HB 1296 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL 1296

AN ACT requiring certain candidates for municipal office to comply with certain campaign finance laws.

SPONSORS: Rep. W. Pearson, Ches. 16

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill requires candidates for municipal office to comply with laws governing political expenditures and contributions.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
AN ACT requiring certain candidates for municipal office to comply with certain campaign finance laws.

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

1 Political Contributions and Expenditures; Applicability. Amend RSA 664:1 to read as follows:

664:1 Applicability of Chapter. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all state primary, general, [and] special, city, and town elections, but shall only apply to presidential preference primaries as provided in this section. The provisions relating to political advertising, push polling, and enforcement, RSA 664:14 through RSA 664:22, shall additionally apply to presidential primary, [city, town] school district, and village district elections.

2 Political Expenditures and Contributions; Definitions; Election. Amend RSA 664:2, I to read as follows:

I. "Election" means any general biennial or special election, city or town election, political party primary, or presidential preference primary as provided in RSA 664:1.

3 Political Expenditures and Contributions; Reporting by Candidates. Amend RSA 664:7 to read as follows:

664:7 Reporting by Candidates. Each candidate at the primary or general election for governor, councilor, state senator, representative to general court, or county officer, and each candidate for office in city or town elections who has expenditures exceeding $500, shall file statements before and after an election in like manner and detail as prescribed in RSA 664:6, II, II-a, III, IV, and V, excepting, however, the expenditures of political committees of the party to which the candidate belongs in elections other than primaries.

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