

Legislative Alert from League of Women Voters NH for the weeks of Jan. 21-Jan. 30, 2020

The SENATE will meet in SESSION on THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M. (No House session scheduled yet.)

The SENATE and HOUSE will meet in JOINT CONVENTION for the GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020 at 10:00 am

Comments [in brackets] or *italics* following the bill titles below have been added by League.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

HOUSE ELECTION LAW, Room 308 Legislative Office Bldg

10:00 am HCR 8, celebrating August 26, 2020 as the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which guarantees that the right to vote shall not be denied on the basis of sex. *Come stand with League in support of this centennial commemoration!*

10:30 am HB 1191, relative to the use of campaign contributions for personal use expenditures.

11:00 am HB 1643-FN, relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions and relative to funding source disclosure for political advertising. *[League supports this campaign finance reform bill]*

1:00 pm HB 1525, relative to the definition of political advocacy organization.

1:30 pm HB 1457-FN-L, requiring election officers and supervisors of the checklist to visit skilled nursing facilities and elderly and disabled residences within their jurisdiction for the purpose of assisting with voter registration and casting absentee ballots. *[League supports this bill to improve access to voting, but some minor tweaks in wording would be good.]*

2:00 pm HB 1534, establishing a commission to study the creation of online voter registration for the 2022 state elections. *[League supports creating such a commission.]*

SENATE COMMERCE, Room 100, State House **(HEALTHCARE/PRESCRIPTION DRUGS)**

1:00 pm SB 685-FN, establishing a wholesale prescription drug importation program.

1:15 pm SB 688-FN, prohibiting price gouging in the sale of prescription drugs.

1:30 pm SB 690, relative to prescription drug formulary changes.

1:45 pm SB 687-FN, relative to transparency in prescription drug pricing and establishing a New Hampshire prescription drug affordability board.

2:00 pm SB 689-FN, relative to the pharmacy anti-steering law.

2:15 pm SB 686-FN, relative to rebates paid to pharmacy benefits managers.

HOUSE PUBLIC WORKS & HIGHWAYS, Room 201, Legislative Office Bldg

10:00 am HB 1650-FN-A-L, establishing a **road usage registration fee** and making an appropriation therefor. *[these two bills may get controversial, as they attempt to even out the revenue the state gets to maintains roads, taking into account energy efficient vehicles, etc. League has no position on this.]*

1:15 pm HB 1649-FN-A, establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

SENATE ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 102, Legislative Office Bldg

9:00 am SB 537, proclaiming January 24 as Granny D. Day. *[League supports recognition of this impressive woman, who walked across the nation in support of campaign finance reform! The walk took a year, which she completed just after her 90th b'day.]*

9:15 a.m SB 485, relative to the disqualification of certain persons from performing duties as an election official.

9:45 a.m SB 422, relative to changes of registration of voters at primary elections.

10:15 am SB 490, prohibiting state vendors from making campaign contributions. *[League supports this campaign finance reform bill.]*

HOUSE ELECTION LAW, Room 308, Legislative Office Bldg

10:00 am HB 1395, establishing a committee to study ballot access and ways to improve civic engagement in New Hampshire. *[League thinks improving civic engagement is good.]*

10:30 am HB 1651-FN, relative to prisoners' voting rights. [Doesn't change the law, just makes it more obvious that pre-trial and misdemeanor inmates have the right to vote absentee.]

11:00 am HB 1672-FN, allowing voters to vote by absentee ballot.

1:00 pm HB 1279, relative to the terms resident, inhabitant, residence, and residency. *[This bill would overturn HB1264, which is in litigation. Likely to be held pending court outcome.]*

1:30 pm HB 1653-FN, relative to domicile, residency, voter registration, and investigation of voter verification letters. *[This bill would overturn SB3, which is in litigation. Likely to be held pending court outcome.]*

HOUSE STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206, Legislative Office Bldg

2:45 pm HCR 9, rescinding all requests by the New Hampshire legislature for a **federal constitutional convention**. *[League supports rescinding earlier calls, in accordance with our national position]*

THURSDAY, January 23

(ENVIRONMENTAL BILLS)

HOUSE COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, Legislative Office Bldg

9:30 am HB 1194, establishing a surcharge for certain single use plastics.

10:15 am HB 1472, restricting the distribution of plastic straws.

11:00 am HB 1564-FN, prohibiting the use of polystyrene foam.

1:15 pm HB 1508, relative to paper receipts.

1:45 pm HB 1274, relative to the labeling of bottled water.

2:15 pm HB 1446, establishing a committee to study labeling of products containing PFAS.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

HOUSE ELECTION LAW, Room 308, Legislative Office Bldg

10:00 am HB 1531, relative to the release of voting information in a presidential election.

10:30 am HB 1665-FN-A, establishing an **independent redistricting commission**. *[League supports wholeheartedly this bill, to be amended in committee to make it even better.]*

11:00 am HB 1390, relative to access to ballots and verification counts of machine-counted ballots.

1:00 pm HB 1403, relative to removing party columns from general election ballots.

HOUSE FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, Legislative Office Bldg

1:00 pm Division work session on SB 8, establishing an independent redistricting commission.

1:30 pm Division work session on SB 7-FN-L, establishing the secure modern accurate registration act (SMART ACT). [League supports this bill]

2:00 pm Division work session on SB 283-FN, relative to post-election audits of electronic ballot counting devices *[Executive session on the above bills Feb. 5, FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, Legislative Office Bldg 10:00 am]*

HOUSE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, Legislative Office Bldg
(ENVIRONMENT)

10:00 am HB 1503, establishing a committee to study and monitor air emissions of PFAS.

11:00 am HB 1676-FN, requiring monitoring of certain radioactive air pollutants.

1:30 pm HB 1661-FN-L, relative to the exemption from property taxes for water and air pollution control facilities.

2:15 pm HB 1496-FN, relative to the regional greenhouse gas initiative cap and trade program for controlling carbon dioxide emissions.

HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, Legislative Office Bldg

10:00 am HB 1646-FN, relative to historic racing. *[League opposes this expansion of **gambling** to include large numbers of slot machines.]*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

HOUSE JUDICIARY, Room 208, Legislative Office Bldg **(REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS)**

10:00 am HB 1475-FN, prohibiting abortions after detection of fetal heartbeat.

11:00 am HB 1640-FN, relative to parental notification prior to abortion.

1:00 pm HB 1675-FN, relative to the right of any infant born alive to medically appropriate and reason-able care and treatment.

2:00 pm HB 1678-FN, relative to prohibiting abortion in certain cases.