

# 2020 Webinar Series



## 2020 Legislative Preview January 6, 2020

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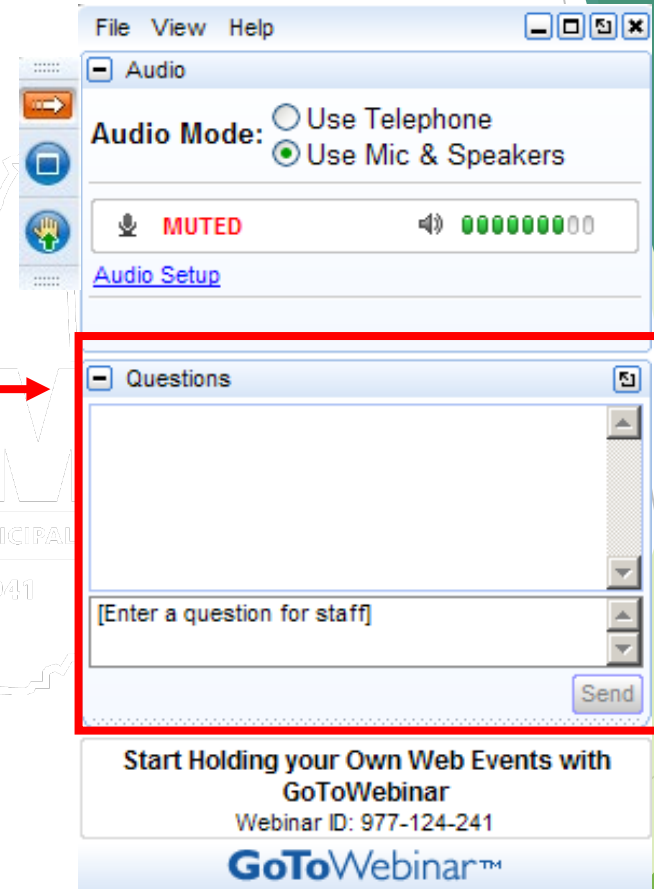
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# How to Participate Today



- Open and close your panel →
- Submit text questions
- Q&A addressed during the webinar session →
- Pop quiz for your entertainment





# Retained and Re-referred Bills

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# Standards for Perfluorinated Chemicals (PFAS)



- ▶ PFAS Lawsuit Update
- ▶ SB 496 - state contribution towards costs for PFAS compliance
- ▶ HB 1603 - PFAS contamination remediation and mitigation revolving loan fund
- ▶ HR 12 - urges Congress to declare PFAS superfund chemicals and provide sufficient programming and funding for education, treatment, and remediation

