

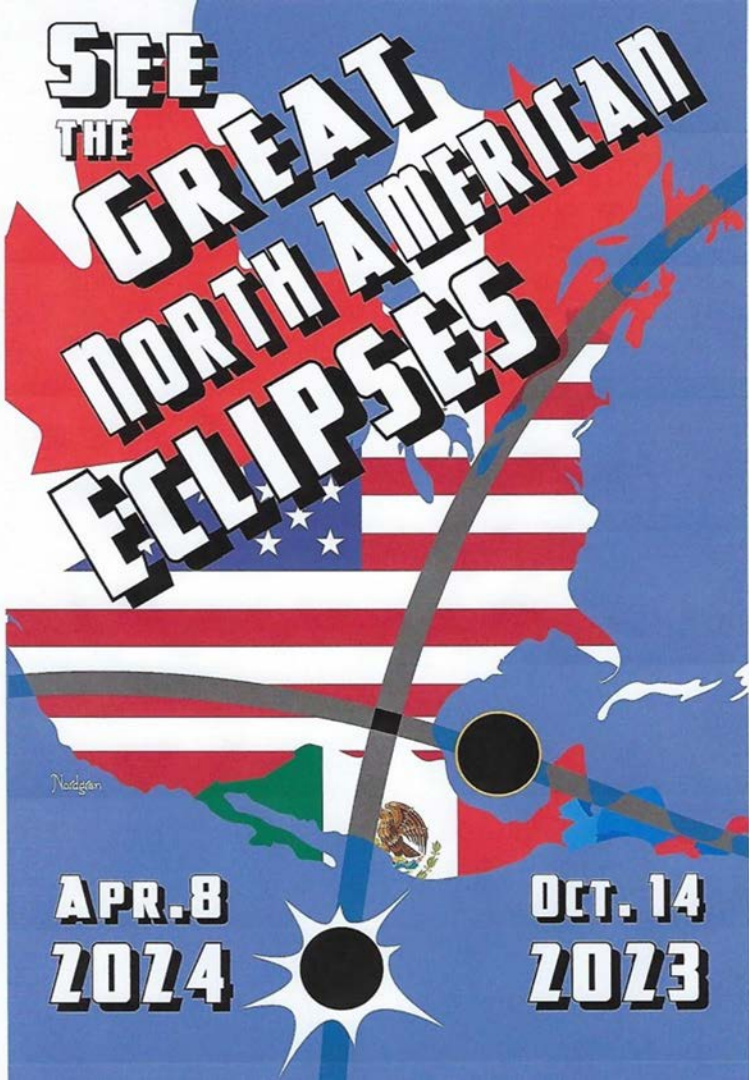
**2017**



**2023?**

**2024?**

**SEE  
THE  
GREAT  
NORTH AMERICAN  
ECLIPSES**

A stylized map of North America is shown against a blue background. The map is filled with the colors of the American flag (red, white, and blue). Two grey lines represent the paths of total solar eclipses. One path starts in the bottom left, passes through Mexico, and ends in the bottom right. The other path starts in the top left, passes through the United States, and ends in the top right. A black sun with rays is positioned at the bottom center, with a blue beam of light pointing upwards towards the intersection of the two eclipse paths. A black sun is also positioned at the intersection of the two paths in the lower right quadrant. The text 'SEE THE GREAT NORTH AMERICAN ECLIPSES' is written in large, bold, white letters with black outlines, slanted across the top half of the map.

**APR. 8  
2024**

**OCT. 14  
2023**

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# Things we're working on...



Sports



Libraries



State & National Holidays



**2024 TSE will  
pass over major  
population  
centers**

# SB105

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty*

AN ACT establishing April 8, 2024 as Solar Eclipse Day.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 Statement of Intent.

I. Since before recorded history, human action, imagination, and passion have been inspired and guided by the celestial bodies, none more important than our sun, the source of all life on Earth, and our moon, our constant reminder of beauty, change, and hope in times of darkness.

