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# 2018 Legislative Preview

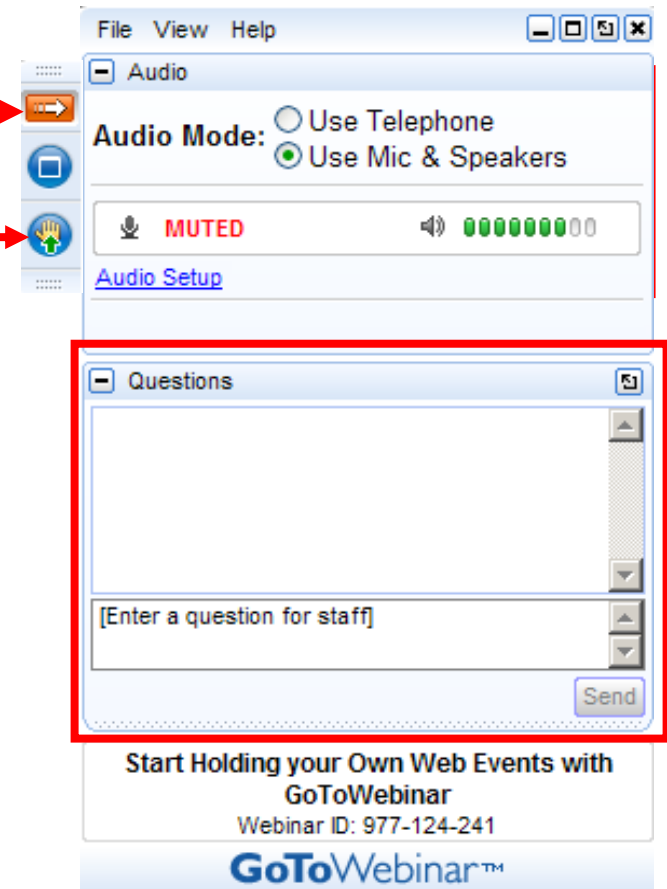
*Presented by:*

*Judy A. Silva, Executive Director  
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*January 17, 2018*

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# Agenda

1. Refresher on How to Use New Hampshire General Court Website
2. 2018 Legislation and NHMA Policy Bills
3. 2019-2020 Legislative Policy Process
  - Organizational Meeting: Friday, April 6
  - Policy Proposal(s) Deadline: Friday, April 20
  - Legislative Policy Conference: Friday, September 7



# General Court Website

www.gencourt.state.nh.us

The screenshot shows the homepage of the New Hampshire General Court website. At the top, there is a banner with the text "The New Hampshire General Court" and "An Official New Hampshire State Government Website". Below the banner, a welcome message reads: "Welcome to the Portal to the New Hampshire State Legislature! Below you will find direct links to some of the more popular pages, use the menu to the left to navigate the entire site."

On the left side, there is a navigation menu with the following items:

- NH State Legislation
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- NH State Senate
- Legislative Budget Assistant
- Legislative Services
- Legislative Ethics Comm.
- Visitors' Center - Book Tour
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- Statehouse Public Conduct
- Other Pages of Interest
- ADA Compliance Notice

Below the menu is a photograph of the Statehouse building. Underneath the photo, it says "NH State Websites:" followed by logos for "nh.gov" and "Judicial Branch".

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- General Court News and Hot Links:**
  - Next House Session: Call of the Chair
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- Operating and Capital Budget FY 2018-2019:**
  - Operating and Capital Budget FY 2018-2019

Red arrows in the image point to the "Find a 2018 Bill" link in the State Legislation Dash Board, the "Link to House Budget Briefing Document" link in the House of Representatives Dash Board, and the "Operating and Capital Budget FY 2018-2019" link in the NH General Court Links of Interest section.



# General Court Website

## *Bill Docket*

www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\_status/Results.aspx?q=1&txtsessionyear=2018

▶ NH General Court  
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NH General Court - Bill Status System  
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### HB561 -FN

Session Year 2018

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**Title:** (New Title) relative to contributions by retirement system employers for certain full-time positions changed to part-time or interim employment and relative to enforcement of provisions concerning retired members working part-time after retirement.

