

# LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

## More Bills

Please see the list of new bills in the pages that follow. A number of Senate bills have been released since our first *Bulletin*, and we have added many more House bills as well.

As of this writing, you can find all of the new House bills and some of the new Senate bills by going to the legislature’s [home page](#), clicking on [Quick Bill Search](#), entering 2016 in the “year” box, and clicking “Submit.” As you look at the list, some of the bills may seem familiar. That is because the list includes retained and re-referred bills from 2015. Any House bill with a number below 1100 and any Senate bill with a number below 300 is a holdover from last year.

The legislative menu for 2016 is starting to take shape. There are a lot of bills dealing with land use issues, even more affecting elections and voting, and a *ton* of bills dealing with property taxes and assessing. There also are plenty addressing labor matters, town meeting issues, transportation, municipal revenues, the Right-to-Know Law, and the other usual suspects. No matter what your role as a local official, there is sure to be something that will spark your interest (and, in some cases, your outrage). Please call or e-mail us if you have questions about any of the bills.

## House and Senate Have Full Opening-Day Agendas

The House and Senate will both meet on Wednesday, January 6, to begin the 2016 legislative session. As we mentioned in *Bulletin #1*, there are many retained and re-referred bills left over from 2015, so both chambers will have a lot on their plates. See the [December 18 House calendar](#) and the [December 23 Senate calendar](#) for a list of the bills they will be taking up. We expect committee hearings to begin the week of January 11.

Our next *Legislative Bulletin* will be published on Friday, January 8, and we will continue with weekly Friday publications after that until the end of the legislative session. We wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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## Invite Your Legislators to Your Next Meeting!

If you want to have a positive effect on municipal legislation in 2016, one of the best things you can do **right now** is to invite your legislative delegation to your next board of selectmen/council/aldermen meeting. This applies whether your legislators are veterans, relative newcomers, or a combination of the two.

Over the next several months, there will be occasions when we will ask you to contact your legislators (or you will want to contact them, even without being asked) to discuss pending legislation. Making a cold call to someone you've never met is no fun for even the hardest extrovert, and for many people it is downright intimidating.

That is why it makes sense to invite your legislators to a meeting **now**, before you need to call them to ask for support on a particular issue. If you have a get-acquainted session with your legislators, in which you talk generally about legislative priorities and concerns without asking anything specific of them, you will feel much more comfortable, and will almost certainly get a better reception, when you call them in a few weeks or months to ask them to support or oppose a particular bill.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Invite all of your representatives and your senator. (If you don't know who they are, go to [this page](#) and click on your county, then your city or town—or call us.)
- Set aside time at the meeting for all of the legislators and all members of your governing body to introduce themselves.
- Make it a two-way exchange. Share your concerns with them, but also ask them about their priorities and what they expect from this year's legislature.
- Remember that municipal issues are mostly non-partisan and non-ideological. You do not have to agree with your legislators' views on guns, immigration, or the Iran nuclear deal in order to find common ground on issues that affect your city or town.
- Exchange contact information, and ask them what is the best way to contact them: phone, e-mail, or something else.
- Remember that they work for you, and with rare exceptions, they **do** want to hear from their local government leaders.

## THE EDGE

*Editor's note:* As mentioned last time, *The Edge* is a new weekly feature of the *Legislative Bulletin*, written by Government Affairs Counsel Cordell Johnston. It is intended to provide sometimes-obscure information on a range of topics that may (or may not) be of interest to municipal officials, legislators, and others involved in state and local government.

### *Confidential Bill Filings*

As most readers know, every new bill begins with a legislative service request (LSR) filed with the Office of Legislative Services. LSR titles are [listed](#) on the legislature's website soon after the filings begin. The titles don't necessarily reveal a lot, but each title at least identifies the bill's subject, so we are able to get some idea of the issues for the coming year.

Sometimes, however, a bill shows up in January seemingly out of the blue, because an LSR title was never published. How does this happen?

The secret (literally) is something called a confidential filing request. Senate Rule 3-3 states, "If requested by the sponsor, a proposed bill . . . shall not be made public, except by the sponsor, until introduced into the Senate." So, at the request of a Senate sponsor (there is no similar process for House members),

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## 2016 House Bills

HB 1336 increases to 12 percent the interest paid on an abatement of taxes previously paid and on refunded jeopardy tax payments. Rep. Fromuth of Bedford; **M&CG**.

