

CHAPTER 131
SB 256 – FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL **256**

AN ACT relative to public utilities commission contracts with consultants.

SPONSORS: Sen. Lambert, Dist 13; Sen. Barnes, Jr., Dist 17; Sen. Carson, Dist 14;
Sen. Gallus, Dist 1; Sen. Luther, Dist 12; Sen. Sanborn, Dist 7; Rep. Cali-Pitts,
Rock 16

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires that certain public utilities commission contracts with consultants be approved by the governor and council.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

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

1 131:1 New Paragraph; Public Utilities Commission Contracts With Consultants. Amend
2 RSA 365:37 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

3 III. For investigations or proceedings involving the acquisition, merger, transfer, sale, or
4 lease of the works or system of a public utility, the commission shall not enter into a contract with
5 experts, accountants, or other assistants in an amount greater than \$250,000, including any contract
6 extension, without the approval of the governor and council. For all other investigations or
7 proceedings, the commission shall not enter into a contract with experts, accountants, or other
8 assistants in an amount greater than \$100,000, including any contract extension, without the
9 approval of governor and council.

10 131:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

11 Approved: June 5, 2012

12 Effective Date: June 5, 2012