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## Welcome to the 2014 Legislative Bulletin!

There are only thirteen shopping days left before the 2014 legislative session begins, and we hope you're looking forward to it as much as we are. As required by the New Hampshire Constitution, the House and Senate will both convene on the Wednesday following the first Tuesday in January, which in 2014 is January 8 — and then it's off to the races. Over 600 bills have already been released, with more to come, and hearings will begin the week of January 13.

Thus, we present this first issue of the almost-weekly *NHMA Legislative Bulletin* for the 2014 session. After a break next week, we will post the *Bulletin* on the [NHMA website](#) every Friday afternoon during the session (possibly with a week off for February vacation), and send it electronically to as many members as we can. ***We would love to reduce our photocopying and postage costs (ultimately paid by our members!) so if you are still receiving the Bulletin by U.S. mail and would prefer to get it electronically, please let us know.***

This issue provides updates on retained bills, which will be acted upon at the House session on January 8. This *Bulletin* also contains our first listing of 2014 bills of municipal interest. The next few *Bulletins* will contain additional listings of new bills.

The [legislative website](#) is a tremendous resource, providing easy and quick access to information about committees, bills, session days, and hearings. Check the site and explore all the information available to you.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Government Affairs staff at [governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org) or 1-800-852-3358, ext. 3408. We wish you the best for a safe and happy holiday season.

## House to Act on Retained Bills

As mentioned above, the House will act on retained bills on January 8. These are bills that were introduced and had hearings in 2013, but were held for further study. When a committee retains a bill, it is required to make a recommendation to the full House by November 30, and the House then takes up the recommendation when it convenes in January. You can see committee reports on all of the retained bills on the [December 13 House Calendar](#).

Below are some of the more important retained bills of interest to municipalities:

**HB 422** is an **NHMA policy bill** that simplifies (somewhat) the process for a municipality to adopt or revise its charter. The Municipal & County Government Committee is recommending a significant amendment, which NHMA also supports. The bill is on the consent calendar with a 15-0 committee recommendation as Ought to Pass with Amendment.

**HB 672** is another **NHMA policy bill**, but it has not fared so well. It would limit the property tax exemption for pollution control devices, a policy that NHMA has long supported, as we believe the exemption is an obsolete giveaway to a few special interests. Unfortunately, the Municipal & County Government Committee did not see it that way, and voted unanimously to recommend it as Inexpedient to Legislate. We have no expectation of overturning that recommendation—but the issue is coming back in 2014.

**HB 286** would enable municipalities to issue bonds for the construction of broadband infrastructure. Technically, they have this authority already, but the restrictions on the authority are so stringent that they make the law useless. **HB 286** removes some of those restrictions so municipalities that have suffered from minimal internet access will have a chance to bring their telecommunications into the 21st century. The bill would not, as some have claimed, put municipalities in competition with private industry. It specifically prohibits municipalities from providing broadband service; instead, the municipality would provide the infrastructure and lease it to interested service providers. The Science, Technology & Energy Committee has recommended the bill as Ought to Pass by a 13-5 vote.

**HB 685** initially was of minimal relevance to municipalities, but at the Attorney General's request, the Judiciary Committee has recommended an amendment that would establish a commission "to study funding options or alternative ways to allocate the cost to governmental bodies of responding to right-to-know requests." The cost of responding to Right-to-Know Law requests has been a significant issue for municipalities, and NHMA supports this amendment. The commission would include, among others, three municipal officials.

## NHMA to Host Transportation Commissioner

New Hampshire Department of Transportation Commissioner Christopher Clement will present an update on the status of highway infrastructure needs and funding at NHMA’s office on January 17. If you missed his presentation at our annual conference, and if you want to understand the extent of our state’s transportation infrastructure funding deficiencies, the impact on municipalities, and the legislative proposals to address these needs, join us **on January 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at NHMA** for this important discussion. Specific topics, including time for questions and answers, will include:

- Distinction between the highway fund and the turnpike fund
- Road and bridge conditions
- I-93 funding
- Implications for municipal block grant funding.
- Legislative proposals to address long-term highway needs

This presentation will be held in conjunction with a meeting of the Municipal Managers’ Association, but it is open to all municipal officials from NHMA member municipalities. If you plan to attend and are **not** a member of the Managers’ Association, please let us know by email at [governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org), or by calling 800-852-3358, ext. 3408.