HB 1341 allows an employee who is not a member of a union, but is required to pay fees to a union, to choose to have the fees contributed to a charitable organization. Rep. Martin of Bow; **LABOR**.

HB 1349 eliminates a requirement in the capital budget that the Merrimack County Superior Court be located next to the supreme court building in Concord. Rep. Schuett of Pembroke; **PW**.

HB 1350 provides that a government employee who attempts to diminish “allodial rights” will be tried for treason and removed from office. Rep. Marple of Hooksett; **JUD-H**.

HB 1352 provides that the penalty for a retirement system employer’s noncompliance with data reporting requirements will be assessed only if the noncompliance is willful or intentional. Rep. Byron of Litchfield; **SCPEPP**.

HB 1353 requires a law enforcement officer making a routine stop to notify an individual that he or she is being recorded only if giving notice is reasonable or practicable. Rep. Byron of Litchfield; **CJ&PS**.

HB 1356 modifies the general statutory definition of “resident or inhabitant.” Rep. Bates of Windham; **EL**.

HB 1359 allows towns and cities to increase the optional tax credit for service-connected disability to 100 percent of the property tax on the person's residential property. Rep. Estevez of Pelham; **M&CG**.

HB 1363 requires a town to post notice of vacancies in town offices, solicit letters of interest to fill vacancies, and consider only those persons who submit letters of interest. Rep. Hull of Grafton; **M&CG**.

HB 1374 requires moneys paid into the renewable energy fund to be rebated to ratepayers, rather than used to support renewable energy initiatives. Rep. Notter of Merrimack; **ST&E**.

HB 1375 establishes a procedure for a town with the official ballot referendum form of town meeting to adopt a charter for the sole purpose of modifying procedures for the consideration, amendment, and adoption of an operating budget or default budget. Rep. Ammon of New Boston; **M&CG**.

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an LSR title will never be published—although an LSR number is assigned—and the public won’t know about it until the Senate bill is formally introduced. In some cases, the public may not know about the bill until it is scheduled for a hearing.

How often does this happen? It’s hard to say, but probably a few dozen bills are filed confidentially every year. As of this writing, on this year’s [list](#) of LSRs, the numbers run from 2001 through 2957, suggesting that 957 bills have been filed; but only 816 LSR titles are listed. Some of the missing 141 are LSRs that have been withdrawn; but judging from where the gaps appear in the list, it appears that around 60 Senate bills have been filed confidentially.

And that is why it will be important to pay attention to the *Legislative Bulletin’s* lists of new bills throughout January.



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HB 1376 requires an employer to offer permanent work status to a temporary worker after six months of satisfactory service if the need for such work is ongoing. Rep. Cahill of Newmarket; **LABOR**.

HB 1377 provides that absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the election. Rep. Fields of Sanbornton; **EL**.

HB 1378 authorizes a disabled voter who is unable to access a polling place to vote with an absentee ballot. Rep. Fields of Sanbornton; **EL**.

HB 1380 limits the power of police commissioners to fix compensation for police personnel to the total police department budget established by the governing body. Rep. Gray of Rochester; **M&CG**.

HB 1382 changes the referendum procedure for public water systems. Rep. Cheney of Dover; **M&CG**.

HB 1389 prohibits an amendment to a petitioned warrant article that changes the subject matter or intent of the original warrant article in a town that has adopted the official ballot referendum form of meeting. Rep. Spillane of Deerfield; **M&CG**.

HB 1390 authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances establishing residency restrictions for sex offenders. Rep. Webb of Derry; **M&CG**.

HB 1392 modifies notice requirements in land use actions and provides that a party charged with a land use violation is entitled to recover costs and attorney fees if found not guilty of the violation. Rep. L. Turcotte of Barrington; **M&CG**.

HB 1395 allows municipal records that are required to be retained for more than ten years to be transferred to a portable document file, as an alternative to paper or microfilm. **NHMA POLICY**. Rep. C. McGuire of Epsom; **M&CG**.

HB 1398 establishes a commission to study septic sludge spreading. Rep. Irwin of Newport; **E&A**.

HB 1400 repeals the “suitable person” requirement for obtaining a concealed carry license and extends the term of the license to five years. Rep. Hoell of Bow; **CJ&PS**.

HB 1401 sets a default term of one year for the position of library director, and permits library trustees to remove an employee for violations of the library's personnel policies. Rep. Vose of Epping; **M&CG**.