*G-Status:* SENATE

*House Status:* PASSED/ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT

*Senate Status:* REPORT FILED

*Next/Last Comm:* SENATE Executive Departments and Administration

*Next/Last Hearing:* 04/12/2017 at 10:00 AM LOB Room 101

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## Docket of HB561

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** (New Title) relative to contributions by retirement system employers for certain full-time positions changed to part-time or interim employment and relative to enforcement of provisions concerning retired members working part-time after retirement.

### Official Docket of HB561:

Date	Body	Description
1/17/2017	H	<b>Introduced</b> 01/05/2017 and referred to Executive Departments and Administration <b>HJ 3</b> P. 18
1/17/2017	H	Public Hearing: 01/24/2017 02:45 PM LOB 306
1/25/2017	H	Subcommittee Work Session: 02/01/2017 03:30 PM LOB 303
2/2/2017	H	Subcommittee Work Session: 02/08/2017 01:30 PM LOB 306
2/8/2017	H	Subcommittee Work Session: 02/15/2017 03:00 PM LOB 306
2/16/2017	H	==CANCELLED== Subcommittee Work Session: 02/21/2017 02:00 PM LOB 306
2/21/2017	H	==CANCELLED== Subcommittee Work Session: 02/22/2017 03:00 PM LOB 308
2/21/2017	H	==RESCHEDULED== Subcommittee Work Session: 02/23/2017 01:00 PM LOB 306
2/15/2017	H	Executive Session: 02/23/2017 02:30 PM LOB 305-307
3/1/2017	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment <b>#2017-0611h</b> (NT) for 03/08/2017 (Vote 20-0; CC) <b>HC 14</b> P. 13
3/8/2017	H	Amendment <b>#2017-0611h</b> : AA VV 03/08/2017 <b>HJ 9</b> P. 26
3/8/2017	H	<b>Ought to Pass with Amendment</b> 0611h: MA VV 03/08/2017 <b>HJ 9</b> P. 26
3/14/2017	S	Introduced 03/09/2017 and Referred to Executive Departments and Administration; <b>SJ 9</b>
4/5/2017	S	<b>Hearing:</b> 04/12/2017, Room 101, LOB, 10:00 am; <b>SC 18</b>
5/3/2017	S	Committee Report: Rereferred to Committee, 05/11/2017; <b>SC 22</b>
5/11/2017	S	Rereferred to Committee, MA, VV; 05/11/2017; <b>SJ 16</b>
12/6/2017	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment <b>#2017-2549s</b> , 01/03/2018; <b>SC 48</b>
1/8/2018	S	Sen. Bradley Moved to Rerefer, MA, VV; 01/03/2018; <b>SJ 1</b>
1/5/2018	S	<b>Hearing:</b> 01/10/2018, Room 101, LOB, 10:45 am, on proposed amendment <b>#2018-0027s</b> ; <b>SC 2A</b>
1/11/2018	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment <b>#2018-0110s</b> , 01/18/2018; <b>SC 3</b>

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## Bill Text

www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\_status/billText.aspx?sy=2018&id=695&txtFormat=html

### HB 561-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

8Mar2017... 0611h

2017 SESSION

17-0651  
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#### HOUSE BILL *561-FN*

AN ACT relative to contributions by retirement system employers for certain full-time positions changed to part-time or interim employment and relative to enforcement of provisions concerning retired members working part-time after retirement.

SPONSORS: Rep. Kurk, Hills. 2; Rep. L. Turcotte, Straf. 4; Rep. Ohm, Hills. 36; Rep. Azarian, Rock. 8; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the executive director of the retirement system to suspend a member's retirement allowance and assess a penalty on a retirement system employer for exceeding the limitations for part-time employment.

This bill also requires retirement system employers to make contributions based on the unfunded accrued liability and medical benefits employer share for certain full-time positions changed to part-time or interim employment.

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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#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen*

AN ACT relative to contributions by retirement system employers for certain full-time positions changed to part-time or interim employment and relative to enforcement of provisions concerning retired members working part-time after retirement.