## Current Use Board Proposes 2014 Assessment Ranges

The Current Use Board is proposing [new assessment ranges](#) in 2014 for land in current use, and is holding a public hearing on **Monday, January 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Department of Revenue Administration. Information about the current use program, including a history of the assessment ranges, is available on the [Current Use Board website](#).

Current Use Category	2013 Assessment Range	2014 Proposed Assessment Range
Forestland Without Documented Stewardship:		
White pine	\$ 118-177	\$105-158
Hardwood	\$43-65	\$40-61
All other	\$31-47	\$30-45
Forestland With Documented Stewardship:		
White pine	\$87-131	\$63-95
Hardwood	\$21-32	\$24-36
All other	\$10-15	\$18-27
Unproductive land	\$10	\$18
Wetland	\$10	\$18

## Two Municipal Vacancies on Assessing Standards Board

There are two vacancies on the Assessing Standards Board (ASB) in positions to be held by municipal governing body members—one from a city and one from a town with a population of more than 3,000. Each of these positions can be filled by a designee of the governing body, provided the designee is not an assessor, and each position is appointed by the Governor and Council. The duties of the ASB are set forth in [RSA 21-J:14-b](#). While those duties may look quite extensive, many of the tasks have been accomplished and are periodically reviewed by the ASB for necessary updating. The ASB generally meets monthly in Concord. There is more information about the ASB on the [DRA website](#). If you are interested, or know someone who would be willing to serve on this important board, please contact us at [governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org), or by calling 800-852-3358, ext. 3408.

### 2014 New Bills

The following is a partial list of bills that have been released for the 2014 legislative session. Additional bills will be listed in the next few Bulletins. The information after the description of each bill indicates the primary sponsor of the bill and the committee to which it will be referred. See the glossary that follows for a list of committee abbreviations.

### House Bills

[HB 1100](#) establishes a committee to study the ownership by public entities of land for conservation purposes. Rep. Bishop of Raymond; **RR&D**.

[HB 1101-FN](#) requires the retirement system to recover overpayments by the retirement system made due to errors in records or calculation of benefits, and establishes a committee to study the policies and procedures of the retirement system for benefits wrongfully paid. Rep. Hansen of Amherst; **ED&A-H**.

[HB 1102](#) adds two public members and a representative of the ACLU to the police standards and training council and reduces the number of chiefs of police on the council from four to two and the number of county sheriffs from two to one. Rep. Hansen of Amherst; **ED&A-H**.

[HB 1106](#) permits a moderator who is a candidate for office to handle ballots after they have been counted. Rep. J. Belanger of Hollis; **M&CG**.

[HB 1109](#) requires the petitioners to give and bear the cost of notice when a petitioned warrant article calls for the discontinuance of a class VI highway. Rep. Fields of Sanbornton; **M&CG**.

[HB 1110](#) prohibits sales chasing by assessors and allows the department of revenue administration to decertify or suspend the certification of an assessor for failing to comply with assessing laws. Rep. Lockwood of Canterbury; **M&CG**.

[HB 1114-FN](#) establishes a minimum state expenditure for school building aid of \$50,000,000 per fiscal year. Rep. Ladd of Haverhill; **EDUC**.

**New Bills** - continued

[HB 1121](#) repeals the duty of assessors to compile a list of dogs in a city or town. Rep. Coffey of New Ipswich; **M&CG**.

[HB 1122-FN](#) establishes the crime of intentionally filing a false lien or encumbrance against the real or personal property of a public official. Rep. P. Schmidt of Dover; **LEGIS ADMIN**.

[HB 1123-FN](#) permits village districts to receive federal and state highway aid. Rep. Coffey of New Ipswich; **PW**.

[HB 1124](#) permits towns with the official ballot referendum form of town meeting to follow the same schedule for zoning hearings as other towns. Rep. Coffey of New Ipswich; **M&CG**.

[HB 1126](#) establishes a committee to study alternative public employee retirement plans. Rep. Hess of Hooksett; **ED&A-H**.

[HB 1129](#) establishes a committee to study energy efficiency. Rep. Grossman of Barrington; **ST&E**.

