LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB1046

Bill as Introduced

HB 1046 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2104 11/04

HOUSE BILL1046AN ACTrelative to the election of the Sullivan county commissioners.SPONSORS:Rep. Tanner, Sull. 9; Rep. Merchant, Sull. 4; Rep. Gottling, Sull. 2COMMITTEE:Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill changes the election of the Sullivan county commissioners to be elected by voters in each county commissioner district.

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removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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HB 1046 - AS INTRODUCED

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT relative to the election of the Sullivan county commissioners. Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Election; Sullivan County Commissioners. Amend RSA 653:1, VI(e) to read as follows:

 $\mathbf{2}$ (e) Sullivan county-one county commissioner [from each-county commissioner district by 3 all the voters of the county] by the voters in each county commissioner district; provided that, at the [1990] 2022 state general election, the commissioner from district [1] 2 shall be elected to a 4-4 year term, no commissioner from district 1 shall be elected, and [the commissioners-from 5 6 districts-2-and 3 shall each] the commissioner from district 3 shall be elected to a 2-year term. 7 At each subsequent state general election, 2 commissioners whose terms are expiring shall be elected by [all the voters of the county] the voters of the districts in which a commissioner's term is 8 expiring; and, of the commissioners so chosen, one shall serve a 4-year term and one shall serve a 2-9 10 year term and both shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen and qualified. Following the [1990] 2022 state general election, the 4-year term shall be rotated in sequence starting with 11 12district [2] 3.

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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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: March 23, 2022

HEARINGS

Monday		03/28/20	22	
Election La	aw and Municipal	Affairs	State House 100	1:00 p.m.
(Name of C	committee)		(Place)	(Time)
1:00 p.m.	HB 1010-FN		nicipal voter history to be made a ntralized voter registration databa	
1:15 p.m.	HB 1009	requiring the voter inform	e date a person registers to vote to ation.	be included with other
1:30 p.m.	HB 1069	relative to th	e election of village district commi	ssioners.
1:45 p.m.	HB 1046	relative to th	e election of the Sullivan county co	ommissioners.
2:00 p.m.	HB 1081	relative to th	e dissolution of a village district.	
2:15 p.m.	HB 1567-FN	relative to co	nsequences resulting from election	n official misconduct.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors: HB 1010-FN Rep. Sweeney HB 1009 Rep. Sweeney HB 1069			
Rep. Silber			
HB 1046			
Rep. Tanner	Rep. Merchant	Rep. Gottling	
HB 1081	-		
Rep. J. Smith	Rep. McConkey	Rep. Spillane	Rep. Lang
Rep. B. Nelson	Rep. Avellani	Rep. Cordelli	
HB 1567-FN			
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Tricia Melillo 271-3077

<u>James P. Gray</u> Chairman

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

HB 1046, relative to the election of the Sullivan county commissioners.

Hearing Date: March 28, 2022

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

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Birdsell

Bill Analysis: This bill changes the election of the Sullivan county commissioners to be elected by voters in each county commissioner district.

Sponsors:		
Rep. Tanner	Rep. Merchant	Rep. Gottling

Who supports the bill: Representative Linda Tanner, Representative John Cloutier, Representative Gary Merchant, Ellis Robinson, Vivian Dolkart, Donna Stamper, Ebba McArt, Constance Carey, Julie Strong, Suzanne Gottling, Susan Orkin, Karen Dewey, Dianne Rochford, Sandra Steel, Linda Douville, Sally Findley, Christine Alexander, Helen Davidson, Gail Wild, Stephen Taylor, Kathleen Eames, Janice Vien, Sam Killay, Susan Hastings, Shannon Martinez, Stephanie Harris, James Lenz, Kevin Carey, Mary Boyle, Ronald Logerfo, Janice Orion, Claudia Istel, Elizabeth Gibbs, Virginia O'Brien Irwin