# Exemptions and Credits

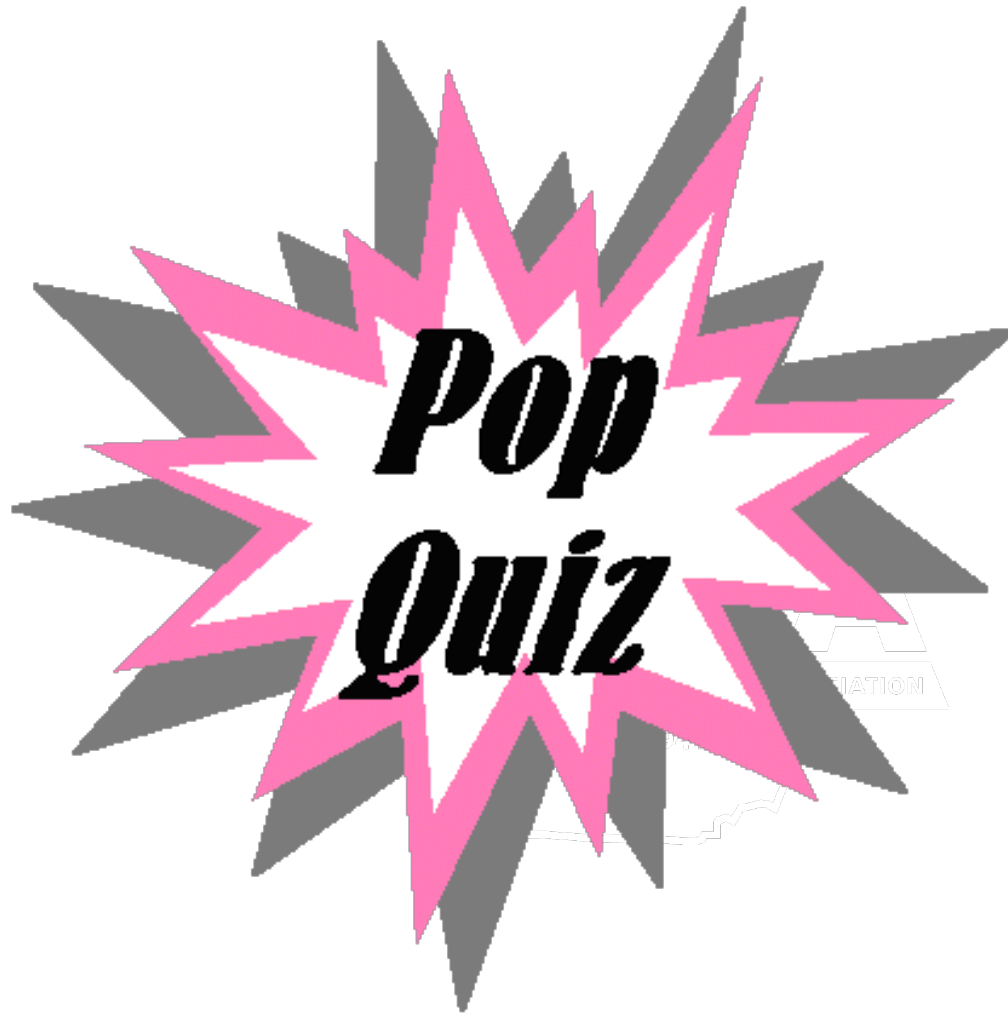
- ▶ HB 1125 - exemption for volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel
- ▶ HB 1210 - exemption for energy storage system
- ▶ HB 1510 - exemption for accessory dwelling units (ADU) leased to non-family members
- ▶ HB 1154 - exclude retirement savings and pension from net assets to determine eligibility for certain exemptions
- ▶ HB 1305 - exempts income from a home-share arrangement from the determination of net assets for certain property tax exemptions
- ▶ SB 516 - standard credit of \$50 (local option up to \$750) for active military personnel



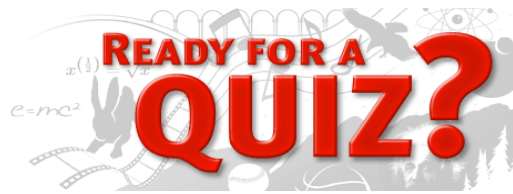
# NH Retirement System



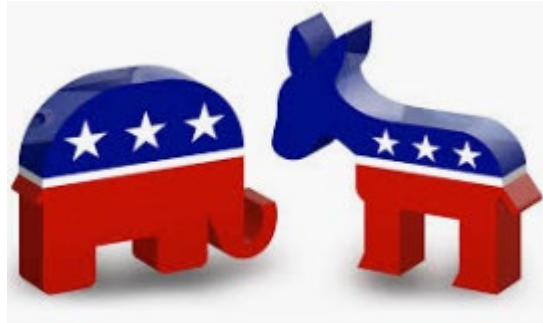
- ▶ HB 1205 - changes 10% pension reduction to full Social Security age rather than age 65  
Estimated cost = \$37 million
- ▶ HB 1341 - repeals several pension reform provisions enacted in 2011 for Group II members (police and firefighters) Estimated cost = \$142 million
- ▶ HB 1235 - committee to study ensuring workforce maintenance through enhancement of the retirement system



***Pop  
Quiz***



By law, the New Hampshire presidential primary must be scheduled to occur when?

