

SB 195 – AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **195**

AN ACT relative to wind-powered renewable energy facilities.

SPONSORS: Sen. Sanborn, Dist 9; Rep. Coffey, Hills 25

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill changes the procedure for approval of certain wind-powered renewable energy facilities.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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 Definitions. Amend RSA 162-H:2, XI-XII to read as follows:

2 XI. "Petitioner" means a person filing a petition meeting any of the following conditions:

3 (a) A petition endorsed by 100 or more registered voters in the host community or host
4 communities.

5 (b) A petition endorsed by 100 or more registered voters from abutting communities.

6 (c) A petition endorsed by the governing body of the host community or 2 or more
7 governing bodies of abutting communities.

8 ~~[(d) A petition filed by the potential applicant.]~~

9 XII. "Renewable energy facility" means electric generating station equipment and associated
10 facilities designed for, or capable of, operation at a nameplate capacity of greater than 30 megawatts
11 but less than 120 megawatts and powered by wind energy, geothermal energy, hydrogen derived
12 from biomass fuels or methane gas, ocean thermal, wave, current, or tidal energy, methane gas,
13 biomass technologies, solar technologies, or hydroelectric energy. "Renewable energy facility" shall
14 also include electric generating station equipment and associated facilities of 30 megawatts or less
15 nameplate capacity but at least 5 megawatts which the committee determines requires a certificate,
16 consistent with the findings and purposes set forth in RSA 162-H:1, ~~[either on its own motion or]~~ by
17 petition of ~~[the applicant or 2]~~ **one** or more petitioners as defined in RSA 162-H:2, XI.

18 2 Application for Certificate. Amend RSA 162-H:7, V(g) to read as follows:

19 (g) ***For any application for a certificate for a wind-powered renewable energy***
20 ***facility which operates at a capacity of up to 30 megawatts, provide a written document***
21 ***supporting the application signed by a majority of the governing body or bodies of the local***
22 ***host community or communities, or a notification of deferment to the committee.***

23 (h) Provide such additional information as the committee may require to carry out the
24 purposes of this chapter.

25 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.