Who opposes the bill: Kate Horgan, NH Association of Counties, Ben Nelson

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Linda Tanner

- This was a constituent request
- The bill takes the voting for commissioners in Sullivan County from being at large to voting for them in each district.
- It is based on a bill that was put in for another county that has rolling elections for each commissioner in each district.
- The districts they all represent each have their own unique characteristics.
- It has been an anomaly for someone in the towns she represents to be elected commissioner in Sullivan County.
- The larger towns and cities have an advantage over the rural towns.
- It makes sense to her that you are elected from the district that you are assigned to represent.
- Senator Gray commented that the House Bill on districts does not contain how Sullivan County would be broken up by voting districts to give you equal population and he does not believe this bill can move forward without that.
 - Rep. Tanner replied that this is a redistricting year and she assumed that the districts were drawn for the commissioners in the counties.
- Senator Ward asked what is the length of the term for the commissioners now.
 - Rep. Tanner replied that it is a two year term and as this bill sets out they will have rolling elections.
- Senator Ward asked if they are looking to increase it to four year terms.
 - Rep. Tanner answered that they are not. The commissioners are elected so that everyone is not elected at the same time. They will sequence in over time. They have staggard terms. Some of the commissioners have four year terms and others have two so that there is continuity throughout the elections.

- Senator Ward asked what is the present system.
 - Rep. Tanner replied that they have staggard terms now.
- Senator Ward asked how that has been working.
 - Rep. Tanner stated that the commissioners are at large and the whole county votes for all of them. The large towns like Claremont, Charlestown or Newport have an advantage if one of the commissioners is from those towns. The commissioners have always been elected from there. The voters in the smaller towns do not even know the commissioners that are elected.
- Senator Ward asked if the constituent request was the only reason for the change in electing commissioners.
 - Rep. Tanner replied that she believes that Sullivan County should be able to join the other counties that vote by district.
- Senator Ward asked if there is a lot of support for it.
 - Rep. Tanner answered that the support for it is growing. This bill was put in for Belknap County a few years ago and the support for doing this is only going to grow.
- Senator Gray clarified that they have county commissioner districts right now but they are not elected by district they are elected by all of the people in Sullivan County and asked if this is a rotation on four year terms.
 - Rep. Tanner answered yes. Every town in Sullivan County have the commissioners listed on their ballot.

Representative John Cloutier

- He is a long time member of the Sullivan County Delegation.
- This is important because a majority of counties in New Hampshire already elect commissioners by district.
- He has not heard any complaints with those counties that have converted.
- This would make elections more competitive in the future and commissioners more accountable to the public.
- This will also get more people involved in the process.
- It is hard to keep track which commissioner represents which district.
- It would help the public know which commissioner to go to if they have a problem.
- The commissioners have an important role and the entire county should have a chance to run for commissioner if they choose.
- This will also reduce the election expenses to run in a small district vs a large county.
- Senator Gray asked how would he get the information to the constituents.
 - Rep. Cloutier replied that he is not sure but Sullivan County should do what the eight other counties have done and elect commissioners by district. He has not heard that is has been a problem in any of those counties.
- Senator Gray commented that the reason he asked was that when it was heard in the House, the ITL was deféated 158-169.
 - o Rep. Cloutier replied that was the committee's recommendation.
- Senator Gray commented that ITL only failed by 11 votes.
 - Rep. Cloutier replied that he is not saying it was unanimous but it was overturned and it makes sense for Sullivan County. He has not had any of his constituents come to him opposed to this bill.

Representative Gary Merchant

- The map he distributed shows how the other counties elect commissioners.
- Seven of them are doing what Sullivan County is proposing.
- Strafford does it at large.
- We have an executive council with five districts and they are not elected by all of the people of New Hampshire.

- It is the same with our Congressional Districts. There are two districts voted on by people in the district.
- They are trying to align the voter with their commissioner and have accountability with those voters.
- To run a full county wide campaign is costly.
- In a lot of ways, the current system is a disenfranchising some people that may want to run but do not have the financial resources.
- Some may say if it isn't broke don't fix it but that does not take into account cost, having candidates that live in the district or the way NH elects officials in other races.
- The OTP vote in the House was 191 141 which is a margin of fifty votes on the floor in favor.

Virginia O'Brien Irwin

- It makes no sense to her to designate a commissioner district and then have them run county wide.
- This RSA was enacted in 1979 and the make up of the county might have been different but there are few who can remember why it was set up this way.
- This is important to Sullivan County voters.
- She does not understand why the current Sullivan County Commissioners are against this.
- She spoke to one of them prior to requesting this legislation and he thought it was a better way to elect commissioners; from the district they serve.
- The Association of Counties is not supporting it because it is a bad idea, but because they are supporting their members objections since they pay dues.
- She believes it is still expensive to run a campaign.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition:

