

HB 1189 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL                    ***1189***

AN ACT                    permitting voluntary donations to municipalities or the state to fund certain projects or to reduce taxation.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Soti, Rock. 7; Rep. Yakubovich, Merr. 24; Rep. Warden, Hills. 15

COMMITTEE:        Ways and Means

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows a municipality or the state to establish a voluntary donations fund to be expended for certain local or state projects or to reduce amount raised through taxation.

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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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

AN ACT                    permitting voluntary donations to municipalities or the state to fund certain projects or to reduce taxation.

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

1            1 New Section; Voluntary Donations Trust Fund. Amend RSA 32 by inserting after section 13  
2 the following new section:

3            32:13-a Voluntary Donations Trust Fund.

4            I. The governing body of a municipality may establish a voluntary donations trust fund for  
5 which they may accept and credit voluntary donations of money to be used to:

6                    (a) Reduce the amounts raised through property taxation;

7                    (b) Fund new or existing municipal road, bridge, or building construction projects;

8                    (c) Maintain parks; or

9                    (d) Make other authorized expenditures, including election audit costs.

10           II. Any moneys credited to the trust fund shall not lapse but shall be available for  
11 expenditure by the governing body in its annual budget.

12           III. Any municipality establishing a voluntary donations trust fund shall make the  
13 availability of donating to the fund prominently displayed on the municipality's website.

14           IV. The receipt of a donation under paragraph I shall be noted in the annual report of the  
15 municipality, and the name of the donor shall be listed by the governing body on the municipality's  
16 website. The governing body may approve suitable recognition of donations as they see fit.

17           2 New Section; Voluntary Donations to the State. Amend RSA 4 by inserting after section 8-a  
18 the following new section:

19           4:8-b Voluntary Donations to the State.

20           I. The governor may by executive order authorize the department of administrative services  
21 to accept for the state, gifts of money which are donated for any of the following purposes:

22                    (a) Offsetting amounts raised through taxation;

23                    (b) Funding new or existing state road, bridge, or building construction projects;

24                    (c) Maintenance of state parks; or

25                    (d) Other authorized expenditures, including election audit or recount costs.

26           II. The department of administrative services shall keep a permanent inventory or record of  
27 such donations.

28           III. Any moneys received pursuant to this section shall not lapse but shall be available for  
29 expenditure and appropriated in the biennial state operating budget.

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1           IV. The availability of making voluntary donations of money to the state shall be  
2 prominently displayed on the state's website. The name of the donor of a donation under paragraph  
3 I shall be noted on the state's website. In addition, the governor may provide for suitable recognition  
4 of donations.

5           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.