

# New Hampshire Taxpayers Federation

The State Federation is a fact-finding, non-profit, non-partisan organization of citizens, created in 1938, to represent the interests of the taxpayers of the State of New Hampshire in the fields of Federal, State, County, and Municipal Government; to encourage the maximum understanding by all citizens of the financial problems and activities of Government; to assist this understanding by seeking out the facts of Governmental activity and bringing knowledge of these facts to the people, and to those in public office, in such fashion as to increase the value of the services rendered, or to increase the efficiency of its management, or to reduce its cost.

The New Hampshire Taxpayers Federation is supported by voluntary subscriptions from individuals and business organizations. Membership fees are based on 1 per cent of the property tax or where no real property is owned on the basis of fifty cents per employee per annum.

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The only State-wide organization  
devoting all of its efforts to  
the protection of the taxpayers'  
interests.

BARRY T. MINES  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

# What the Federation Does

Since its organization in 1938, the New Hampshire Taxpayers Federation has analyzed all measures presented to the General Court at each session and, in the interest of taxpayers, voiced approval or disapproval of the proposals, consistently opposing excessive and unnecessary appropriations, attempts to reduce the income of Cities and Towns without replacement, and the extension of gambling as a source of State revenue.

At almost each session of the General Court, the Federation prepares and sponsors measures designed to increase efficiency and economy in State and Local Government.

During the periods between legislative sessions, the Federation:

- Took an active part in the reorganization of the State Government;

- Investigated County prisons, resulting in drastic changes;

- Investigated State Institutions and reported results;

- Succeeded in having all State-owned automobiles marked with the State seal to curtail private use;

- Investigated and reported on out-of-State travel, resulting in some curtailment of multiple-person trips;

- Investigated State printing methods and recommended that all duplicating processes be centralized;

- Proposed competitive bidding for surety bonds; adoption of the proposal by some Counties and Cities has resulted in decreased premium payments;

- Investigated publications issued by the Secretary of State, resulting in substantial reduction in number issued and considerable savings in dollars;

- Issued booklet on centralized purchasing for Towns and Cities; the adoption of the methods proposed is under consideration by many Municipalities;

- Attended all meetings of the Governor and Council; the only organization representing the public at these meetings;

- Attended all meetings of the Legislative Council;

- Suggested changes in the make-up of the State budget, which were adopted;

- Studied and reported on the effect of State aid to education on local property taxes;

- Attended all hearings on the proposed State biennial budgets and in complete summaries suggested various changes and reductions; the only organization representing the public at these meetings;

- Published, biennially, a statement on absenteeism of members of the General Court;

- Investigated licensing of common and contract carriers, resulting in a drive by certain State Departments which disclosed that many carriers were found to be unregistered;

- As a result of inadequate accounting methods disclosed by post audits, asked for revision of accounting manual; subsequently, a new *Manual of Procedure* was issued;

- Co-operated with the thirty-five other State taxpayer organizations comprising the National Taxpayers Conference in the promotion of the Hoover Committee recommendations and the continuing effort to secure better Government at a better price.

In addition to its activities on the State and Federal level, the Federation, yearly, assists individuals, groups, and Municipal officials in the solution of their problems, aids them in the formation of local Taxpayers Associations, helps in their campaigns to install the Manager Plan form of Government and provides speakers for many associations and trade organizations each year. The Federation publication, *The New Hampshire Taxpayer*, issued monthly, is sent to all members and reports on Federal, State and Local tax matters, as well as the results of the many Federation studies.

The above and many other activities too numerous to mention were all in the taxpayers' interests, and the Taxpayers Federation has been rightly named "The Watch Dog of the Public Treasury."