

HB 601 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **601**

AN ACT requiring ballot measures to be in plain English.

SPONSORS: Rep. Tremblay, Rock 4

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires all measures placed on state ballots to be in plain English.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Voting Materials; General Responsibility. Amend RSA 656:1 to read as follows:
2 656:1 General Responsibility.

3 ***I.*** Ballots for use in all state elections shall be prepared and delivered by the secretary of
4 state at the expense of the state.

5 ***II. Ballots for use in all state elections shall be in plain English, with emphasis on***
6 ***clarity, brevity, and the avoidance of technical language.***

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.