[HB 1130-FN](#) extends liability protection to New Hampshire firefighters who travel to fight fires outside of the Northeastern Compact states and provinces, changes the reimbursement process for municipalities when a fire occurs on federal property, and allows certain retirees to work beyond 32 hours weekly in emergency situations. Rep. Chandler of Bartlett; **RR&D**.

[HB 1131](#) prohibits the appointment of an immediate family member of a selectman to fill a vacancy in an optional town office. Rep. Mullen of Middleton; **M&CG**.

[HB 1134](#) permits municipalities to reimburse persons who assist applicants in obtaining social security benefits. Rep. Porter of Hillsborough; **M&CG**.

[HB 1139](#) repeals the authority for selectmen to grant property tax abatements for keeping watering troughs for horses of travelers and for planting shade trees by an adjoining highway. Rep. Coffey of New Ipswich; **M&CG**.

[HB 1142-FN-A](#) imposes the road toll on alternative fuels, such as compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and propane, and requires alternative fuel dealers to be licensed by the department of safety to collect and remit the road toll. Rep. Bouchard of Concord; **PW**.

[HB 1145](#) confirms that the proposed construction of the Sewalls Falls Bridge in Concord meets the requirement of RSA 162-C. Rep. Bouchard of Concord; **PW**.

[HB 1148-FN](#) provides for the application of the reduction of a retiree's annuity at the member's full retirement age under the federal Social Security system, rather than at age 65. Rep. Gale of Nashua; **ED&A-H**.

**New Bills** - continued

[HB 1149-FN](#) corrects a difference between the fee established for a certified copy of a motor vehicle registration in RSA 261:141, IX and RSA 263:42, II, and allows a municipal agent to accept information contained in the electronic system of record in lieu of a physical copy of the certificate of registration. Rep. Rhodes of Nashua; **TRANS-H**.

[HB 1151](#) establishes a committee to study the solid waste operator training program and financial assurance for corrective action at solid waste landfills. Rep. Sad of Walpole; **E&A**.

[HB 1152-FN](#) repeals the requirements for the retirement system to administer benefits to eligible call, substitute, or volunteer firemen. Rep. Gagnon of Claremont; **ED&A-H**.

[HB 1153-FN](#) allows a public body or agency to require a deposit for right-to-know law requests. Rep. D. McGuire of Epsom; **JUD-H**.

[HB 1155-FN](#) allows the commissioner of administrative services to determine the premium contribution percentage for health coverage for retired state employees and their spouses. Rep. Muns of Hampton; **ED&A-H**.

[HB 1156-FN](#) makes numerous changes in the right-to-know law, including (1) requiring the posting of notice of consultations with legal counsel and collective bargaining sessions; (2) requiring the posting of notices and an agenda 72 hours before a public meeting; (3) requiring that members of a public body approve and sign minutes; and (4) requiring that a court invalidate any action of a public body that violates the law. Rep. Tasker of Northwood; **JUD-H**.

[HB 1163-FN](#) prohibits the carrying of a firearm in a public building. Rep. Burrige of Keene; **CJ&PS**.

[HB 1168](#) requires employers to maintain a file documenting an employee's eligibility to work in the United States. Rep. C. Rice of Concord; **LABOR**.

[HB 1171](#) allows residents who are in active service in the armed forces to receive the veterans' property tax credit if they served at least 90 days in a qualifying war or armed conflict. Rep. J. Schmidt of Nashua; **M&CG**.

[HB 1195](#) establishes a commission to study the impacts of the property tax on New Hampshire's residents, businesses, municipalities, and economy. Rep. Spang of Durham; **M&CG**.

[HB 1196](#) allows a municipality's governing body, upon request in special or extraordinary circumstances, to waive a portion of the interest due on the late payment of property taxes and the subsequent interest accrued in proceedings for the collection of taxes due. Rep. Butynski of Hinsdale; **M&CG**.



**New Bills** - continued

[HB 1201-FN](#) amends the legal standard necessary to charge a public servant with official oppression. Rep. Christiansen of Hudson; **JUD-H**.

[HB 1202](#) establishes a commission to study revenue alternatives to the road toll for the funding of the state's highways and bridges. Rep. Young of Jaffrey; **PW**.

[HB 1204-FN](#) establishes specific penalties for a police officer found guilty of perjury or false swearing. Rep. Sapareto of Derry; **CJ&PS**.

