

**New Hampshire Municipal Association
2021 - 2022 Legislative Policy Process**

Floor Policy Proposal

Submitted by (name): *Hudson Board of Selectmen*

Date: August 20, 2020

City or Town: *Hudson*

Title of Person Submitting Policy:

Selectmen

Floor Policy Proposal approved by vote of the governing body on *July 10, 2018*

To see if NHMA will SUPPORT/OPPOSE:

To see if NHMA will support legislation to lower the abatement interest rate that municipalities pay from 6% to 4% (RSA 76:17-a) to better align it with the interest rate on delinquent taxes that were recently lowered by the NH Legislature.

Municipal Interest to be accomplished by proposal:

To align abatement interest paid by a municipality with the recent lowering of interest rates on delinquent property taxes.

Explanation:

Currently, after the timely payment deadline has passed on payment of property taxes, usually 30 days or more of grace time, 12% interest is charged, for a period of six (6) months, and then 18% interest is charged after those six (6) months. The NH Legislature and the Governor have passed into law, a significant decrease in the interest rate that is charged on late property tax bills. As of January 1, 2019, after the timely payment deadline has passed on payment on property taxes, 8% interest is charged, for a period of six (6) months and then 14% interest is charged. This proposal seeks to lower the interest rate on abatements paid by a municipality from 6% to 4% to better align with delinquent property tax interest rates.