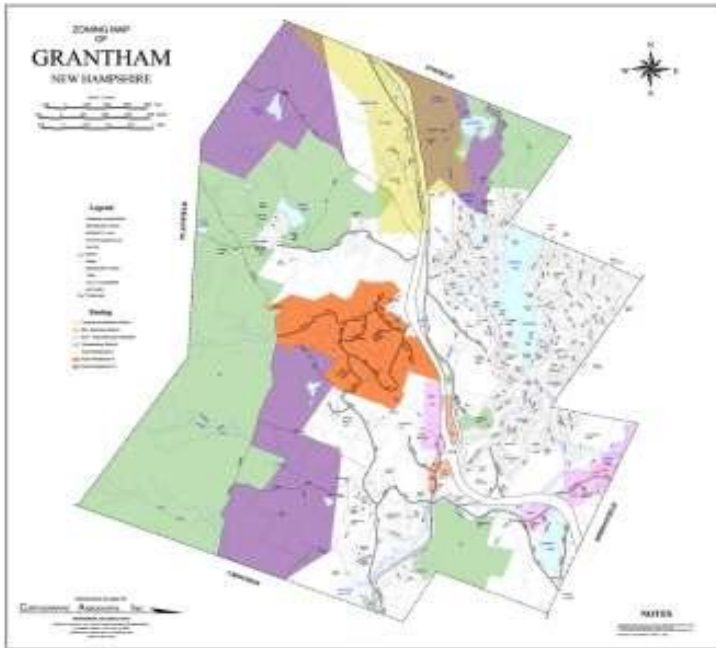


- A. No more than fourteen days following the date of the Iowa caucuses.
- B. No more than three weeks before the South Carolina presidential primary.
- C. Seven days or more preceding the date of another similar state election
- D. No less than thirty days before “Super Tuesday”



# Planning and Zoning

- ▶ HB 1129 - allows posting notice of zoning amendment hearing on website rather than in newspaper
- ▶ HB 1629 - provides for mandatory training, stricter deadlines, fee shifting
- ▶ HB 1632 - provides financing options and tax relief for affordable housing
- ▶ SB 458 - prohibits local regulation of short-term rentals
- ▶ SB 482 - requires all municipalities to allow “tiny houses”



# Right-to-Know Law



- ▶ HB 1169 - eliminates roll call requirement for meetings by telephone
- ▶ HB 1170 - adds definition of “reasonably described”
- ▶ HB 1202 - requires notice and opportunity to attend nonpublic session based on reputation
- ▶ HB 1307 - allows charging for personnel costs to produce records if more than five hours in a calendar month
- ▶ HB 1325 - requires list of all non-public sessions where minutes have been sealed
- ▶ HB 1559 - requires sealed minutes to be reviewed annually for unsealing

# Lemonade Stands

- ▶ HB 1147 - prohibits a municipality from regulating a lemonade stand operated by a person under 18



# Net Metering



- ▶ HB 1218 - identical to HB 365 from last year -- raises cap for customer-generator to 5 megawatts
- ▶ SB 159 - retained from 2019 - virtually identical to HB 365 and HB 1218
- ▶ HB 1225 - allows net metering for municipal hydroelectric facilities up to 5 megawatts
- ▶ HB 1402 - allows net metering for a “municipal host” to offset energy costs for customers within a single municipality
- ▶ HB 1481 - allows net metering above 1 megawatt up to 125 percent of customer’s average monthly peak electric demand



# Pollution Control Exemption

- ▶ HB 1661 - eliminates pollution control exemption for nuclear and fossil fuel generating facilities