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

1 Part-time Employment; Notice. Amend RSA 100-A:7-a to read as follows:

100-A:7-a Certain Part-Time Employment; Notice Required. The retirement system shall annually provide written notice to all retired members of the retirement system of the hourly limitations on part-time employment as defined in RSA 100-A:1, XXXIV and the potential effect that exceeding such hourly limitations could have on the retired member's retirement benefits, including restoration to service as required in RSA 100-A:7 *and the procedures for imposing a penalty for exceeding hourly limitations under RSA 100-A:7-c.*

2 New Sections; Suspension of Benefits; Exceeding Part-Time Hours. Amend RSA 100-A by inserting after section 7-b the following new sections:

100-A:7-c Suspension of Benefits; Exceeding Part-Time Hours.


I. A retired member of the retirement system whose employment with an employer exceeds the hourly limitations in the definition of part-time under RSA 100-A:1, XXXIV and who is not restored to service pursuant to RSA 100-A:7 may have his or her retirement allowance suspended by the executive director for one month for every month, in full or in part, in which the member's part-time employment exceeded the limitations under RSA 100-A:1, XXXIV.

II. The employer of the retired member shall report to the retirement system instances of such retired member exceeding the hourly limitations in the definition of part-time under RSA 100-A:1, XXXIV. The executive director may




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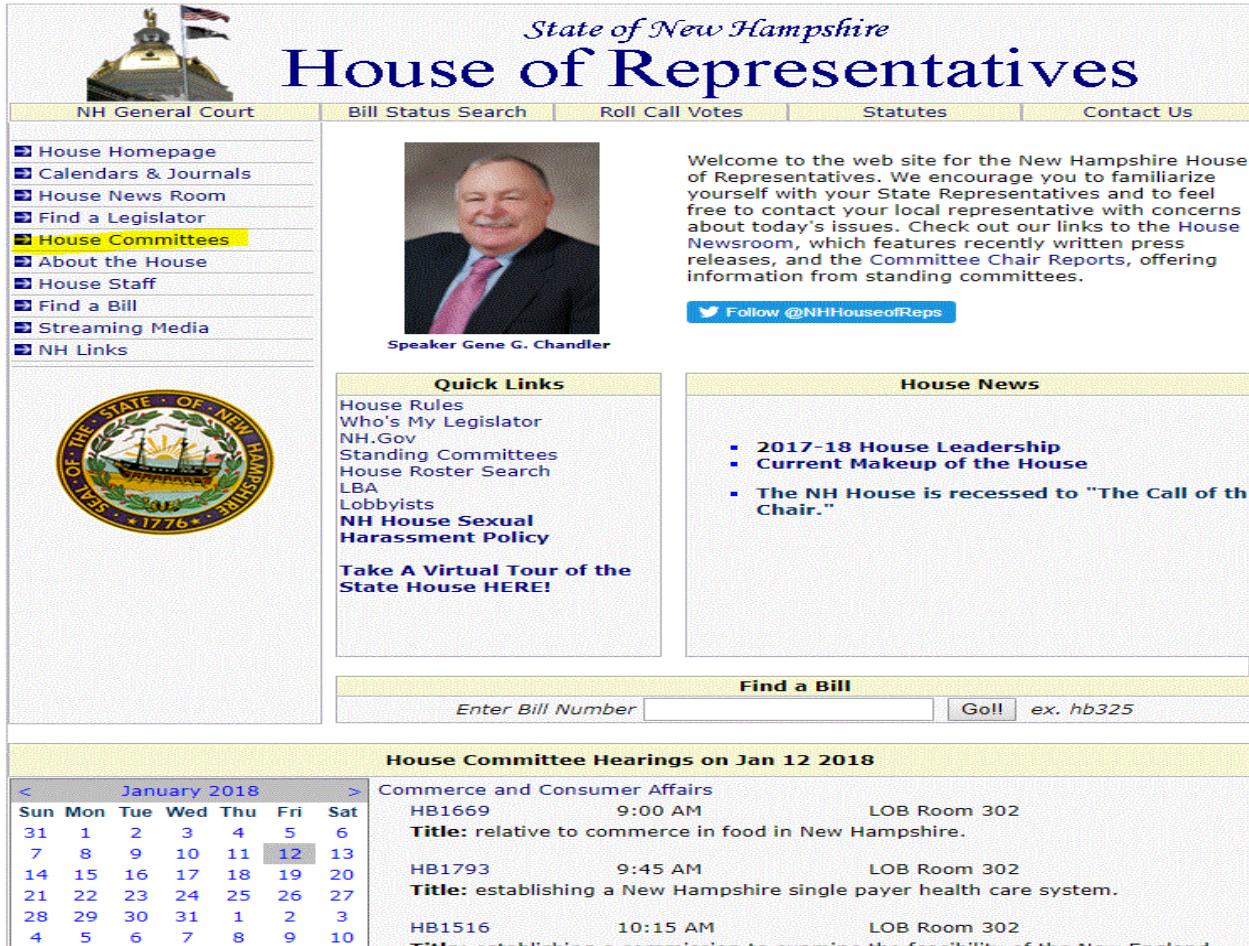
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Speaker Gene G. Chandler

