

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**March 1, 2022**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Election Law to which was referred  
HB 1008,**

**AN ACT establishing a commission to study the  
structure and election calendar of New Hampshire  
municipal government. Having considered the same,  
report the same with the following resolution:**

**RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Ross Berry**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Election Law</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 1008</b>
Title:	<b>establishing a commission to study the structure and election calendar of New Hampshire municipal government.</b>
Date:	<b>March 1, 2022</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This bill would establish a study committee to look at the municipal election calendar with the intent of increasing participation in local elections. While the committee agrees that local elections are very important and that turnout is low, it was found that there was little interest in forming a study committee at this time. The committee agreed that something like this is more appropriate in the beginning of the legislative season, not at the end.

Vote 20-0.

Rep. Ross Berry  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Election Law

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1008**

**BILL TITLE:** establishing a commission to study the structure and election calendar of New Hampshire municipal government.

**DATE:** February 10, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 306-308

**MOTIONS:** **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Berry

Seconded by Rep. Sweeney

Vote: 20-0

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Barbara Griffin, Acting Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # 1008

BILL TITLE: ... Commission to study structure

DATE: 10 Feb 2022

LOB ROOM: 308

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_
- Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)

Moved by Rep. Berry      Seconded by Rep. Sweeney      Vote: 20-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_      Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_      Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

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Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_      Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_      Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT CALENDAR:  YES     NO

Minority Report? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    If yes, author, Rep: \_\_\_\_\_    Motion \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rep Natalie Wells, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Election Law

Bill #: HB 1008 Motion: ITL AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 10 FEB 2022

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Griffin, Barbara J. Chairman	✓		
MacDonald, Wayne D. Vice Chairman	✓		
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine J.	✓		
Sweeney, Joe	✓		
Hayward, Peter T.	✓		
Torosian, Peter E.	✓		
Berry, Ross	✓		
Groen, Fenton	✓		
Qualey, James R.	✓		
<del>Wells, Natalie J. Clerk</del> <i>Lascelles</i>	✓		
Alexander, Joe H.	✓		
<del>Cote, David E.</del> <i>willhelm</i>	✓		
Ward, Gerald W.R.	✓		
<del>Bergeron, Paul R.</del>	✓		
<del>Sandler, Catt</del> <i>Perez</i>	✓		
Hamer, Heidi M.	✓		
Lane, Connie B.	✓		
Freitas, Mary C.	✓		
Hamblet, Joan L.	✓		
Muirhead, Russell	✓		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>20-0</b>		

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1008**

**BILL TITLE:** establishing a commission to study the structure and election calendar of New Hampshire municipal government.

**DATE:** February 2, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** Reps Hall                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 12:05pm

**Time Adjourned:** 12:08pm

**Committee Members:** Reps. B. Griffin, W. MacDonald, Wells, Prudhomme-O'Brien, Sweeney, Hayward, Torosian, Berry, Groen, Qualey, Alexander Jr., Cote, Ward, Bergeron, Sandler, Hamer, Lane, Freitas, Hamblet and Muirhead

**Bill Sponsors:**  
Rep. Sweeney

**TESTIMONY**

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

**Rep. Joe Sweeney**

- Introduced the bill and supports it.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rep. Natalie Wells**







# House Remote Testify

## Election Law Committee Testify List for Bill HB1008 on 2022-02-02

Support: 10 Oppose: 9 Neutral: 1 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>
Richardson, Daniel	Nashua, NH daniel6_22@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/30/2022 9:05 AM
Marcoux, Daniel	Northfield, NH danmarcoux90@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 8:30 PM
Marcoux, Joseph	Northfield, NH Joeymarcoux@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 8:30 PM
Marcoux, Sarah	Northfield, NH marcouxhouse@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/30/2022 8:31 PM
Tuthill, William	Somersworth, NH wtuthill@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/31/2022 7:33 PM
Stone, Jennifer	Dover, NH jenstone01@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/31/2022 7:38 PM
Sposato, Nancy	Dover, NH spomail@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Neutral	No	No	1/31/2022 8:28 PM
Kudlik, Cindy	Grafton, NH CindyKudlik@protonmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 8:36 PM
Tuthill, Jennifer	Somersworth, NH Psychokatz@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/31/2022 9:45 PM
Crotty, Deborah	Goffstown, NH Dac111856@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/1/2022 11:56 AM
Campbell, Karolyn	Epsom, NH kkcampbell43@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/1/2022 3:03 PM
Duval, Norman	Bedford, NH NormD603@outlook.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/1/2022 3:59 PM
See, Alvin	Loudon, NH absee@4liberty.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/1/2022 9:12 PM

Anastasia, Patricia	Londonderry, NH patti.anastasia@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/1/2022 9:36 PM
Thoman, Karen	Nashua, NH kt03062@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/1/2022 10:52 PM
Melvin, Daniel	Auburn, NH DanMelvin@verizon.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/2/2022 11:45 AM
Schertell, John	Hampton, NH johnschertell@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/2/2022 11:56 AM
Chester, Russan	Bedford, NH russan.chester@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/2/2022 7:35 PM
Loveless, Eric	bedford, NH lovelessej@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/2/2022 7:42 PM
Potenza, Kelley	Rochester, NH kelley.potenza@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/2/2022 11:08 PM

**HB 1008 - AS INTRODUCED**

2022 SESSION

22-2217

11/04

HOUSE BILL            **1008**

AN ACT                establishing a commission to study the structure and election calendar of New Hampshire municipal government.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 8

COMMITTEE:          Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the structure and election calendar of New Hampshire municipal government.

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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 Two*

AN ACT                    establishing a commission to study the structure and election calendar of New Hampshire municipal government.

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

1            1 New Section; Elections; Commission to Study the Structure and Election Calendar of New  
2 Hampshire Municipal Government. Amend RSA 652 by inserting after section 27 the following new  
3 section:

4            652:28 Commission to Study the Structure and Election Calendar of New Hampshire Municipal  
5 Government.

6            I. There is established a commission to study the structure and election calendar of New  
7 Hampshire municipal government.

8            II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

9                    (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
10 house of representatives.

11                    (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

12                    (c) Three members appointed by the governor.

13                    (d) Three members appointed by the secretary of state.

14            III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when  
15 attending to the duties of the committee.

16            IV. The commission shall study the structure and election calendar of New Hampshire  
17 municipal government.

18            V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The  
19 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting  
20 of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Seven members  
21 of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

22            VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
23 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
24 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2022.

25            2 Repeal. RSA 652:28, relative to the commission to study the structure and election calendar of  
26 New Hampshire municipal government, is repealed.

27            3 Effective Date.

28                    I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2022.

29                    II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.