HB 1402 prohibits political subdivisions from acquiring military-equipped vehicles or equipment that are not readily available on the commercial market. Rep. Hoell of Bow; **M&CG**.

HB 1407 establishes a mandatory property tax credit of \$750 for any person who provides home health care services to a family member within his or her residence. Rep. B. Tilton of Swanzey; **M&CG**.

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## **House Bills**

HB 1413 establishes a commission to study processes to resolve Right-to-Know Law complaints. Rep. Souza of Manchester; **JUD-H.**

HB 1417 requires certain information be recorded in the minutes of the convening of a public body for strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining or consultation with legal counsel. Rep. Sylvia of Belmont; **JUD-H.**

HB 1418 clarifies the information to be included in minutes of non-public sessions under the Right-to-Know Law. Rep. Sylvia of Belmont; **JUD-H.**

HB 1419 requires minutes of nonpublic sessions under the Right-to-Know Law to record the vote of each member on all actions taken. Rep. Sylvia of Belmont; **JUD-H.**

HB 1424 establishes an office of program evaluation and government accountability. Rep. Hannon of Lee; **ED&A-H.**

HB 1427 suspends the property tax exemption for pollution control facilities until June 30, 2017, and appropriates the revenues collected from utility taxpayers to the department of environmental services for the state municipal grant program for water pollution control facilities. Rep. Cushing of Hampton; **M&CG.**

HB 1428 makes appropriations to the department of environmental services for funding specific municipal water and wastewater projects. Rep. Buco of Conway; **F-H.**

HB 1430 establishes registration, operation, and equipment requirements for compact utility tractors. Rep. L. Turcotte of Barrington; **TRANS-H.**

HB 1433 establishes the office of ombudsman in the department of state with responsibility for, among other things, investigating complaints against officers and employees of the state and its political subdivisions. Rep. Itse of Fremont; **ED&A-H.**

HB 1436 exempts clearing for solar energy purposes from the requirements of filing a notice of intent to cut and payment of timber tax. Rep. Townsend of Canaan; **W&M-H.**

HB 1439 requires a regional planning commission to file an annual report, including audited financial statements and a summary of all grants received. Rep. McConnell of Keene; **M&CG.**

HB 1440 exempts volunteers and solid waste operators from the certification requirement if they work less than 40 hours a week and are under the supervision of certified personnel. Rep. Manley of Bennington; **E&A.**

HB 1449 establishes a procedure for funding and distributing additional temporary supplemental allowances for retired members of the retirement system or their beneficiaries. Rep. Elliott of Salem; **SCPEPP.**

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## **House Bills**

HB 1455 deletes the requirement that a member of each village district within a town be a member of a municipal budget committee and allows a village district commissioner to serve as a member-at-large. Rep. Bickford of New Durham; **M&CG**.

HB 1460 makes the perambulation of town boundaries permissive rather than mandatory. **NHMA POLICY**. Rep. Hunt of Rindge; **M&CG**.

HB 1463 prohibits any employer with a vaccine policy from requiring its employees to receive such vaccine, and requires worker's compensation coverage for any illness or death resulting from the vaccine. Rep. Burt of Goffstown; **LABOR**.

HB 1467 requires village district commissioners to give notice of village district elections to supervisors of the checklist. Rep. Bates of Windham; **EL**.

HB 1468 authorizes the supervisors of the checklist to determine the date and hours for sessions for correction of the checklist. Rep. Bates of Windham; **EL**.

HB 1470 authorizes the appointment of an additional member of the site evaluation committee by any municipality affected by a proposed energy facility. Rep. Hull of Grafton; **ST&E**.

HB 1479 establishes a committee to explore methods to facilitate access to broadband technology. Rep. Townsend of Canaan; **ST&E**.

HB 1480 establishes a state minimum wage. Rep. Butler of Hart's Location; **LABOR**.

HB 1482 establishes a committee to study improving the statewide voter registration database. Rep. Backus of Manchester; **EL**.

HB 1483 permits certain members of customer-generator groups to be billed individually and authorizes municipalities to offer a tax exemption for certain renewable energy projects. Rep. Oxenham of Plainfield; **ST&E**.

HB 1487 allows the town of Hampton to borrow money for capital projects from the Hampton real estate trust fund. Rep. Cushing of Hampton; **M&CG**.

HB 1489 establishes a committee to study the effects on employer contribution rates to the New Hampshire Retirement System from changing the years of service requirements and retirement ages. Rep. Kurk of Weare; **SCPEPP**.