Ben Nelson, Sullivan County Commissioner Kate Horgan, NH Association of Counties

- The three county commissioners do have staggered terms now two run for a two year term and the other a four year term.
- Currently, the candidates have to be from one of the three districts in the county.
- He does not believe because seven other counties vote by district is a reason to change the way Sullivan County votes.
- He does not believe it is expensive to run a campaign.
- It has gotten easier and cheaper with Facebook and the other social media outlets.
- He makes his own lawn signs and shows up at all of the town meetings to meet the public.
- You get elected by showing up at the select board meetings, at the events on the common and the transfer station.
- Small towns are represented.
- Every taxpayer is affected by the decisions of the commissioners.
- He does not believe anything is broken and the state does not need to step in.
- Towns should decide how they want to govern themselves which is local control and this is an example of that.
- This bill takes away the right to vote for three commissioners in Sullivan County. Voters will now only be able to vote for one.
- Senator Gray asked shouldn't the voters have a chance to make this decision.
 - 0 Mr. Nelson replied that would make sense rather than the state dictating it.

TJM Date Hearing Report completed: April 1, 2022 Speakers

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee SIGN-IN SHEET

Date: March 28, 2022 Time: 1:45 p.m.

HB 1046 AN ACT relative to the election of Sullivan County commissioners. PRIME: Representative Tanner

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VIRGINIT OBRIEN IRWIN	Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes	No
NRep. John Cloutier	Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes X	No [.]
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V Rep Merchan	Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes -	No
Kate Horaoun - NHAC	Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes X	No □
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Senate Remote Testify

Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee Testify List for Bill HB1046 on 202 Support: 31 Oppose: 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	Representing	Position
Robinson, Ellis	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Horgan, Kate	A Lobbyist	NH Association of Counties	Oppose
Dolkart, Vivian	A Member of the Public	Myself	t Support
Stamper, Donna	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
McArt, Ebba	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Carey, Constance	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Strong, Julie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Gottling, Suzanne	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
Orkin, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Dewey, Karen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Rochford, Dianne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Steel, Sandra	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Douville, Linda	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Findley, Sally	A Member of the Public	Myself	- Support -
Alexander, Christine	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Davidson, Helen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wild. Gail	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
taylor, stephen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Eames, Kathleen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Vien, Janice	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
KILLAY, SAM	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hastings, Susan J	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Martinez, Shannon	State Agency Staff	Myself	Support
Harris, Stephanie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Lenz, James	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Carey, Kevin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Boyle, Mary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Logerfo, Ronald	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Orion, Janice	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Istel, Claudia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Gibbs, Elizabeth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bilotta, Diane	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Testimony

President Wendy Piper Grafton County Commissioner

Vice President Tom Tombarello Rockingham County Commissioner

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At Large Member Cathy Stacey Rockingham County Register of Deeds

March 28, 2022

The Honorable James Gray Chair Election Law & Municipal Affairs State House Concord, NH 03031



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Treasurer Suzanne Collins Coos County Treasurer

Bylaws Chair Chris Coates Cheshire County Administrator

Chairman Gray and Members of the Election Law & Municipal Affairs Committee,

The NH Association of Counties would like to register its opposition to HB 1046, relative to the Election of the Sullivan County Commissioners.

This bill would change the way that the county commissioners are elected in Sullivan County. Presently, the commissioners are voted on by a county wide basis and that system is working well for the county. This bill would make it so only the members of a commissioner's district would be able to vote for their commissioner. The commissioners feel that this system would be a disservice to the county. Sullivan is a small county and decisions made by the county commissioners' impact all the residents of the county and the commissioners believe that all residents of Sullivan county should have a vote for their commissioners.

The Association asks for your opposition to HB 1046. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our Executive Director, Kate Horgan at khorgan@dupontgroup.com.

Sincerely,

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Wendy Piper President NH Association of Counties



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<u>BY EMAIL</u>

March 28, 2022

The Honorable James Gray Chair, Senate Election Laws and Municipal Affairs Committee 107 N Main St, State House, Room 100 Concord NH 03303

Dear Chairman Gray and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 1046, relative to the election of the Sullivan County Commissioners. We have a long tradition of serving the entire county and are proud to represent all taxpayers from the 15 municipalities. This bill would disenfranchise county voters by restricting their ability to choose all three County Commissioners.

This approach reflects the reality that Sullivan County is the third smallest county in terms of area and has the second smallest population of all 10 counties in New Hampshire. We prefer to remain connected to the entire county and HB 1046 would erode that connection. The fact that several other counties vote by district is irrelevant—we aren't like other counties.

