

Legislative Alert for **June 10-14, 2019**, from League of Women Voters NH--

The HOUSE met in voting session on June 5 and June 6. Here are some of their voting results.

SB 156, puts some restrictions on political contributions made by limited liability companies. *Passed 212-139 [League supports]*

SB 241-FN-A, funding for the project development phase of the **capitol corridor rail project**; *Passed 213-141.*

SB 292-FN, implementation of the new mental health 10-year plan. *Passed on a voice with an amendment.* Senate will now need to consider the amended version (*see last week's note about committees of conference etc.*).

SB 290-FN Changes to the **Granite Advantage Health Care Program**. See Dave Solomon's column in Thursday's Union Leader for an excellent explanation. *Passed 207-143.*

SB 10, establishing the **state minimum hourly rate** *Passed with an amendment, 209-139.*

SB 41-FN, relative to historical racing. [*basically these are slot machines with a twist.*] *House killed this bill 184-157.*

SB 74-FN-A, (New Title) register of deeds fees used to support **LCHIP** and establishing a committee to study the **economic impact of land conservation**. *Passed with 2 amendments on a voice vote.*

The Senate met in voting session on June 6. Here are some of the results.

Related to Election Law:

HB 556, allowing municipalities to **process absentee ballots** before election day. *Voted to keep this bill for further study, on a voice vote.*

HB106, reversing last year's election law bill **HB1264** that equates terms "residence" "domicile" and "inhabitant" for voting purposes. (*League supports HB 106 as HB1264 muddies the waters for voters.*) *Passed along party lines, as we had expected.*

HB 504, calling on Congress to pass an **amendment to the US Constitution to overturn Citizens United** and stamp big money out of politics for good. NH is now the 20th state to formally call for an amendment. *Passed 14-10.*

HB 737, establishing a **commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals** in the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford and Litchfield. Was recommended Ought to Pass with Amendment, 4-1. *Lots of discussion on 6/6 about an amendment that would delay work. Senate voted to pass both amendments and the bill. Will have to go back to the House for concurrence or committee of conference.*

They finished their bills at 12:45, then tackled **the budget** after lunch, continuing almost til midnight. For details of what the Senate passed, in comparison with the earlier House version, check out major newspapers. Also see event on June 10, which will be streamed. Then the House and the Senate will have to reach agreement somehow on a budget to present to the Governor.

The HOUSE will meet in voting session on Thursday, June 13, at 10 am.

The long list of bills passed earlier this year by the House, then amended by the Senate, are on pages 4-6 of this week's House Calendar. The House will discuss, then vote to concur, non-concur (killing the bill), or agree to a Committee of Conference. Here is the House Calendar, which includes an explanation of CofC procedures on p 2:

http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/caljournals/calendars/2019/HC_28.pdf

The SENATE will also meet on June 13, 10 am, to vote on remaining bills amended by the House. Here is the link to that Calendar:

http://gencourt.state.nh.us/Senate/calendars_journals/calendars/2019/sc%2026.pdf

Committee hearings coming up: In general committee work is done for the session.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE Budget Briefing,

1:00 P.M. Rooms 210-211, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING

Presentation by the LBA regarding Senate changes to House passed HB 1 and HB 2 (These are the two **budget bills**). These presentations are open to the full House and will be live-streamed. *note: you can access streaming video from the home page of the General Court:*

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/>

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

HOUSE ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session to review senate amendments to House election law bills.