# Housing Appeals Board

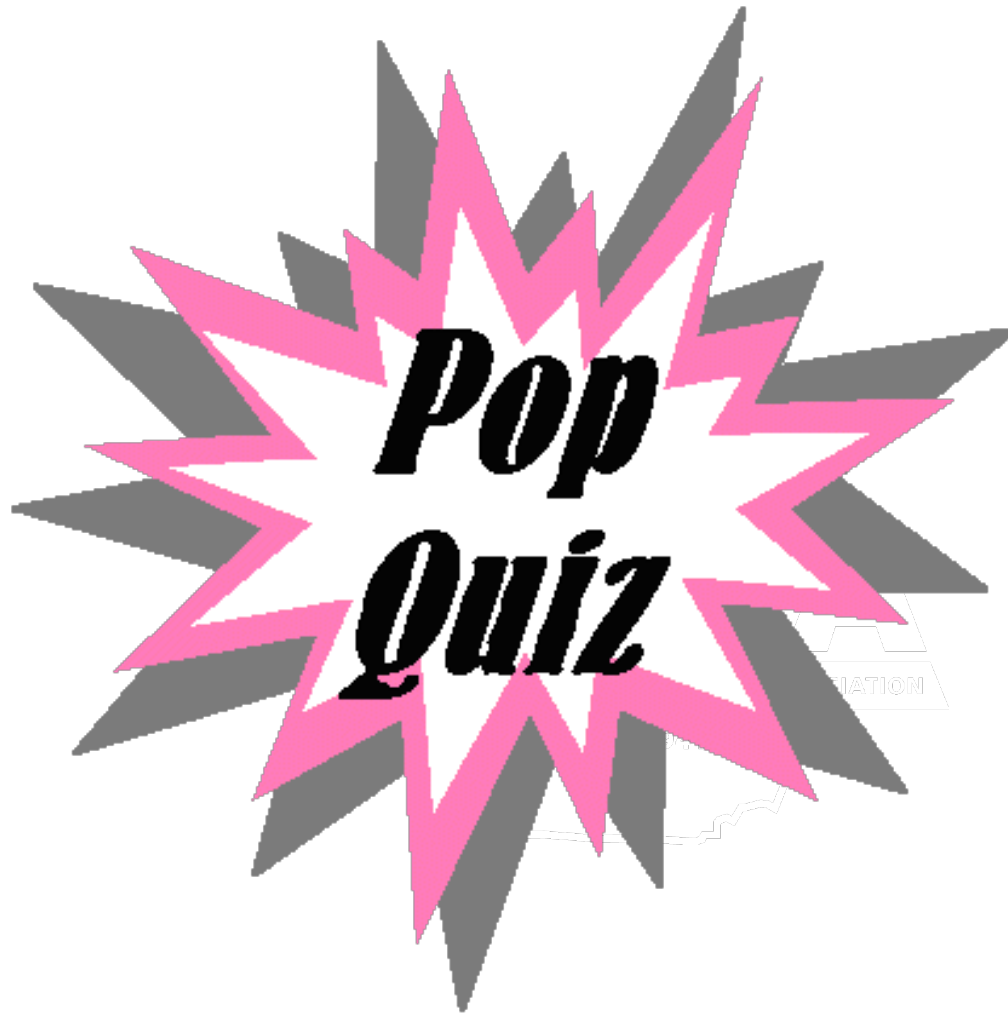


- ▶ SB 487 - repeals housing appeals board, establishes commission to advance affordable housing options
- ▶ SB 536 - establishes a committee to study housing appeals board; does not repeal

# Labor Issues



- ▶ HB 1399 and SB 448 - “card check” provision allows public employees to unionize by majority written authorization without PELRB-supervised election
- ▶ HB 1290 - allows employee to vote in the PELRB election by mail
- ▶ HB 1181 - authorizes PELRB to award damages for pain and suffering in unfair labor practice claim



***Pop  
Quiz***



# READY FOR A QUIZ?

The coldest temperature recorded in New Hampshire was -47 on Mount Washington in 1934. What was the coldest temperature recorded in Concord, New Hampshire?

