The duty of the Committee for Redress of Grievances is to consider petitions for the redress of grievances submitted to the House pursuant to Part I, Articles 31 and 32 of the New Hampshire Constitution. All petitions for redress of grievances to the House must be submitted by a member of the House, and clearly and succinctly state the grievance and a proposed legislative remedy. After hearing from the member sponsoring the petition, it shall be the duty of the committee chair to determine if any petition is the proper subject of a public hearing and to limit hearings as appropriate.

1. A citizen who has been aggrieved by a government entity may request a legislator to sponsor a petition for redress of grievance. The Sponsor must ascertain the following:
   - Assurance that complaint is with a government entity and not a private dispute.
   - Parties aggrieved are in agreement to pursue petition
   - Relief being sought is something legislature can grant
   - Parties pursued alternative administrative, judicial or legislative remedies

2. The legislative sponsor shall file a petition drafting request with the Office of Legislative Services which shall include:
   - Name of petitioner (aggrieved party) and government entity
   - Succinct summary of grievance
   - Description of remedy being sought

3. The completed petition shall be reviewed for acceptance by the Chairman of the Redress of Grievances committee to insure that the petition meets the criteria. After bill deadlines, introduction must be authorized by the House Rules Committee.

4. Upon acceptance of the petition, the following shall occur:
   - Copies of the petition will be available at the House Sergeant-at-Arms office.
   - Notice shall be sent to affected parties named in petition.
   - Petition hearing shall be scheduled in the House Calendar.
   - Petition shall be posted on the General Court webpage.

5. The public hearings shall be convened by the chairman for the following purposes:
   - Introduction of the petition by the legislative sponsor
   - Opportunity for the Respondent/affected parties to address the petition
   - Members of the public to speak to merits of petition
   - Committee members to inquire about the merits of the petition

6. The committee shall hold an executive session to make the following recommendations to the House:
   - Grievance Founded
   - Grievance Founded with Committee Recommendation
   - Grievance Unfounded

7. The committee is also responsible for furnishing committee findings/report to full House; minority findings/report is also appropriate.

8. Appropriate remedies recommended by the committee and considered by the full House may include:
   - Corrective legislation
   - Recommendation for removal of public official
   - Recommendation of invalidation of prior decision/order
   - Payment to prevailing party