

Bill Gardner is New Hampshire's secretary of state and by state law required to set the date for the presidential primary every four years. First elected in 1976, he is serving his eighteenth consecutive two-year term. He was elected three times to the N.H. House of Representatives (72, 74, 76) and is a past president of the National Association of Secretaries of State. He has an undergraduate degree from UNH and graduate degrees from UNC-G and Harvard.

With the late former governor Hugh Gregg, he co-authored "*Why New Hampshire: The First in the Nation Primary State*" in 2003. Other published books, edited or co-edited, include "*Towns Against Tyranny: Hillsborough County New Hampshire During the American Revolution 1775-1783*" in 1976; "*New Hampshire: The State that made us a Nation*" in 1989 and "*Pillars of Public Service: One Hundred Years of the National Association of Secretaries of State 1904-2004*" in 2004.

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