

HB 613-FN – AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

13-0184
10/04

HOUSE BILL **613-FN**

AN ACT relative to procedures and authority for the redress of grievances.

SPONSORS: Rep. Tremblay, Rock 4

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the statutory procedures and authority for the legislative committee responsible for the redress of grievances.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

HB 613-FN – AS INTRODUCED

- Page 2 -

1 the committee, the governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the necessary sum required for
2 restitution of financial losses out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 III. Undertake proceedings to remove from office judges or attorneys that do not uphold their
4 oaths of office; that oppress, distort truths, extort fines, fees, and implement burdensome
5 regulations causing harm to those that come before them in a court of law; who act under the color of
6 law for their illegal activities and judgments; who do not use wisdom, mercy, and justice to follow
7 the intent of laws passed by the general court. Financial damages incurred by citizens appearing
8 before or represented by any such judge or attorney shall be reimbursed. The committee shall
9 instruct such judge or attorney in the reimbursement of aggrieved citizens. Furthermore, the
10 committee may direct that a judge or attorney shall be unable to secure employment with the state of
11 New Hampshire. A statement of removal will be kept on file and made available to all who request
12 the information.

13 IV. Force state agencies, departments, and non-governmental organizations or non-profit
14 entities in partnership with government to change their policies to reflect an understanding that
15 government works for the citizens and to set their goals to reflect such an understanding.

16 V. Swear witnesses under oath that appear to testify before the committee. Perjury and
17 false swearing shall be prosecuted fully against any state official and any employees.

18 VI. Subpoena individuals to appear and be sworn under oath for hearings before the
19 legislative committee for the redress of grievances.

20 VII. Subpoena records, recordings, and documents, in order to obtain truthful information
21 in order to come to a conclusive finding.

22 VIII. Recommend the dissolution of any state agency or department, or the severance of ties
23 with non-governmental organizations and non-profits, should findings justify this action.

24 IX. Recommend the immediate change to state laws upon a vote of the general court to
25 remedy the problems.

26 16-A:4 Rules for Proceedings. The legislative committee for the redress of grievances shall adopt
27 rules governing its proceedings and procedures for citizens to petition for the redress of grievances.

28 16-A:5 Application. This act shall apply to natural persons, meaning individuals having natural
29 rights, and not to corporations, in providing redress of grievances concerning any statute, code, rule,
30 regulation, or policy.

31 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 613-FN – FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT relative to procedures and authority for the redress of grievances.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill, **as introduced**, may increase state general fund expenditures by an indeterminable amount in FY 2013 and each year thereafter. There will be no impact on state revenues, or county and local revenues and expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes statutory procedures and authority for the legislative committee responsible for the redress of grievances. This bill authorizes the Governor, upon certification of the committee, to draw a warrant from money not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying restitution of financial losses to citizens found to have incurred certain financial losses caused by government, including state agencies, departments, and non-governmental organizations or non-profit entities in partnership with government. The Office is unable to predict this bill's impact on state expenditures.