II. On April 8, 2024, the sun, the moon, and we here on Earth will perfectly align in a total solar eclipse, an exceptional and providential occurrence over the ages, reminding our species once again of just how small we are, how insignificant our differences are, how vast and powerful the universe that sustains us is, and how we are all, indeed, intimately and irrevocably connected to one another.

III. New Hampshire will have the unique good fortune of being in the path of totality of this magnificent phenomenon, in perfect alignment with our sun and moon.

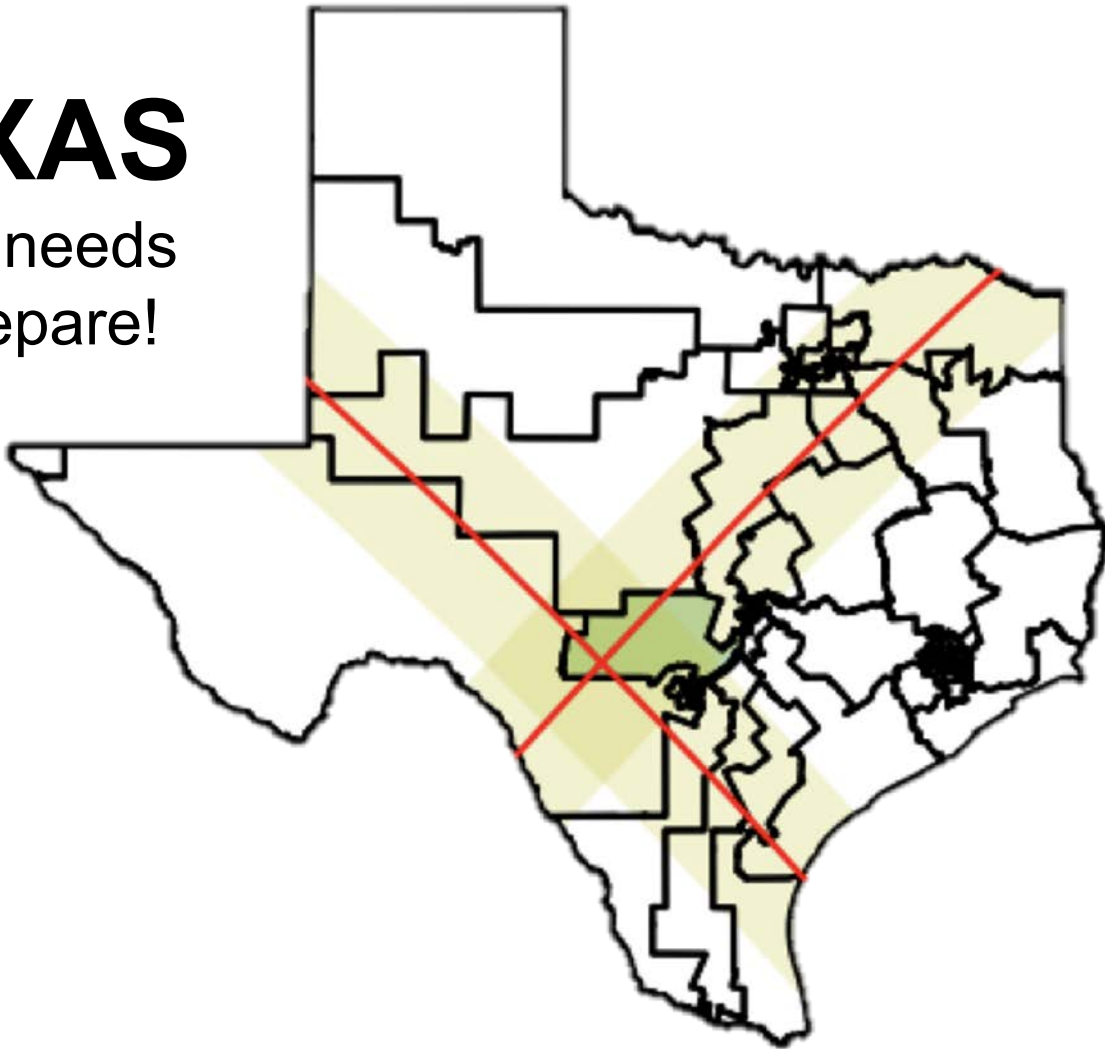
IV. Moreover, New Hampshire, in the same spirit that we welcome all to participate in our unique political landscape, shall once again open its arms so that all people from around the country and in fact the globe can be here at that moment to witness, and be humbled by, the awe-inspiring sight of the heavenly bodies moving in their spheres.