Welcome to the web site for the New Hampshire House of Representatives. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with your State Representatives and to feel free to contact your local representative with concerns about today's issues. Check out our links to the House Newsroom, which features recently written press releases, and the Committee Chair Reports, offering information from standing committees.

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**Quick Links**

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Take A Virtual Tour of the State House [HERE!](#)

**House News**

- 2017-18 House Leadership
- Current Makeup of the House
- The NH House is recessed to "The Call of the Chair."

**Find a Bill**

Enter Bill Number   ex. hb325

**House Committee Hearings on Jan 12 2018**

January 2018							
<	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Commerce and Consumer Affairs

HB1669	9:00 AM	LOB Room 302
<b>Title:</b> relative to commerce in food in New Hampshire.		
HB1793	9:45 AM	LOB Room 302
<b>Title:</b> establishing a New Hampshire single payer health care system.		
HB1516	10:15 AM	LOB Room 302
<b>Title:</b> establishing a commission to examine the feasibility of the New England...		



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**NH House Committees**

*The standing policy committees of the House are each responsible for specific subject matter. Each committee holds public hearings on all bills assigned to it, considers the subject matter and then makes recommendations on the disposition of those bills to the full House.*

<b>Children and Family Law</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> Rice , Kimberly	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3184
<b>Commerce and Consumer Affairs</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> Hunt , John	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3369
<b>Criminal Justice and Public Safety</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> Welch , David	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3529
<b>Education</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> Ladd , Rick	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3334
<b>Election Law</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> Griffin , Barbara	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3310
<b>Environment and Agriculture</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> O'Connor , John	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3125
<b>Executive Departments and Administration</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> McGuire , Carol	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3310
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> Kurk , Neal	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3165
<b>Finance - Division I</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> Ober , Lynne	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3165
<b>Finance - Division II</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> Umberger , Karen	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3165
<b>Finance - Division III</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> Byron , Frank	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3165
<b>Fish and Game and Marine Resources</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> Webb , James	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3125
<b>Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> Kotowski , Frank	<b>Phone:</b> 271-3589



