

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**January 25, 2023**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Municipal and County Government  
to which was referred HB 36,**

**AN ACT relative to fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.**

**Having considered the same, report the same with the  
following amendment, and the recommendation that  
the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

**Rep. Latha Mangipudi**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Municipal and County Government</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 36</b>
Title:	<b>relative to fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.</b>
Date:	<b>January 25, 2023</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2023-0026h</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

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Vote 20-0.

Rep. Latha Mangipudi  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Municipal and County Government

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Rep. Fellows, Graf. 8  
January 12, 2023  
2023-0026h  
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Amendment to HB 36

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Sheriffs and Constables; Fees of Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs. Amend RSA 104:31, XIII to  
4 read as follows:

5 XIII. The fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs specified in paragraphs I through IV and  
6 paragraphs VII through IX-b may be increased once annually by a vote of the county convention [~~and~~  
7 ~~the total~~]. ***The percentage of the*** increase shall not exceed the ***annual percentage increase in***  
8 ***the*** Consumer Price Index ***of all items*** for All Urban Consumers, Northeast Region as published by  
9 the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor [~~using the amount published for~~  
10 ~~the month of June in the year prior to the start of the fiscal year on a percentage basis~~] ***for the***  
11 ***calendar year preceding the vote.***

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 36**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

**DATE:** January 19, 2023

**LOB ROOM:** 301 - 303

**MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Moved by Rep. Mangipudi                      Seconded by Rep. Treleaven                      AM Vote: 20-0

Amendment # 2023-0026h

Moved by Rep. Mangipudi                      Seconded by Rep. Treleaven                      Vote: 20-0

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk



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2023 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

2023-0026h

Bill #: HB36 Motion: Adopt Amendment AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 1/19/23

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Turcotte, Len P. Chairman	20		
Pauer, Diane Vice Chairman	1		
Guthrie, Joseph A.	2		
MacDonald, John T. Clerk	3		
Lascelles, Richard W.	4		
Yokela, Josh S.	5		
Kelley, Diane E.	6		
Aylward, Deborah	7		
Brown, Richard R	8		
Cahill, Tim P	9		
Stavis, Laurel	10		
Tatro, Bruce L.	11		
Treleaven, Susan GS	12		
Gilman, Julie D. <i>None</i>	13		
Maggiore, Jim V.	14		
Mangipudi, Latha D.	15		
Gallager, Eric B.	16		
Hicks, Matthew S	17		
Howland, Allan	18		
Preece, David John	19		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	



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2023 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: HB36 Motion: OTPA AM #: 2023-0264 Exec Session Date: 1/19/23

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Turcotte, Len P. Chairman	20		
Pauer, Diane Vice Chairman	1		
Guthrie, Joseph A.	2		
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Maggiore, Jim V. <i>RUN</i>	14		
Mangipudi, Latha D.	15		
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<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	20	0	

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON HCR 6**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to condemning the use of violence against supporters of self-governance.

**DATE:** February 6, 2023

**LOB ROOM:** 301-303                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 2:00 p.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 2:30 p.m.

**Committee Members:** Reps. Hill, Sheehan, Hobson, Osborne, Costable, S. Pearson, McCarter, Tierney, Wall, A. Nutting-Wong, A. Turcotte, Richards, Conlin, W. Dolan, Monteil and Payeur

**Bill Sponsors:**

**Rep. Santonastaso**

**Rep. T. Mannion**

**Rep. Gerhard**

**TESTIMONY**

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

- Rep. Santonastaso -  
Military action is never justified against those who want to self govern.
- Matt Sanborn dit Choiniere
- Jason Gerhard

Respectfully submitted,  
Representative Hobson, Clerk



# House Remote Testify

## Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill HB36 on 2023-

Support: 1 Oppose: 0 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>§</u>
Trottier, Douglas	BELMONT, NH douglastrottier1@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Belknap 8	Support	No	No	1



HB36

Rep. Sallie Fellows

**HB 36 Sheriffs' Fees**

M & C 1/11/2023

**Calculating Inflation using the Northeast Consumer Price Index (CPI) ANNUAL index**

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)      **Example of how the 2021 fee increase would have been calculated.**  
 Original Data Value

