

Amendment to HB 313

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Official Ballot; Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, IX(b) to read as follows:

4 (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same
5 appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and
6 increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred
7 **by law** or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating
8 budget and by salaries, ~~and~~ benefits of positions that have been eliminated in the proposed budget,
9 **and reflecting the actual salary and benefits of filled positions as of the public hearing for**
10 **the proposed budget excluding any increases subsequent to the authorization of the**
11 **previous year's operating budget.** For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures
12 shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, and eliminated positions shall
13 not include vacant positions under recruitment or positions redefined in the proposed operating
14 budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of
15 the local political subdivision. In calculating the default budget amount, the governing body shall
16 follow the statutory formula which may result in a higher or lower amount than the proposed
17 operating budget.

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill alters the definition of default budget in official ballot town meetings to include the actual salary and benefits of filled positions as of the public hearing for the proposed budget excluding any increases subsequent to the authorization of the previous year's operating budget