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**House Finance**

**Secretary:** Janet Clayman      **Phone:** 271-3165  
**Researcher:** N/A      **Location:** LOB 210-

**Committee Members:**

**Chairman:** Neal Kurk(r)  
**V. Chairman:** Lynne Ober(r)  
**Clerk:** Kenneth Weyler(r)

**• Listen to Committee Hearings!**

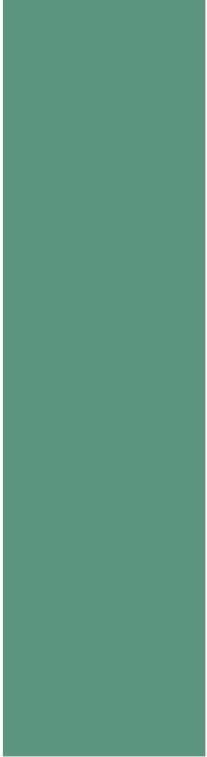
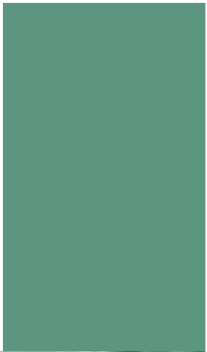
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David Bates (r)	Erin Hennessey (r)	Gerald Griffin (r)
Mary Jane Wallner (d)	Sharon Nordgren (d)	Daniel Eaton (d)
Marjorie Smith (d)	Cindy Rosenwald (d)	Peter Leishman (d)
Thomas Bucu (d)	William Hatch (d)	Katherine Rogers (d)
Robert Walsh (d)	Patricia Lovejoy (d)	

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**Name the only U.S. state that does not by law require adult drivers to wear safety belts while operating a motor vehicle?**

1. North Dakota
2. New Jersey
3. New Hampshire
4. Tennessee
5. Texas



# Retirement

**HB 561:** Working after retirement

**HB 1756:** COLA for retirees

**HB 1757:** Age 65 reduction



# Water Quality

**SB 309:** Standards for PFOA



# Meals & Rooms Tax

**HB 1491:** Distribution based on where tax generated

**HB 1609:** Local option surcharge on occupancy (**NHMA Policy**)





# Default Budgets

**HB 1307:** Include governing body reductions

**HB 1547:** Department of Revenue review



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**A LOOK**  
*at the*  
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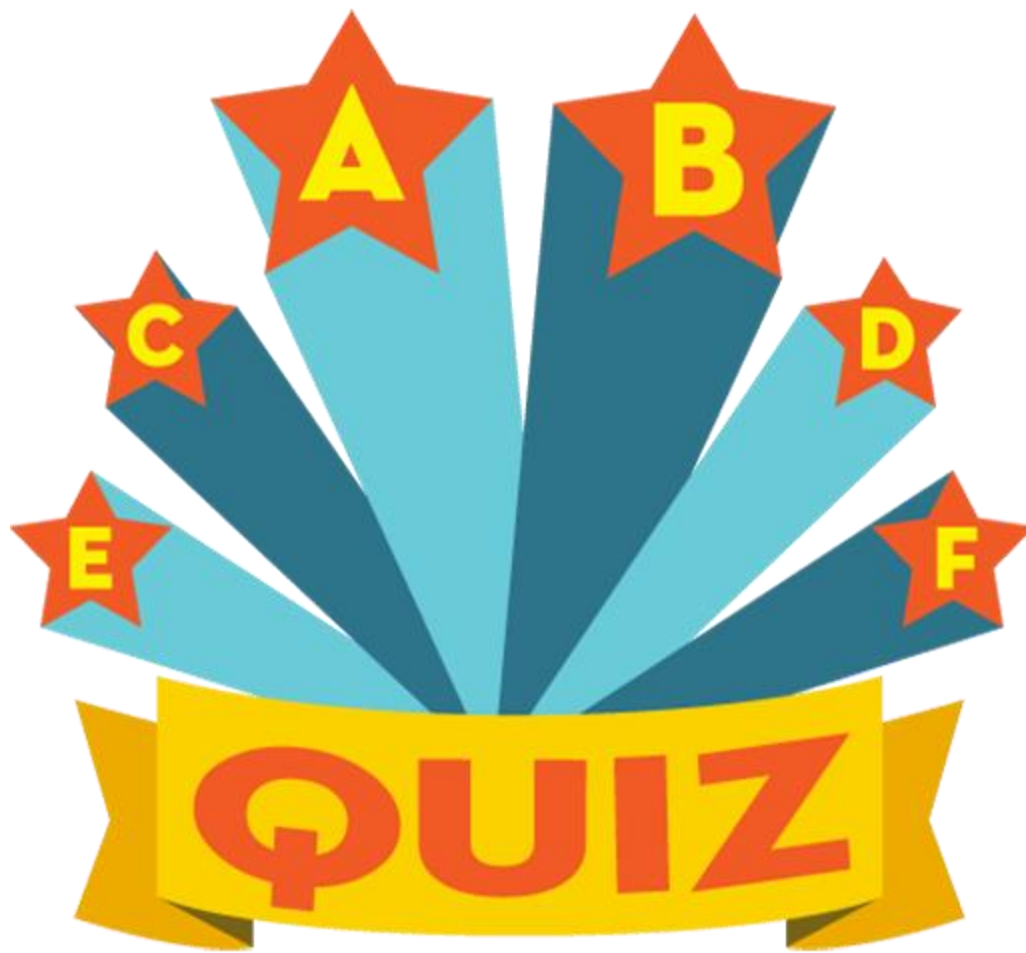
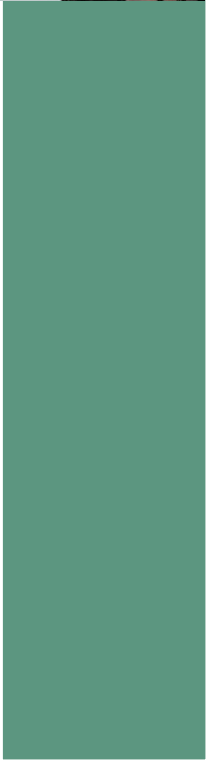
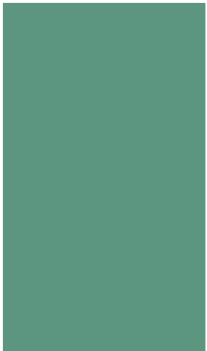


