

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 9, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Election Law to which was referred
HB 1242,**

**AN ACT relative to filing deadlines for candidates
seeking election to charter commissions and relative to
the dates of such elections. Having considered the
same, report the same with the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Paul Bergeron

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Election Law
Bill Number:	HB 1242
Title:	relative to filing deadlines for candidates seeking election to charter commissions and relative to the dates of such elections.
Date:	March 9, 2022
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill as introduced would have changed the timeline for which municipal officials could order a special election to be held for the purpose of electing charter commission members, and would have changed the calendar relative to the filing period for charter commission candidates. This subject matter is also being addressed by SB423, relative to the election of charter commission members. The sponsor of this bill requested a recommendation of Inexpedient to Legislate so that the committee can discuss the subject matter when considering SB423 after crossover.

Vote 20-0.

Rep. Paul Bergeron
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 1242

BILL TITLE: relative to filing deadlines for candidates seeking election to charter commissions and relative to the dates of such elections.

DATE: February 23, 2022

LOB ROOM: 306-308

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Bergeron

Seconded by Rep. Lane

Vote: 20-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Natalie Wells, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Election Law

 Bill #: HB 1242 Motion: ITL - AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2-23-22

<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. <i>Mooney</i>	✓		
Torosian, Peter E.	✓		
Berry, Ross	✓		
Groen, Fenton	✓		
Qualey, James R.	✓		
Wells, Natalie J. Clerk	✓		
Alexander, Joe H.	✓		
Cote, David E. <i>Paige</i>	✓		
Ward, Gerald W.R.	✓		
Bergeron, Paul R.	✓		
Sandler, Catt <i>Pimentel</i>	✓		
Hamer, Heidi M.	✓		
Lane, Connie B.	✓		
Freitas, Mary C.	✓		
Hamblet, Joan L.	✓		
Muirhead, Russell	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	20	0	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1242

BILL TITLE: relative to filing deadlines for candidates seeking election to charter commissions and relative to the dates of such elections.

DATE: February 2, 2022

LOB ROOM: State House - Reps Hall
Time Public Hearing Called to Order:
12:14 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 12:16 p.m.

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. Bergeron

TESTIMONY

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

Rep Paul Bergeron - sponsor

- Bill would attempt to change file deadline.
- Recommend it ITL as similar bill being introduced
- SB423 introduced by Sen, D'Allesandro is similar

House Remote Testify

Election Law Committee Testify List for Bill HB1242 on 2022-02-02

Support: 9 Oppose: 4 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>
Petrusewicz, Carol	Rochester, NH clmcc2befree@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 3:21 PM
Smith, Julie	Nashua, NH cantdog@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/31/2022 5:43 PM
Tuthill, William	Somersworth, NH wtuthill@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/31/2022 7:34 PM
Stone, Jennifer	Dover, NH jenstone01@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/31/2022 7:39 PM
Sposato, Nancy	Dover, NH spomail@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/31/2022 8:32 PM
Tuthill, Jennifer	Somersworth, NH Psychokatz@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/31/2022 9:46 PM
Crotty, Deborah	Goffstown, NH Dac111856@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/1/2022 11:57 AM
Campbell, Karolyn	Epsom, NH kkcampbell43@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/1/2022 3:08 PM
Campbell, Karen	Epsom, NH klynncampbell50@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/2/2022 8:31 AM
Schertell, John	Hampton, NH johnschertell@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/2/2022 11:57 AM
Chester, Russan	Bedford, NH russan.chester@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/2/2022 7:36 PM
Loveless, Eric	bedford, NH lovelessej@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/2/2022 7:37 PM
Potenza, Kelley	Rochester, NH kelley.potenza@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/2/2022 11:11 PM

HB 1242 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2589

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HOUSE BILL **1242**

AN ACT relative to filing deadlines for candidates seeking election to charter commissions and relative to the dates of such elections.

SPONSORS: Rep. Bergeron, Hills. 29

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the local charter commission election ballot shall be available at least 45 days prior to a state primary election where both elections are scheduled to occur on the same date.

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 relative to filing deadlines for candidates seeking election to charter commissions and relative to the dates of such elections.

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

1 1 Charter Commission; Membership; Procedure; Preliminary Report. Amend RSA 49-B:4, I to
2 read as follows:

3 I. The charter commission shall consist of 9 members, all of whom shall be registered voters
4 of the municipality and elected as hereinafter provided.

5 (a) Within 5 days after the deadline for requesting a recount of a vote confirming the
6 establishment of a charter commission, or within 5 days after the recount if a recount is requested,
7 the municipal officers shall meet to order a special election to be held on a Tuesday not less than [35]
8 **50** days or more than [60] **90** days after such meeting for the purpose of electing charter commission
9 members provided, however, that in a municipality with biennial elections, the special election shall
10 be held on a Tuesday not less than [25] **50** days or more than 133 days after such meeting. For
11 purposes of this subparagraph, the provisions of RSA 40:4-c relative to recounts shall apply, except
12 that a recount must be requested no later than the first Friday following the vote.

13 (b) Members shall be elected in the same manner as the municipal officers except that
14 they shall be elected at large and without party designation. The names of the candidates shall be
15 arranged on the ballot in an order determined by lot, publicly selected by the city or town clerk.
16 Declarations of candidacy for the commission shall be filed as provided in RSA 669:19, except that
17 the filing period shall begin [~~on the fourth~~] **not less than the Wednesday immediately following**
18 **the election and coinciding with the recount period pursuant to RSA 40:4-c and not later**
19 **than the eighth** Wednesday before the election and end on the Friday of the following week.

20 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.