

Amendment to SB 273-A

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Powers and Duties of Towns; Special Meetings. Amend RSA 31:5, I(a) to read as follows:

4 I.(a) No money shall be raised or appropriated or shall any appropriation previously made  
5 be reduced or rescinded at any special town meeting except by vote by ballot, nor unless the ballots  
6 cast at such meeting shall be equal in number to at least 1/2 of the number of legal voters borne on  
7 the checklist of the town entitled to vote at the annual or biennial election next preceding such  
8 special meeting; and such checklist, corrected according to law, shall be used at any meeting upon  
9 the request of 10 legal voters of the town. This section shall not apply to money to be raised for the  
10 public defense or any military purpose in time of war ***or to money to be raised for the purpose of***  
11 ***financing broadband infrastructure bonds under RSA 33:3-g.*** In case an emergency arises  
12 requiring an immediate expenditure of money, the selectmen may petition the superior court for  
13 permission to hold a special town meeting which, if granted, shall give said meeting the same  
14 authority as an annual town meeting.

15 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits all towns to authorize broadband infrastructure bonds at special meetings without court approval.