[HB 1205-FN](#) adds the reconstruction or rehabilitation of the Vilas bridge between Walpole, New Hampshire and Bellows Falls, Vermont to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan. Rep. Cloutier of Claremont; **PW**.

[HB 1213-FN](#) prohibits the purchase of alcohol or tobacco products with electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards. Rep. Sapareto of Derry; **HHS&EA**.

[HB 1225](#) adds the choice of "none of the above" to state election ballots and provides that a special election will be held if "none of the above" receives more votes than any candidate. Rep. Weed of Keene; **EL**.

[HB 1228](#) establishes a commission to investigate whether using the same procedure for collective bargaining for all categories of public employees is effective. Rep. Weed of Keene; **LABOR**.

[HB 1229-FN](#) extends the repeal dates of the oil discharge and gasoline ether clean-up funds and changes the compensation limits for the oil discharge cleanup fund. Rep. L. Webb of Franklin; **RR&D**.

[HB 1234](#) allows selectmen to designate a police chief by contract for a fixed term. Rep. Bickford of New Durham; **M&CG**.

[HB 1235-FN](#) establishes a procedure to recall selectmen and school board members. Rep. Bickford of New Durham; **EL**.

[HB 1237](#) prohibits a political subdivision from adopting residency restrictions for sexual offenders or offenders against children. Rep. Robertson of Keene; **CJ&PS**.

[HB 1245](#) permits certain building or facility improvements to be leased by a municipality as equipment. Rep. Raymond of Sanbornton; **M&CG**.

[HB 1246](#) allows a municipality that has adopted a housing code to establish a housing board consisting of five members, one of whom may be a selectman. Rep. Raymond of Sanbornton; **M&CG**.

[HB 1248](#) provides that persons who engage in outdoor recreational activities accept the dangers inherent in such activities and may not maintain a legal action against an owner for resulting injuries. Rep. R. Brown of Sugar Hill; **RR&D**.

**New Bills** - continued

[HB 1249](#) provides for the refund of the road toll paid by an exempt governmental entity at a fixed retail pump available to the general public and which is charged to a credit card issued to the exempt entity. Rep. Bouchard of Concord; **PW**.

[HB 1258](#) modifies the process of submitting dredge and fill applications and providing notification. Rep. Chandley of Amherst; **RR&D**.

[HB 1259](#) permits a municipality to pay for membership in any organization that deals with the administration of a municipality; prohibits municipal associations from offering honors or awards or otherwise supporting or opposing the legislative actions of any elected state official or candidate for state office; prohibits such organizations from offering any opinion about a person being considered for an appointed position; and prohibits such an organization from rejecting the membership of a municipality if it declines to participate in all of the organization's services. Rep. Ulery of Hudson; **M&CG**.

[HB 1261-FN-LOCAL](#) increases the fee charged for delivery of notice of civil forfeiture of an unlicensed dog. Rep. Coffey of New Ipswich; **M&CG**.

[HB 1266](#) permits a town to choose to have its clerk appointed by the board of selectmen or the town manager, rather than elected. Rep. Bickford of New Durham; **M&CG. NHMA Policy**.

[HB 1268](#) limits by-laws relating to a town's prudential affairs to the execution of powers that have been specifically granted to towns. Rep. Bickford of New Durham; **M&CG**.

[HB 1271](#) establishes a committee to study the powers and duties of conservation commissions. Rep. Jasper of Hudson; **RR&D**.

[HB 1279](#) prohibits the state, political subdivisions, and the national guard from participating in enforcement of the counterterrorism detainment provision of the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act. Rep. O'Flaherty of Manchester; **S-FR**.

[HB 1285](#) requires the department of revenue administration to recommend a specific percentage of general fund operating expenditures for each town to retain as a fund balance. Rep. Bickford of New Durham; **M&CG**.

[HB 1287-FN](#) requires a refundable deposit on beverage containers. Rep. Weed of Keene; **E&A**.

[HB 1295](#) makes additions to the definition of livestock. Rep. Haefner of Hudson; **E&A**.

[HB 1297](#) requires approval of the legislative body of a municipality prior to an application for, or acceptance or expenditure of, workforce housing grants. Rep. Burt of Goffstown; **M&CG**.