Additionally, HB 1046 begins to build barriers — whether real or perceived — that citizens from a particular district aren't equally represented by Commissioners from the other districts. Furthermore, these district lines will eventually become battle lines and a focus of future partisan politics. I do not think this is healthy for county government.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you will agree with me that our time-honored approach to serving the citizens of Sullivan County is just fine the way it is. Please vote against HB 1046.

Sincerely,

Clarge Hiller

George Hebert Chair, Sullivan County Board of Commissioners

HOW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE ELECTED

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Belknap County - rotating term.	One County Commissione	r is elected in each district	only by the registered vot	ers from that district for a
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1st District	2-year term	4-year term	no election	2-year term
2nd District	no election	2-year term	4-year term	no election
3rd District	4-year term	no election	2-year term	4-year term
Carroll County - (One County Commissioner	is elected from each distric	ct by registered voters fro	m the entire county.
	2018	2020	2022	2024
1st District	4-year term	no election	2-year term	4-year term
2nd District	2-year term	4-year term	no election	2-year term
3rd District	no election	2-year term	4-year term	no election
Cheshire County - rotating term.	- One County Commission	er is elected in each district	only by the registered vo	ters from that district for a
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Coos County - One County Commissioner is elected in each district only by the registered voters from that district for a rotating term.

	2018	2020	2022	2024
1st District	no election	2-year term	4-year term	no election
2nd District	4-year term	no election	2-year term	4-year term
3rd District	2-year term	4-year term	no election	2-year term

Grafton and Hillsborough Counties - One County Commissioner is elected for a 2-year term by only those voters in each district.

Merrimack County - One County Commissioner is elected in each district only by the registered voters from that district for a rotating term.

	2018	2020	2022	2024
1st District	2-year term	4-year term	no election	2-year term
2nd District	no election	2-year term	4-year term	no election
3rd District	4-year term	no election	2-year term	4-year term

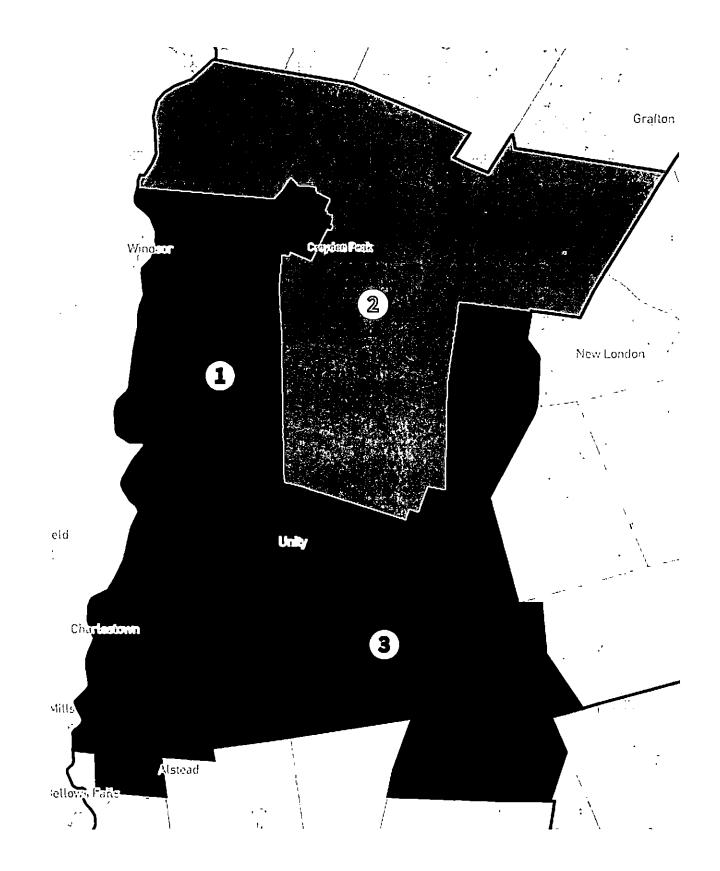
Rockingham County - One County Commissioner is elected in each district only by the registered voters from that district for a rotating term.

	2018	2020	2022	2024
1st District	no election	2-year term	4-year term	no election
2nd District	4-year term	no election	2-year term	4-year term
3rd District	2-year term	4-year term	no election	2-year term

Strafford County - Three County Commissioners elected at-large throughout the entire county.

Sullivan County - One County Commissioner is elected in each district by the registered voters from the entire county.

