

HB 541 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **541**
AN ACT relative to city charters.
SPONSORS: Rep. Berube, Straf 18
COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill requires city charters to provide that the city clerk shall be elected by the elected body of the city.

This bill also requires city charters to provide that the city clerk be a resident of the city.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT relative to city charters.

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

1 1 City Charters; Appointive Officers. Amend RSA 49-C:20 to read as follows:
2 49-C:20 Appointive Officers. The charter shall provide for the appointment of a city clerk, a
3 treasurer, one or more assessors, a fire chief, a police chief, a health officer, a city solicitor, a general
4 assistance administrator, and such other officers as may be necessary to administer all departments
5 which the elected body and the charter shall establish. ***The appointment of a city clerk shall be***
6 ***by election of the elected body. The city clerk shall be a resident of the city or become a***
7 ***resident within 180 days after appointment, and shall hold the office for the term fixed by***
8 ***law or ordinance and until another is chosen and qualified, removable, however, at the***
9 ***pleasure of the elected body.*** Assessors shall, prior to appointment, have demonstrated knowledge
10 of property appraisal or assessment and of the laws governing the assessment and collection of
11 property taxes. The powers and duties of appointed officers and heads of departments shall be those
12 prescribed by state law, by the charter or by ordinance. Unless otherwise provided in the charter or
13 by law, the term of office of any appointed officer shall begin upon his or her appointment and
14 qualification for office and shall end upon the appointment and qualification of his or her successor.
15 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.