HB 1491 requires all interest earned on a charitable trust fund to be paid to the trust fund or the beneficiary of the trust. Rep. Kurk of Weare; **COM-H**.

HB 1492 defines body-worn cameras and regulates when such cameras and their images can be used. Rep. Kurk of Weare; **CJ&PS**.



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## **House Bills**

HB 1494 establishes an expectation of privacy in certain personal information. Rep. Kurk of Weare; **JUD-H.**

HB 1496 establishes an expectation of privacy in certain personal materials. Rep. Kurk of Weare; **JUD-H.**

HB 1499 eliminates the requirement that a copy of a rabies certificate be sent to the clerk of the city or town where the animal is kept. Rep. Ammon of New Boston; **E&A.**

HB 1500 requires a political subdivision adopting a default budget to submit the default budget form with its budget report to the department of revenue administration for review by the department for compliance prior to setting tax rates. Rep. Ammon of New Boston; **M&CG.**

HB 1502 establishes a committee to study odor emissions from landfills. Rep. Massimilla of Littleton; **ST&E.**

HB 1503 expands the prohibition on distributing campaign materials at the polling place. Rep. Fields of Sanbornton; **EL.**

HB 1504 prohibits a tax collector from executing a tax deed to the municipality when the underlying lien results from a delinquency in payment of taxes on a primary residence. Rep. Hoell of Bow; **M&CG.**

HB 1505 allows towns and cities to exempt from property taxes the value of water and sewer pollution control facilities owned by a tax exempt educational institution. Rep. Cushing of Hampton; **M&CG.**

HB 1508 allows public libraries to run certain privacy software. Rep. Ammon of New Boston; **M&CG.**

HB 1510 requires public bodies to notify persons who will be the subject of certain nonpublic sessions, and to review minutes of nonpublic sessions every 3 years to determine whether they should remain sealed. Rep. Ammon of New Boston; **JUD-H.**

HB 1511 requires that polling places be open at least from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all state elections. Rep. Burton of Durham; **EL.**

HB 1518 removes the requirement that membership of a municipal budget committee include a member from each village district within the municipality. Rep. Bates of Windham; **M&CG.**

HB 1521 allows voters to vote for multiple candidates for an office. Rep. Ammon of New Boston; **EL.**

HB 1523 provides that project labor agreements shall not be included in government construction contracts. Rep. Abramson of Seabrook; **LABOR.**

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## **House Bills**

HB 1529 requires the secretary of state to cause the voter database to indicate whether a person is a felon disqualified to vote. Rep. Bates of Windham; **EL**.

HB 1530 authorizes mail-in voting. Rep. Rogers of Concord; **EL**.

HB 1532 permits state or county prisoners to vote by absentee ballot. Rep. P. Schmidt of Dover; **EL**.

HB 1533 enables towns and cities to regulate noise level limitations for permanent machinery. Rep. McConnell of Keene; **M&CG**.

HB 1534 requires the state registrar to notify the city or town clerk upon receipt of a death record and requires the supervisors of the checklist to remove the name from the checklist. Rep. Bates of Windham; **EL**.

HB 1535 prohibits an employer from requiring an employee or prospective employee to pay the cost of a criminal record background check or drug test unless otherwise authorized by law. Rep. Ulery of Hudson; **LABOR**.

HB 1539 establishes a run-off election process to be used in the event of a tie in a state legislative race. Rep. Cushing of Hampton; **EL**.

HB 1542 requires that applicants for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families submit to drug testing, and provides that any applicant who tests positive will be denied assistance for at least one year. Rep. Leeman of Rochester; **HHS&EA**.

HB 1543 provides that a prosecuting attorney who knowingly prosecutes an individual who the prosecutor has reason to believe is innocent is guilty of a class B felony. Rep. Abramson of Seabrook; **CJ&PS**.

HB 1544 creates a tax on revenues under contracts for natural gas transmission, with proceeds to be deposited in the highway fund to be used for local road and bridge aid. Contains **NHMA POLICY**. Rep. B. Tilton of Swanzey; **W&M-H**.

HB 1546 permits the audio recording of a public servant performing a public function and permits the interception of telecommunications or oral communication if at least one party consents to the recording. Rep. Hull of Grafton; **CJ&PS**.