- A. -25 in 1934
- B. -37 in 1943
- C. -40 in 1966
- D. -22 in 1978



# Fees and State Aid



- ▶ HB 1160 - hotel occupancy fee from room rentals for capital reserve fund, revolving fund, or tourism support fund
  - ▶ *NHMA Policy*
- ▶ HB 1649 - road usage fee
- ▶ HB 1650 - annual adjustment to state motor vehicle registration fee
- ▶ HB 1565 - requiring meals and rooms tax operators to pay a portion (1%) of the tax collected to the municipality where the business is located

# Municipal Finance

- ▶ HB 1119 - allows municipal and county treasurers to deposit funds in out-of-state banks that have a physical branch and presence in this state



- ▶ SB 456 - permits capital reserve funds of counties, towns, districts, and water departments to be used for financing the cost of leasing equipment



# Technology-Related Bills

## ► Communications Districts

- SB 457
- Allows two or more municipalities to create district
- Follows basic structure of 53-B, Solid Waste Management Districts
- Not the only bill on broadband

## ► Cybersecurity Standards

- Requires the DoIT to set minimum cyber security standards
- Requires municipalities to “self-report” compliance with standards
- Requires municipalities to report a cyber security incident to DoIT

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## LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

### House and Senate to Convene

Happy New Year!

This Legislative Bulletin provides some more information on bills that have been introduced for the New Hampshire General Court's 2020 session, including a continued listing of all the bills we have identified so far that could affect local government. (See our **December 19 Legislative Bulletin** for the beginning of the list.) Once the legislature begins scheduling hearings, there will be little time to get organized, so please start checking out the legislation, contacting your representatives and senators, and contacting NHMA with any questions.

As mentioned in the **December 19 Bulletin**, the House and Senate will convene (separately) on Wednesday, January 8, to begin the 2020 legislative session. On that day (and continuing on January 9 in the House), they will take action on bills from 2019 that were retained (in the House) or re-referred (in the Senate). The December 19 Bulletin also contains a description of the retained/re-referred bill process.

### Retained and Re-Referred Bills

To our knowledge, there is no published list of all the retained and re-referred bills, but you can find a list of those of most interest to municipalities in our **June 21, 2019, Legislative Bulletin** (page 4). Also, if you do a search for all 2020 bills on the **General Court website** (under "Find a 2020 Bill," leave the field blank and click on the search icon), the resulting list will include both retained/re-referred bills and new bills. Any House bill with a number below 1000 is a retained bill, and any Senate bill with a number below 400 is a re-referred bill.

The most common committee recommendations on retained and re-referred bills are "inexpedient to legislate" and "refer for interim study," and most of them will meet one of those fates. Some, however, are recommended for passage. In most cases, these bills were retained/re-referred in the originating chamber; if they are passed, they will cross over to the other chamber for hearing and final action, so further work can be done on them if needed. Here are a few of them. (Note that for all bills except **SB 159**, the proposed amendment replaces the entire bill, or everything except the effective date.):

