance have been unsuccessful.
- The Towns have hired an attorney who consulted with Tom Donovan of the Attorney General's office, and the consensus was, that the best way to transfer the Island to Tilton is through this legislation.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None**

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 22, 2021

# Speakers

**Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee Testify List for Bill SB30 on 2021-01-21**  
 Support: 5 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 4

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Testifying</b>
		NH Senate District 2 -		
Giuda Bob	An Elected Official A Member of the	PRIME	Support	Yes
Forrester Jeanie	Public	Town of Tilton	Support	Yes
Harvey-Bolia Juliet	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes
French Senator Harold	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
		Belknap 4 Tilton-		
Lang Tim	An Elected Official	Sanbornton	Support	Yes

# Testimony

## Tricia Melillo

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**From:** Juliet Harvey-Bolia <jharveybolia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 4:38 PM  
**To:** Tricia Melillo  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB30

Dear Ms. Melillo and Members of the Committee:

It is my understanding that the Town of Tilton maintains Island Park though currently the Island lies within the bounds of both Tilton and Northfield. The Island is inaccessible from Northfield. Furthermore, it is my understanding that the Town of Northfield is agreeable to ceding their holding of Island Park to the Town of Tilton for the betterment of the community. I am a resident of Tilton, but I believe both Northfield and Tilton will benefit from the passage of SB30.

Thank you,  
Juliet

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**Juliet Harvey-Bolia**  
**NH House of Representatives, Belknap, Dist 4**  
**Clerk, Resources, Recreation & Development Committee**  
**66 Dunlop Drive**  
**Tilton, NH 03264**

# Voting Sheets



# Senate Election Law & Municipal Affairs Committee

## EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021 Session

Bill # SB 30

Hearing date: 1-21-2021

Executive Session date: 1/21/21

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Gray, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Birdsell, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Soucy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Perkins-Kwoka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

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Reported out by: Sen Birdsell

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, January 21, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred **SB 30**

AN ACT

permitting the towns of Tilton and Northfield to  
redraw their boundary lines.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Regina Birdsell  
For the Committee

This bill will permit the town of Northfield and Tilton to change their boundary line. For the betterment of both communities, the piece of land known as Island Park, upon a 2/3rds vote of both towns, will be transferred to the town of Tilton. This transfer, which residents favor, will also change the County of Island Park from Merrimack to Belknap.

Tricia Melillo 271-3077

## General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

**Docket of SB30**

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** permitting the towns of Tilton and Northfield to redraw their boundary lines.*Official Docket of SB30.:*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Body</b>	<b>Description</b>
1/12/2021	S	<b>Introduced</b> 01/06/2021 and Referred to Election Law and Municipal Affairs; <b>SJ 3</b>
1/13/2021	S	Remote <b>Hearing:</b> 01/21/2021, 09:00 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; <b>SC 7</b>
1/21/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 02/04/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; <b>SC 9</b>
2/4/2021	S	<b>Ought to Pass:</b> RC 23Y-1N, MA; OT3rdg; 02/04/2021; <b>SJ 3</b>
2/5/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Municipal and County Government <b>HJ 2 P. 58</b>
2/8/2021	H	Public Hearing: 02/18/2021 08:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/94522837794">https://www.zoom.us/j/94522837794</a> / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
2/18/2021	H	Executive Session: 02/18/2021 01:30 pm Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/94522837794">https://www.zoom.us/j/94522837794</a>
2/18/2021	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 19-0; CC) <b>HC 12 P. 10</b>
2/24/2021	H	<b>Ought to Pass:</b> MA VV 02/24/2021 <b>HJ 3 P. 14</b>
3/5/2021	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 02/25/2021 <b>HJ 4 P. 48</b>
3/5/2021	S	Enrolled <b>RC 24Y-0N, MA, (In recess of 03/04/2021); SJ 7</b>
3/9/2021	S	Signed by the Governor on 03/09/2021; Chapter 0001; Effective 03/09/2021

NH House

NH Senate

# Other Referrals

**Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives**

Bill Number: SB 30

Senate Committee: ELMA

Please include all documents in the order listed below and indicate the documents which have been included with an "X" beside

Final docket found on Bill Status

**Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}**

Bill version as it came to the committee

All Calendar Notices

Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing

Hearing Report

Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

**Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}**

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

\_\_\_ - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

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Executive Session Sheet

Committee Report

**Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}**

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

\_\_\_ - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}**

\_\_\_ Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):

\_\_\_ Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)

\_\_\_ Governor's Veto Message

**All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}**

\_\_\_ as amended by the senate      \_\_\_ as amended by the house

final version

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