**New Bills** - continued

[HB 1302](#) allows for the issuance of driveway permits to certain lots abutting state roads. Rep. D. McGuire of Epsom; **PW**.

[HB 1304](#) permits fluorescent lamps to be stored in open containers for up to one week at transfer stations. Rep. D. McGuire of Epsom; **E&A**.

[HB 1306-FN](#) prohibits a law enforcement officer from soliciting another person to engage in undercover investigatory conduct that would be illegal. Rep. O'Flaherty of Manchester; **CJ&PS**.

[HB 1307](#) prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions of the state from acquiring military-equipped vehicles or equipment that is not readily available in an open national commercial market. Rep. Hoell of Bow; **ED&A-H**.

[HB 1310](#) enables a town or city to terminate the application of the property tax exemption for water and air pollution control facilities within the town or city. Rep. Cushing of Hampton; **M&CG. NHMA Policy**.

[HB 1311](#) limits the property tax exemption for water and air pollution control facilities to 25 years. Rep. Cushing of Hampton; **M&CG. NHMA Policy**.

[HB 1313](#) limits the use of data obtained through highway surveillance. Rep. Kurk of Weare; **TRANS-H**.

[HB 1320](#) prohibits a person from filing a declaration of candidacy for incompatible town offices. Rep. Cahill of Newmarket; **M&CG**.

[HB 1333](#) provides that the elderly property tax exemption is reduced if other adult persons who have personal income share the occupancy of the residence. The provisions of the bill will apply after adoption by a town or city pursuant to RSA 72-27 -a. Rep. Daniels of Milford; **M&CG**.

[HB 1336](#) establishes a civil fine for landlords who do not provide the city or town clerk with contact information for an agent authorized to accept service on behalf of the owner of the property. Rep. Long of Manchester; **JUD-H**.

[HB 1337](#) authorizes election officers to remove improperly placed advertising. Rep. Long of Manchester; **EL**.

[HB 1338](#) requires that the selectmen include undeclared voters in the inspectors of election they appoint when the political party committees fail to make the appointments. Rep. Long of Manchester; **EL**.

[HB 1340](#) exempts septic systems from requirements regarding proximity to a well if the well is grouted. Rep. Groen of Rochester; **RR&D**.

**New Bills** - continued

[HB 1345-FN](#) repeals the law providing that a portion of proceeds from forfeited property used in connection with a drug offense is distributed to the municipality whose police department was responsible for the seizure. Rep. O'Flaherty of Manchester; **JUD-H**.

[HB 1346](#) requires that 100 percent of funds appropriated to the highway fund, net of highway block grant aid, shall be allocated to the department of transportation and used for the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of public highways. Rep. O'Flaherty of Manchester; **PW**.

[HB 1347](#) establishes a House committee to study apportionment of state representative districts. Rep. Takesian of Pelham; **EL**.

[HB 1348](#) expands the definition of community development finance authority projects to include activities that produce a positive impact on the community. Rep. Schroadter of Newmarket; **COM-H**.

[HB 1350](#) raises the threshold requiring a public hearing prior to the selectmen's taking of any action on unanticipated funds. Rep. Kelleigh Murphy of Bedford; **M&CG**.

[HB 1354](#) allows a municipality authorizing an appropriation for more than one year for a specific capital project to appropriate the funds for more than 5 years if specifically stated in the authorizing vote and adopted by the legislative body. Rep. S. Chandley of Amherst; **M&CG**.

[HB 1356](#) allows municipal fire departments to receive special numbered plates. Rep. St. James of Kingston; **TRANS-H**.

[HB 1357](#) repeals provisions exempting ballots from the provisions of RSA 91-A. Rep. Ley of Jaffrey; **EL**.

[HB 1361](#) prohibits the use of drones to obtain evidence unless authorized in certain circumstances. Rep. Duarte of Candia; **CJ&PS**.

[HB 1362-FN](#) establishes a class B felony for a public servant or firearms dealer who enforces or attempts to enforce any federal restriction on firearms manufactured or owned exclusively in this state which remain within the borders of this state. Rep. Peterson of Merrimack; **CJ&PS**.

[HB 1363-LOCAL](#) provides that a political subdivision shall not be required to join any organization in order to participate in a pooled risk management program (PRMP), and that no PRMP may have exclusivity with an insurance carrier. Rep. Flanagan of Brookline; **COM-H**.