# Taxation & Fees

**HB 1673:** Interest on delinquent taxes

**SB 509:** Income and expense data





## When did New Hampshire officially adopt the state flag?

Prior to that, New Hampshire had numerous regimental flags to represent the state. The present flag has only been changed once, in 1931 when the state's seal was modified.

1. 1909
2. 1904
3. 1918
4. 1891
5. 1883



# Utility Valuation



# Land Use



# Right-to-Know



# Postponement of Town Elections





# Legislative Policy Process

## *Important Dates*

### *Seeking Volunteers for Policy Committees*

1. Finance and Revenue
2. General Administration and Governance
3. Infrastructure, Development and Land Use

**April 6:** Organizational Meeting  
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# Legislative Policy Process

*Policy Proposal Form (NHMA website - under Advocacy/Policy Setting Process)*



**New Hampshire Municipal Association  
2019-2020 Legislative Policy Process**

## Explanation of Proposed Policy

Submitted by (Name): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Person Submitting Policy: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

To see if NHMA will SUPPORT/OPOSE:

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Municipal interest to be accomplished by proposal:

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Explanation:

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A sheet like this should accompany each proposed legislative policy. It should include a brief (one or two sentence) policy statement, a statement about the municipal interest served by the proposal and an explanation that describes the nature of the problem or concern from a municipal perspective and discusses the proposed action that is being advocated to address the problem. Mail to NHMA, 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord, NH 03301; or e-mail to [governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org) **no later than the close of business on April 20, 2018.**

Got Questions? Contact us at: [governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org).







# NHMA RELEASES NEW PUBLICATION ON NEW HAMPSHIRE'S RIGHT-TO KNOW LAW

Check out our new  
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confronted with the  
numerous legal  
issues surrounding  
New Hampshire's  
Right-to-Know Law.



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The Right-to-Know Law (RSA Chapter 91-A) affects every aspect of local government in our state. Every board, committee, commission, and sub-committee in every town, city and village district in New Hampshire must comply with this law. As a result, all local officials and employees must understand the law and their responsibilities regarding both public meetings and governmental records.

Join Legal Services Counsel Stephen Buckley, Government Affairs Counsel Cordell Johnston, and Staff Attorney Margaret Byrnes for a full day workshop on Thursday, September 14 on the Right-to-Know Law. They will address some of the most difficult issues under the law, including confidential information, electronic records and communication, procedures for nonpublic sessions, and communications outside a meeting. There will be ample time for questions and answers on all aspects of the law.

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today!*



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