HB 1549 requires local law enforcement agencies to report “swat raids,” “bearcat deployments,” shootings by police officers, and certain other activities to the department of safety on a monthly basis. Rep. Ammon of New Boston; **CJ&PS**.

HB 1555 allows the condemnee to refuse an offer from the condemnor under eminent domain law, and allows the condemnor to make a new offer 180 days after the initial offer. Rep. McConnell of Keene; **JUD-H**.



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## **House Bills**

HB 1559 expands the optional property tax exemption for certain property leased to a chartered public school facility to certain other education facilities. Rep. Horrigan of Durham; **M&CG**.

HB 1562 allows the county convention in each county to establish heroin use prevention and treatment programs. Rep. Abramson of Seabrook; **M&CG**.

HB 1567 authorizes friends of animals number plates to fund the companion animal neutering fund and the fund for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory. Rep. Massimilla of Littleton; **TRANS-H**.

HB 1568 establishes a pre-paid annual road toll, equal to twice the annual registration fee, for vehicles powered by alternative energy sources. Rep. F. Tilton of Laconia; **PW**.

HB 1572 establishes a broadband deployment tax credit incentive program for broadband providers that invest in providing service to underserved areas. Rep. Townsend of Canaan; **W&M-H**.

HB 1576 repeals the requirement that dogs be licensed and the authority of municipalities to require that cats be licensed. Rep. Hull of Grafton; **M&CG**.

HB 1578 requires an owner of land that abuts a private road to repair and maintain his or her share of the road. Rep. Chirichiello of Derry; **PW**.

HB 1583 allows for voluntary donations to veterans' organizations through a check-off box on driver's license applications and automobile registration forms. Rep. Massimilla of Littleton; **TRANS-H**.

HB 1593 prohibits public bodies and agencies from charging for the cost of "searching, compilation, and labor" in making copies of records under the Right-to-Know law. Rep. Brewster of Barnstead; **LEGIS. ADMIN**.

HB 1596 changes the marriage license requirement to a requirement that couples obtain a certificate of notice of intent to marry and a certificate of marriage. Rep. Itse of Fremont; **JUD-H**.

## **2016 Senate Bills**

SB 306 allows beverage manufacturers to provide wine and beer samples for tasting at farmer's markets if they have received "written authorization by the town or city." Sen. Feltes of Concord; **COM-S**.

SB 319 adds definitions of "adult child" and "child" for purposes of determining survivor benefits for families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. Sen. D'Allesandro of Manchester; **ED&A-S**.

SB 328 authorizes municipalities and school districts to enter into intergovernmental agreements for the purpose of conducting financial oversight under RSA 194-C:4, I(a). Sen. Little of Weare; **EDUC-S**.

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## **Senate Bills**

SB 333 increases to 75 megawatts the cap on net energy metering tariffs available to eligible customer-generators and requires the public utilities commission to initiate a proceeding to develop alternative net energy metering tariffs. Sen. Bradley of Wolfeboro; **ENR**.

SB 334 establishes a commission to study the planning functions of the office of energy and planning. Sen. Hosmer of Laconia; **ED&A-S**.

SB 335 transfers the administration of the state building code review board to the office of professional licensure and certification, and changes appeals from decisions of the state fire marshal on state fire code matters from the building code review board to the board of fire control. Sen. Boutin of Hooksett; **ED&A-S**.

SB 345 defines agritourism and permits agritourism activities on any property where the primary use is agricultural. Sen. Boutin of Hooksett; **PMA**.

SB 346 requires that polling places be open at least from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all state elections. Sen. Lasky of Nashua; **PMA**.

SB 349 requires a city council or board of aldermen to elect someone other than the city clerk to serve as chief elections officer if the clerk is not a registered voter in the city. Sen. Birdsell of Hampstead; **PMA**.

SB 353 requires that names be placed on state election ballots in a manner consistent with the appearance of other names on the ballot, as determined by the secretary of state. Sen. Birdsell of Hampstead; **PMA**.

SB 359 permits municipalities to fund improvements in electric vehicle charging stations with funds from the municipal and transportation improvement fund. Sen. Watters of Dover; **TRANS-S**.

SB 362 requires the department of transportation to file with the planning board of an affected town a plan for any new traffic or directional sign to be placed on a scenic or cultural byway within the town. Sen. Bradley of Wolfeboro; **TRANS-S**.

SB 364 establishes a committee to study the feasibility of having New Hampshire include the complete streets principle as a part of the 10-year transportation improvement plan. **NHMA POLICY**. Sen. Birdsell of Hampstead; **TRANS-S**.

