

HB 1234 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **1234**

AN ACT                relative to municipal contracts for police chief.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Bickford, Straf 3

COMMITTEE:          Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows selectmen to designate a police chief by contract for a fixed term.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                                Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Fourteen*

AN ACT                   relative to municipal contracts for police chief.

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

- 1           1 Police Officers; Appointment. Amend RSA 105:1 to read as follows:  
2           105:1 Appointment. The selectmen of a town, when they deem it necessary, may appoint special  
3 police officers who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the selectmen, or until their  
4 successors are chosen or appointed. The selectmen may designate one of the police officers as chief of  
5 police or superintendent and as such officer the chief of police or superintendent shall exercise  
6 authority over and supervise or superintend other police officers, police matrons, watchmen, or  
7 constables appointed under the provisions of this chapter, and said police officers, police matrons,  
8 watchmen, or constables shall be accountable and responsible to said chief of police or  
9 superintendent. ***The designation as chief of police by the selectmen may be in the form of a***  
10 ***contract specifying that the authority of the designee ceases on the date stated in the***  
11 ***contract, regardless of whether a successor has been designated.*** Nothing herein shall be  
12 construed to preclude or prevent a town from electing constables or police officers at an annual town  
13 meeting pursuant to the provisions of RSA 41:47.  
14           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.