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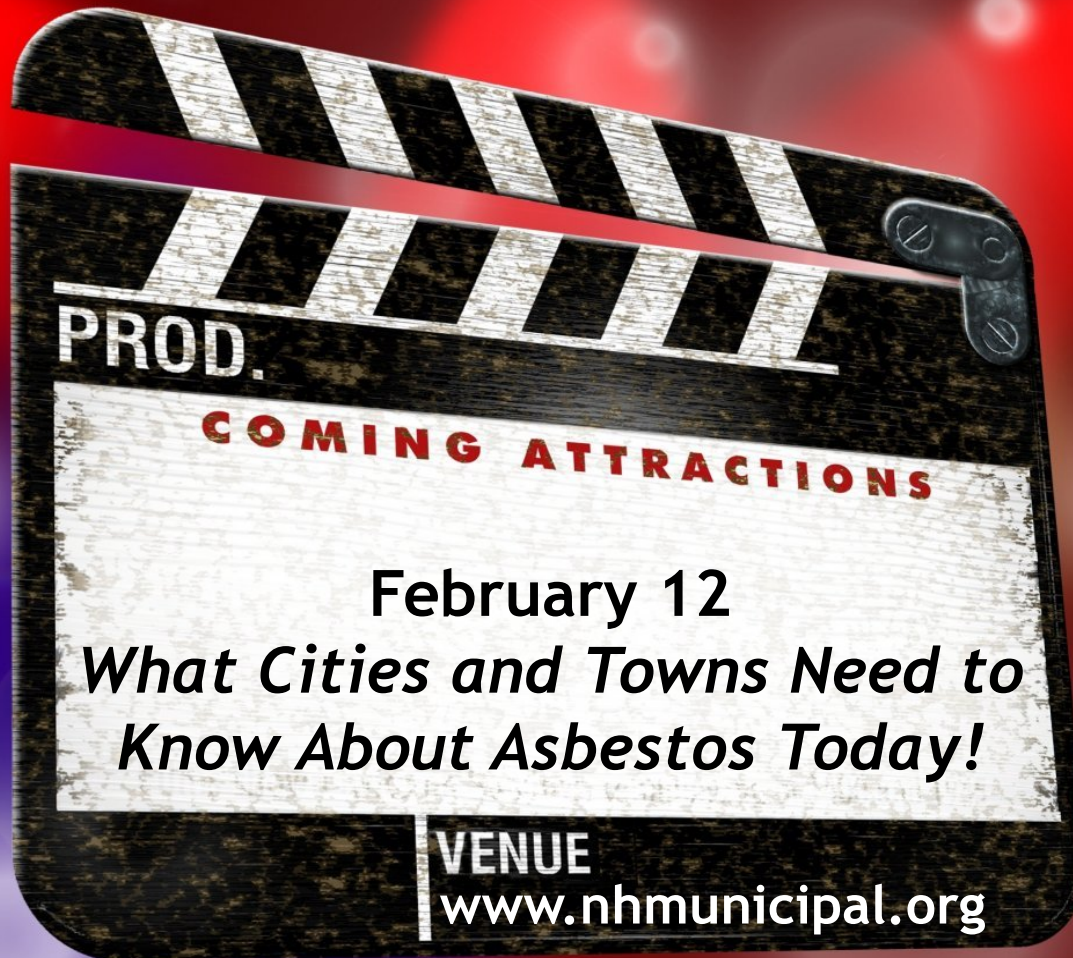
# Upcoming NHMA/Primex Event



# Upcoming Webinar



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# Upcoming Workshop



## 2020 Town & School Moderators Workshops

*Beginner & Advanced Training Provided!*

**SB 2 Meeting**  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
**Saturday, January 11**  
Snow date: Saturday, January 18  
25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord

Only \$65

**Traditional Meeting**  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
**Saturday, February 15**  
Snow date: Saturday, February 22  
25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord



Attendees will receive a copy of NHMA's 2020 edition of Town Meeting and School Meeting Handbook.

### Topics include:

#### **The Basic Law of Town, Village District and School District Meeting**

Statutes governing the moderator's duties at town, village district and school district meetings, and elections will be discussed along with issues related to warrant articles, the operating budget, secret ballot voting, polling place management, and other town meeting issues. These topics will be addressed in two concurrent sessions tailored for new and experienced moderators. Ample time will be devoted to questions and answers.

#### **Strategies for Running a Smooth Meeting**

Moderators are faced with a challenging task: keeping meetings focused and fair to all participants, while effectively facilitating the flow of debate. This session will highlight suggested strategies for running respectful and efficient meetings, and polling places.

#### **Sample Scenarios**

A series of sample scenarios will help attendees prepare for a wide range of meeting challenges.

Register online at [www.nhmunicipal.org](http://www.nhmunicipal.org) under CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

Online pre-registration required one week prior to each date.

Questions? Call 800.852.3358, ext. 3350 or email  
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