

SB 78 – AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **78**

AN ACT relative to the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

SPONSORS: Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Lasky, Dist 13; Rep. Danielson, Hills 7; Rep. J. Belanger,
Hills 27; Rep. Coffey, Hills 25; Rep. Bickford, Straf 3; Rep. Carson, Merr 7

COMMITTEE: Public and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the board of directors of the New Hampshire Municipal Association. This bill also clarifies the duties of such association.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

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

1 1 New Hampshire Municipal Association; Governance. Amend RSA 31:8-a to read as follows:
2 31:8-a ***New Hampshire Municipal Association; Governance. The New Hampshire***
3 ***Municipal Association is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization of cities and***
4 ***towns. The association shall be governed by a board of directors of no more than 30 elected***
5 ***officials who shall be elected at the association’s annual meeting. Directors shall serve***
6 ***staggered 3-year terms and until their successors shall have been elected. The chairperson***
7 ***shall be elected from among the members. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum.***
8 ***Decisions shall be made by a majority of those present and voting.***

9 ***31:8-b*** Authorization to Pay Dues. The board of selectmen may vote to pay, from amounts
10 appropriated by the town for town officers’ expenses, such amounts as shall be payable for annual
11 membership in the New Hampshire Municipal Association and expenses incurred in attending
12 regular meetings of the said association, provided that the appropriation of such dues has not
13 previously been rejected by a vote at the annual town meeting and provided further that the
14 association shall not record association positions before the general court or committees thereof on
15 matters which do not directly affect New Hampshire towns and cities ***or which directly affect***
16 ***organizations or entities affiliated with the association, nor shall the association*** engage in
17 partisan political activity by endorsing, or otherwise supporting, any political party or candidate.

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.