	2018	2020	2022	2023
1st District	2-year term	4-year term	no election	2-year term
2nd District	no election	2-year term	4-year term	no election
3rd District	4-year term	no election	2-year term	4-year term



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Virginia O'Brien Irwin 182 Fletcher Road Newport, New Hampshire, 03773

March 28, 2022

Honorable Members of the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee:

I am here today for a simple request. I am asking you to support the passage of HB 1046, a bill that would allow the voters from Sullivan County, to elect their County Commissioners only by district and not "at large" as it is now.

Now I know it is not truly "at large" because the candidate runs from one of the three districts. But the way the vote it taken, it is equivalent to 'at large" since every voter gets to vote for the candidates. This is how the other nine counties elect their commissioners:

Hillsborough: One from each district in the county Cheshire: One from each district in the county Belknap: One from each district in the county Rockingham: One from each district in the county Merrimack: One from each district in the county Coos; One from each district in the county Grafton: One from each district in the county

Carroll : One from each district voted by all the voters in the county (similar to Sullivan) Strafford: Three commissioners by all the voters.

It makes no sense to me, and to many other Sullivan County voters, to designate a commissioner district and then have them run county wide. When this RSA was enacted, in 1979 for the first time, the make up of the county might have been different, there may have been fewer voters or it simply copied another county's process. I dare say there are few who can remember why it was set up in this manner.

This is a small matter in the scheme of things you are grappling with this legislative session, but it is important to Sullivan County. I know you have heard that the current Commissioners are not in favor, but I honestly cannot tell you why. When speaking to one of them prior to requesting this legislation, he stated that he thought it was a better way to elect commissioners, that is from the district they serve. That sentiment got lost on its way to today. I also know that the NH Association of Counties is not supporting this but not because they think it's a bad idea, but because they support their membership's objections since they pay dues to the organization to represent their interests.

In sum, please give this your consideration and vote Ought to Pass on HB 1046. If in the end, you cannot, then amend the bill to allow for "at large" election of the County Commissioners for that is in effect what is happening now.

Thank you for your attention and for the opportunity to present my testimony.

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Tricia Melillo

From:	Claudia lstel <cistel79@gmail.com></cistel79@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, March 28, 2022 12:02 PM
То:	Tricia Melillo
Subject:	statement re HB 1046 for the Senate Election Law Committee

Thank you, Ms Melillo, for seeing that the senators get my statement.

March 28, 2022

Senate Election Law and Affairs Committee

Re: HB 1046

Dear Senators:

I urge you to vote HB 1046 OTPA.

The bill would allow Sullivan County voters to elect their county commissioners by district as do seven other counties. Only the voters of the district would vote for the commissioner who would represent them, as opposed to the current system where the commissioner for one district must win the approval of voters in the entire county. The proposed bill seems fairer to the county residents and voters. The commissioner would be selected by the voters s/he would represent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Claudia Istel Acworth, NH 03601

Voting Sheets

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Sen. Birdsell, Vice Chair	<u>X</u>			
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Sen. Soucy	X			
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Committee Report

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, April 4, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred HB 1046

AN ACT

relative to the election of the Sullivan county commissioners.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Donna Soucy For the Committee

This bill would change the election of the Sullivan County Commissioners to be elected by voters in each county commissioner district instead of county wide. Seven other counties in New Hampshire have adopted this method of electing commissioners. Another bill being considered in the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee has similar subject matter and may be used to accomplish this change.

Tricia Melillo 271-3077

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General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of HB1046

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Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to the election of the Sullivan county commissioners.

Official Docket of HB1046.:	Official	Docket of H	B1046.:
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Date	Body	Description
11/2/2021	Н	Introduced 01/05/2022 and referred to Municipal and County Government
1/13/2022	Н	Public Hearing: 01/13/2022 9:30 a.m. LOB301-303
1/24/2022	Н	Executive Session: 01/24/2022 10:00 a.m. LOB301-303
2/9/2022	н	Majority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate (Vote 10-9; RC)
2/9/2022	н	Minority Committee Report: Ought to Pass
3/17/2022	н	Inexpedient to Legislate: MF DV 158-169 03/17/2022 HJ 8
3/17/2022	н	Ought to Pass: MA DV 192-141 03/17/2022 HJ 8
3/22/2022	S	Introduced 03/17/2022 and Referred to Election Law and Municipal Affairs; SJ 6
3/23/2022	S	Hearing: 03/28/2022, Room 100, SH, 01:45 pm; SC 13
4/6/2022	S	Committee Report: Referred to Interim Study, 04/14/2022; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 15
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