SB 365 authorizes cities and towns to adopt ordinances relative to the use of police officers and non-police flaggers for temporary traffic control, subject to limitations. Sen. Bradley of Wolfeboro; **ENR**.

SB 366 establishes a committee to study enforcement of the state right-of-way by the department of transportation. Sen. Bradley of Wolfeboro; **TRANS-S**.

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## **Senate Bills**

SB 367 requires the department of environmental services to include in its biennial capital budget request the list of pollution control projects whose eligible costs the department proposes to fund during the next fiscal biennium. Sen. Bradley of Wolfeboro; **CAP BUDGET**.

SB 370 establishes a committee to study real time threat notification systems to link schools with law enforcement when schools are under direct threat. Sen. Stiles of Hampton; **EDUC-S**.

SB 374 requires the department of environmental services to update a report on coastal flooding trends every five years. Sen. Watters of Dover; **ENR**.

SB 375 establishes a coastal marine natural resources and environment commission, whose duties are to investigate, monitor, and propose prevention and mitigation strategies for emerging environmental threats in coastal and Great Bay waters. Sen. Watters of Dover; **ENR**.

SB 377 lowers the permissible limits on emissions of particulate matter, cadmium, lead, and dioxins/furans from municipal waste combustion units. Sen. Bradley of Wolfeboro; **ENR**.

SB 390 allows the board of trustees of the retirement system to designate a presiding officer in hearings to determine whether a member qualifies for ordinary or accidental disability benefits. Sen. Feltes of Concord; **ED&A-S**.

SB 393 clarifies the rights of employers and employees concerning the possession and control of data. Sen. Bradley of Wolfeboro; **COM-S**.

SB 395 amends the minimum housing standards to require landlords to keep units cool for tenants with health-related issues requiring air conditioning. Sen. Forrester of Meredith; **COM-S**.

SB 411 requires the approval of mortgage holders as a condition to the merger of lots, and prohibits merger if there are mortgages on more than one of the lots and they are held by different persons. Sen. Watters of Dover; **COM-S**.

SB 418 includes active service National Guard members in the definition of absent uniformed services voters and allows voters to enter the space enclosed by the guardrail prior to receiving a ballot. Sen. Birdsell of Hampstead; **PMA**.

SB 433 excludes septic pumper trucks and supply trucks from seasonal highway weight limit regulation. Sen. Hosmer of Laconia; **TRANS-S**.

SB 446 provides that any rule adopted by the state building code review board related to applications for residential building permits shall require only such information as is reasonably required for the building inspector to act on the application. Sen. Daniels of Milford; **ED&A-S**.

## Upcoming NHMA Workshops

- January 9, 2016      Town & School Moderators (SB 2) [click [here](#) to register]
- January 15, 2016     A Hard Road to Travel [click [here](#) to register]
- February 20, 2016   Town & School Moderators (Traditional Meeting) [click [here](#) to register]

For more information please access our website: [www.nhmunicipal.org](http://www.nhmunicipal.org) and scroll down on the left to CALENDAR OF EVENTS, *View the Full Calendar*.

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## NHMA WEBINARS

### **MAKE YOUR CITY OR TOWN "ELECTION READY" IN 2016**

Event Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2016  
Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Contact Phone: 603.224.7447

Join Legal Services Counsel Stephen Buckley and Staff Attorney Margaret Byrnes for a detailed look at election procedure, including voter registration and identification; absentee voting procedures and requirements; ballot counting and recounts; arrangement of the polling station; and the duties and roles of various election officials, including the moderator, supervisors of the checklist, and town/city clerk.

[Click here to register](#)

***Registration deadline is noontime, January 4, 2016.***

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### **2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW: WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT ABOUT?**

Event Date: **Monday**, January 11, 2016  
Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Contact Phone: 603.224.7447

As the New Hampshire General Court begins to wrestle with over 800 new bills, legislators need to hear from local government officials regarding the policy implications of bills affecting cities and towns. To help you connect better with legislators, this webinar will:

- \* include a preview of legislation filed
- \* outline the messages legislators need to hear from you
- \* recommend grassroots action to get the municipal voice heard

Join Government Affairs Counsel Cordell Johnston and Government Finance Advisor Barbara Reid for a look at the latest legislative developments in Concord.

[Click here to register](#)

***Registration deadline is noontime, January 8, 2016.***