

HB 460-LOCAL – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to amending the default budget in towns that use official ballot voting.

SPONSORS: Rep. Lambert, Hills 44; Rep. Hoell, Merr 23

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill permits the legislative body of a town that has adopted official ballot voting to amend the default budget at the deliberative session.

This bill also prohibits the default budget from exceeding the previous year's operating budget by more than 10 percent.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Official Ballot; Amendment of Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, XI(b) to read as follows:

2 (b) ~~[This amount shall not be amended by the legislative body. However,]~~ This amount
3 may be adjusted by the ***legislative body by majority vote at the deliberative session, or by the***
4 governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, acting on relevant new
5 information at any time before the ballots are printed, provided the governing body, unless the
6 provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, completes an amended default budget form.

7 2 Definition; Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, IX(b) to read as follows:

8 (b) “Default budget” as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same
9 appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and
10 increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or
11 mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget ***or by***
12 ***any items no longer anticipated by the governing body.*** For the purposes of this paragraph,
13 one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as
14 determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local
15 political subdivision. ***In no case shall the default budget exceed the previous year’s operating***
16 ***budget by more than 10 percent.***

17 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.