

Legislative alert for April 9-11, from League of Women Voters NH. If you have trouble reading this in your email, it is also posted on our website, LWVNH.org on our "Hot Legislation" page.

As you can see, this is one of our shorter alerts for this year. The House will be busy with the 2-year budget, with a hearing on Tuesday morning and a vote on Thursday, so little else is scheduled for them.

The Senate is also voting on Thursday (see below) and has a few committee hearings on bills.

If you wish to make your views known to your Representative(s) or Senator, now is the time to call or email them! Locate their phones/emails at this link:

<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/default.aspx>

The Senate will meet in voting session on Thursday, April 11, at 10 am.

Most of their bills are not controversial, are on the Consent Calendar.

Of major interest is the vote on

HB 455-FN, repealing the death penalty for capital murder. Recommended Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1. *League supports repeal, per our national position.*

The House will meet in voting session on Thursday, April 11, at 10:00 am.

House members are urged to attend the House Finance Committee budget briefings on HB-1A and HB 2-FN-A on Tuesday, April 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Representatives Hall in the State House.

The public may watch from the gallery, and the briefing is likely to be live-streamed from the General Court website for viewing from home.

In its voting session on April 11, the House will vote on both budget bills and on the capital budge, HB25A.

The text of these bills is extensive, with an amended version of the budget bills taking up hundreds of pages. Here is the link to the budget bills:

http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/LBA/Budget/operating_budgets/2020_2021/H%20Finance%20HB%201%20Amendment%20Final.pdf

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Hearings coming up this week. Not many scheduled. Bills of particular interest to League or broad public interest include the following:

Tuesday, April 9

HOUSE ELECTION LAW, LOB room 308

2:00 p.m **SB 8**, establishing an **independent redistricting commission**. League supports! Priority item.

SENATE EDUCATION, LOB room 103

9:45 a.m.**HB 489**, relative to changing a pupil's school or assignment because of a manifest educational hardship.

10:15 a.m.**HB 357**, relative to the **public school infrastructure fund**.

Wednesday, April 10

HOUSE ELECTION LAW LOB Rm 308

10:00 a.m. **SB 7-FN-L**, establishing the **secure modern accurate registration act** (SMART ACT). *League supports.*

SENATE ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 102, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 297**, **political advertisements** on behalf of political committees or advocacy organizations.

9:45 a.m. **HB 312**, establishing a committee to study **tiny houses**.

The House Calendar for this week is at this link:

http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/caljournals/calendars/2019/HC_19.pdf

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http://gencourt.state.nh.us/Senate/calendars_journals/calendars/2019/sc%2017.pdf

On April 4 the House voted on the following bills among others:

HB 564 as amended, possession of **firearms in safe school zones**. "...restricts the carrying of firearms on school property to law enforcement officers, members of the armed services... and any person authorized in writing by the school board. The bill has already been passed once by the full House and complements federal law. .." Passed 213-159, will move to the Senate.

HB 729-FN-A, establishing a **citizen's right-to-know appeals commission and a right-to-know law ombudsman**. Killed 203-165

HB 641-LOCAL, **allowing municipalities to collect an occupancy fee from operators of local room rentals**. (\$2 per occupant per day.) Passed 209-146, will move to the Senate.