

SB 273-A - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **273-A**

AN ACT relative to broadband infrastructure funding.

SPONSORS: Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Rep. Dolan, Rock. 5; Rep. Egan, Graf. 2; Rep. Thompson, Coos 1; Rep. Gordon, Graf. 9; Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 22

COMMITTEE: Finance

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 relative to broadband infrastructure funding.

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

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

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3 be reduced or rescinded at any special town meeting except by vote by ballot, nor unless the ballots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

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.