**New Bills** - continued**Senate Bills**

[SB 201](#) adds a provision relative to name changes in connection with a marriage application. Sen. Larsen of Concord; **JUD-S.**

[SB 203](#) expands restrictions on the use of electronic benefit transfer cards by persons receiving public assistance. The bill also directs the department of health and human services to report on the adoption and implementation of restrictions on the use of EBT cards. Sen. Forrester of Meredith; **F-S.**

[SB 206-FN](#) establishes requirements for challenging alternative forms of identification of voters. Sen. Pierce of Hanover; **PMA.**

[SB 207-FN](#) prohibits discrimination in the compensation of employees based on sex. Sen. Larsen of Concord; **COM-S.**

[SB 210](#) adds vehicles in possession of the manufacturer during the manufacturing process to the manufacturer registration and specifies that vehicles using a manufacturer plate on a public way must have all required equipment. Sen. Rausch of Derry; **TRANS-S.**

[SB 211](#) requires the investigating officer to provide certain information regarding a fatal accident to the department of safety within 7 days. Sen. Rausch of Derry; **TRANS-S.**

[SB 214](#) limits the liability of a person acting as a sports official at athletic events sponsored by a for-profit or nonprofit organization or a governmental entity. Sen. Bragdon of Milford; **JUD-S.**

[SB 216](#) permits the appointment of alternate trustees of the trust funds. Sen. Reagan of Deerfield; **PMA.**

[SB 217-FN](#) prohibits any requirement that employees join or contribute to a labor union as a condition of employment. Sen. Reagan of Deerfield; **FIN-S.**

[SB 219](#) permits a municipality's legislative body to decide whether funds received from the sale of a cemetery lot shall be deposited in the general fund or deposited with the trustees of trust funds for maintenance of cemeteries. Sen. Stiles of Hampton; **PMA.**

[SB 223](#) allows a municipality to enter into a contract with a private entity for the design, construction, and funding of a new sewer or sewerage system and to use sewer rentals for the repayment of the cost of funding. Sen. Boutin of Hooksett; **PMA.**

[SB 227](#) removes the requirement that certain moneys received by library trustees be held in a separate fund. Sen. Hosmer of Laconia; **PMA.**

**New Bills** - continued

[SB 228](#) requires that notice of proposed changes to uses permitted in a zoning district or the establishment or abolition of historic district be sent by first-class mail to property owners in the district. Sen. Bradley of Wolfeboro; **PMA**.

[SB 230](#) adds a definition of a utility terrain vehicle used as an off highway recreational vehicle. Sen. Woodburn of Dalton; **TRANS-S**.

[SB 232](#) increases the speed limits for OHRVs and snowmobiles on roads and adjacent rights of way, and lowers the speed limit for OHRVs on trails, unless posted otherwise. Sen. Woodburn of Dalton; **TRANS-S**.

[SB 233](#) provides that district fire mutual aid systems organized as public municipal corporations under RSA 154 shall be exempt from property taxation. Sen. Kelly of Keene; **W&M-S**.

[SB 236](#) establishes a deadline for the budget committee to deliver its budget to the governing body in a town that has adopted the official ballot referendum form of town meeting. Sen. Reagan of Deerfield; **PMA**.

[SB 237](#) requires condominium officers to post and forward notification of a local land use board hearing. Sen. Fuller Clark of Portsmouth; **COM-S**.

[SB 244](#) requires the name of person who has been adjudicated as not mentally competent to be reported to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) for the purpose of conducting a background check to determine eligibility to possess a firearm, and establishes a procedure for such person to have his or her name removed from the NICS Index. Sen. Watters of Dover; **JUD-S**.

[SB 252](#) excludes solvent-contaminated wipes and rags that are sent for cleaning and reuse from the definition of hazardous waste. Sen. Lasky of Nashua; **ENR**.

[SB 265](#) corrects a reference in the statute on the disposition of meals and rooms tax revenues and deletes an obsolete provision. Sen. Odell of Lempster; **W&M-S**.

[SB 267](#) extends the effective date for the development of an integrated land development permitting process within the department of environmental services. Sen. Odell of Lempster; **ENR**.

[SB 271](#) requires that voter challenge affidavits in state and local elections be retained for at least 22 months after the election. Sen. Boutin of Hooksett; **PMA**.

