

HB 344 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **344**

AN ACT                relative to gifts, honorariums, and expense reimbursements of county elected officials.

SPONSORS:           Rep. Williams, Hills. 4

COMMITTEE:        Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows the county delegation for each county to examine the reports and enforce compliance with the prohibitions and reporting requirements for gifts, honorariums, or expense reimbursements for its county elected officials.

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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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Nineteen*

AN ACT                    relative to gifts, honorariums, and expense reimbursements of county elected officials.

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

1            1 County Officials; Gifts, Honorariums or Expense Reimbursements. Amend RSA 15-B:8 to  
2 read as follows:

3            15-B:8 Forms; Place of Filing. The secretary of state shall furnish all forms required under this  
4 chapter. All persons filing a report under this chapter shall file with the secretary of state, ***except***  
5 ***that county officers included in the definition of elected official in RSA 15-B:2, III shall***  
6 ***provide a copy of all filings to the chairperson of his or her county delegation.*** The reports  
7 shall be held in the original form for 6 years from the date of filing, after which time they may be  
8 destroyed. The public information on the forms shall be available to the public in the form of a  
9 photocopy or an electronic record. The secretary of state shall, as soon as is practical, implement an  
10 electronic record keeping system that makes the public information in the reports required by this  
11 chapter available to the public through the Internet.

12            2 County Officials; Gifts, Honorariums or Expense Reimbursements. Amend RSA 15-B:10 to  
13 read as follows:

14            15-B:10 Examination of Reports. It shall be the duty of the attorney general to examine the  
15 reports which are made under this chapter to the secretary of state and to compel such returns be  
16 made to comply with the law. ***In addition, the county delegation for each county may***  
17 ***examine the reports and enforce compliance with the provisions of this chapter as they***  
18 ***apply to the county officers of their county, as included in the definition of elected official***  
19 ***in RSA 15-B:2, III.***

20            3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.