2 Solar Eclipse Day. The governor shall **proclaim April 8, 2024 as solar eclipse day** in New Hampshire and shall urge all citizens of the state to commemorate the day with appropriate educational activities.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

# TEXAS

really needs  
to prepare!



TSE will hit...

- Austin
- Dallas
- San Antonio







FIRST IN THE NATION



COOS BAY COUNTY OR NH ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE OCTOBER 14, 2023 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE APRIL 8, 2024

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There's a solar eclipse coming - in just 5 years



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It's not too early to plan how you'll watch celestial shadows over Coos County

I know what I'm doing 1,869 days from now. Do you?

I'll be watching the full solar eclipse in Littleton or thereabouts. If you want to be there, too, don't wait too long to do your planning.

"By the time you're down to a year, or a few months, it's too late - everybody's already got plans, they're all set," is how Rik Yeames puts it.

Yeames is a Concord resident who has the most impact on your life from owning Domino's pizza franchises in the area, but he's got a new

SEE GRANITE GEEK A2

SCIENCE CAFE N.H. RETURNS TO CONCORD

The monthly-discussion-in-a-bar series will move to a new home next month. We're shifting to Makris Lobster and Steak House on Route 106. Sessions will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, starting March 27.

There's a solar eclipse coming - in just 5 years

GRANITE GEEK FROM A1

target for making an impact: April 8, 2024. That's when the shadow of a full solar eclipse will sweep directly across Coos County.

Yeames, a member New Hampshire Astrocal Society, is one of the leading forces behind the New Hampshire Solar Eclipse Task Force. That loose group wants to make sure we get the maximum advantage of this geographic event.

"We figure we can leverage this - we're the first in the nation to recognize this eclipse!" Yeames said.

Why such excitement? Just remember August 2015 when we had a pretty good look at a previous solar eclipse.

It was great. We gathered in happy crowds and we shared stories and we put special boxes on our head so we could indirectly see the moon block the sun. It was the sort of community-wide, gleeful celebration that rarely occurs anymore.

But we in New Hampshire saw only 62 percent coverage then! We'll see 100 percent coverage in five years, which is an exponentially more in-

will be the first place in the continental U.S. that will see a different solar eclipse - annular rather than total - six months prior, on Oct. 14, 2023.

Earth, making it appear slightly smaller than the sun as viewed from the ground. When it occurs, the moon leaves a very thin ring of light all the way around the sun.

The Task Force began its celebration with a "First In The Nation" Total Solar Eclipse Campaign last October, celebrating an ecliptic connection between our Coos County and Coos County in Oregon.

The connections are strained because (a) our county is pronounced "koe-ahs" and sometimes spelled with umlauts, those little dots over the second "o", while the Oregon county is pronounced "kooss" and never spelled with umlauts; and (b) Oregon won't actually see the 2024 total eclipse. Instead, Oregon

is going to see a total eclipse-a-palooza! You heard it here first, folks. And I'll be sure you hear a lot more in years to come.

An annular eclipse, by the way, is when the moon almost but not quite covers the entire sun. It happens when the moon's elliptical orbit has taken it too far away from the

happy fact of life on Earth. No wonder I'm planning to celebrate: These days we need all the happy facts we can get!

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## SB105

**Bill Title:** *adopting omnibus legislation relative to memorials and commemorations.*

### General Status:

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### Senate Status

**Status** PASSED/ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT  
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**Current Committee** Finance  
**Committee of Referral** Executive Departments and Administration  
**Date Introduced** 1/6/2021  
**Due out of Committee**  
**Floor Date** 2/11/2021

### House Status

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**Committee of Referral** Executive Departments and Administration  
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