[SB 272](#) authorizes the secretary of state to provide notice of a voter registration to supervisors of the checklists in another state. Sen. Boutin of Hooksett; **PMA**.

[SB 275](#) modifies the procedures to be followed by election officials following refusal to certify an absentee ballot applications. Sen. Boutin of Hooksett; **PMA**.

**New Bills** - continued

[SB 276](#) requires that notice to a UOCAVA voter of an invalid absentee ballot application be in accordance with procedures for refusing to certify applications of other absentee voters. Sen. Boutin of Hooksett; **PMA**.

[SB 277](#) clarifies the signature matching requirement for registering absentee voters. Sen. Boutin of Hooksett; **PMA**.

[SB 279](#) makes technical changes to the voter challenge form. Sen. Boutin of Hooksett; **PMA**.

[SB 280](#) requires the ballot clerk to notify the moderator if an absentee voter attempts to vote in person. Sen. Boutin of Hooksett; **PMA**.

[SB 284-FN](#) provides that students paying out-of-state tuition at a college or university operated by the university system of New Hampshire or the community college system of New Hampshire shall be considered to be claiming domicile in a state other than New Hampshire for voting purposes. Sen. Cataldo of Farmington; **PMA**.

[SB 286](#) allows for the abatement of property taxes assessed in years prior to the current year. Sen. Sanborn of Bedford; **W&M-S**.

[SB 294](#) requires that all applications for a recount of an election be submitted no later than the Monday following the election. Sen. Soucy of Manchester; **PMA**.

[SB 295](#) prohibits employers from using credit history in employment decisions, with an exception for a local government that requires use of the employees or applicant's credit history or report. Sen. Soucy of Manchester; **COM-S**.

[SB 296](#) requires public employers to give a preference in hiring to veterans and disabled veterans. Sen. Carson of Londonderry; **ED&A-S**.

[SB 297](#) provides that damages in a civil action shall be based on the proportionate fault of the parties who are not immune from liability. Sen. Carson of Londonderry; **JUD-S**.

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### **2014 Moderators Workshops**

SB 2 Meeting — Saturday, January 19 [Snow date: January 26]

Traditional Town Meeting — Saturday, February 23 [Snow date: March 2]

[Register online](#) today!

## Glossary of Abbreviations Used in Bill Descriptions and the Legislative Process

CACR .....	Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution
CAP BUDGET .....	Capital Budget Committee (Senate)
C&FL .....	Children & Family Law Committee (House)
CJ&PS .....	Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee (House)
COM-S .....	Commerce Committee (Senate)
COM-H .....	Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee (House)
E&A .....	Environment & Agriculture Committee (House)
ED&A-S .....	Executive Departments & Administration Committee (Senate)
ED&A-H .....	Executive Departments and Administration Committee (House)
EDUC .....	Education Committee (House)
EL .....	Election Law Committee (House)
ENR .....	Energy & Natural Resources Committee (Senate)
F-S .....	Finance Committee (Senate)
F-H .....	Finance Committee (House)
F&G .....	Fish & Game and Marine Resources Committee (House)
FN .....	Fiscal Note
HB .....	House Bill
HEHS .....	Health, Education and Human Services Committee (Senate)
HHS&EA .....	Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs Committee (House)
JUD-S .....	Judiciary Committee (Senate)
JUD-H.....	Judiciary Committee (House)
L .....	Local
LABOR .....	Labor, Industrial & Rehabilitative Services Committee (House)
LEGIS ADMIN .....	Legislative Administration Committee (House)
LOB .....	Legislative Office Building
M&CG .....	Municipal & County Government Committee (House)
PMA .....	Public and Municipal Affairs Committee (Senate)
PW .....	Public Works & Highways Committee (House)
RR&D .....	Resources, Recreation & Development Committee (House)
RULES & INT. AFF. ....	Rules, Enrolled Bills & Internal Affairs (Senate)
SB .....	Senate Bill
S-FR .....	State-Federal Relations & Veterans Affairs Committee (House)
SH .....	State House
ST&E .....	Science, Technology & Energy Committee (House)
TRANS-S .....	Transportation Committee (Senate)
TRANS-H .....	Transportation Committee (House)
W&M-S .....	Ways & Means Committee (Senate)
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