DOWN LOADED 10-19-22

Series CUUR0100SA0

Id:

Series All items in Northeast urban, all urban consumers,

Title: not seasonally adjusted

Area: Northeast

Item: All items

Base 1982-84=100

Period:

Years: 2012 to 2022

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
2017	258.073	258.768	258.510	259.165	259.386	259.335	258.833	259.508	260.875	260.580	260.630	260.791	259.538
2018	262.188	263.260	263.556	264.669	265.840	265.950	265.830	266.425	266.709	266.464	265.487	265.286	265.139
2019	266.109	266.706	268.025	269.070	269.744	270.133	270.381	270.548	270.563	270.348	270.643	270.429	269.392
2020	272.316	273.080	272.531	271.325	271.345	272.283	273.347	273.597	273.925	273.374	273.543	274.225	<b>272.908</b>
2021	275.427	276.473	278.197	280.234	281.858	284.741	285.220	285.630	286.423	288.236	289.835	290.405	<b>283.557</b>
2022	292.644	294.605	298.403	300.325	302.939	306.453	305.916	306.855	307.152				

HB 36 uses this ANNUAL CPI is the average of January - December CPIs

ANNUAL Change 2020 to 2021      283.557 / 272.908 = up 3.9%

Not the same as 12-Month Change Dec. 2020 to Dec. 2021      290.405 / 274.225 = up 5.9%

HB36

Testimony

House Municipal and County Government Committee

HB 36 - Relative to fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs

January 11, 2023

Dear Chairman Turcotte and Members of the Committee:

My name is William Wright, I am a lifelong resident of NH, and I have spent 24 years in public safety. I am currently the Sheriff of Belknap County.

I am here today to testify in Support of HB 36 for the NH Sheriffs Association.

This is in regards to SB 77 that passed the House and Senate in a previous legislative session and was signed into law on July 1, 2021. That bill increased fees for certain services of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs. The fees had not been increased since 2010, and inflation had raised the cost of fuel, wages, mailings, cost of cruisers, and every other aspect of writ services.

This past summer, Rep. Sallie Fellows identified a concern with how that bill was implemented. Therefore, you see HB 36 before you for your consideration. The language makes a modification to RSA 104:31, XIII to read as follows:

XIII. The fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs specified in paragraphs I through IV and paragraphs VII through IX-b may be increased once annually by a vote of the county convention [~~and the total~~]. ***The percentage of the increase shall not exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Northeast Region as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor [using the amount published for the month of June in the year prior to the start of the fiscal year on a percentage basis] for the calendar year preceding the vote.***

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

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

In closing, I ask that you find HB 36 Ought to Pass.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Wright  
Belknap County Sheriff  
NH Sheriff's Association - Secretary

**President**  
Wendy Piper  
Grafton County Commissioner

**Vice President**  
Cathy Stacey  
Rockingham Register of Deeds

**At Large Member**  
Toni Pappas  
Hillsborough County Commissioner

**At Large Member**  
Ross Cunningham  
Merrimack County Administrator



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**Bylaws Chair**  
Chris Coates  
Cheshire County Administrator

January 9, 2023

Representative Len Turcotte  
Chair  
Municipal and County Government Committee  
NH House of Representatives

Chairman Turcotte and Members of the House Municipal and County Government Committee,

The NH Association of Counties is currently undertaking a review of all legislative bills filed for 2023. HB 36, relative to fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, is a bill that the Association is closely monitoring but has not taken a formal position on. As the Association moves through its formal review process and establishes a position, the Association will provide an update to this Committee.

Thank you for your attention and please reach out to Kate Horgan at [khorgan@dupontgroup.com](mailto:khorgan@dupontgroup.com) with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wendy Piper' in a cursive style.

Wendy Piper  
President  
NH Association of Counties

**HB 36 - AS INTRODUCED**

2023 SESSION

23-0204

04/07

HOUSE BILL           **36**

AN ACT               relative to fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

SPONSORS:       Rep. Fellows, Graf. 8; Rep. Trottier, Belk. 8; Rep. Schuett, Merr. 12; Rep. Rhodes, Ches. 17; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20

COMMITTEE:       Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill amends the process for increasing fees for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

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Explanation:       Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]  
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 Three*

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