

HB 1275 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to municipal representation on regional planning commissions.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wilhelm, Hills. 42; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Cornell, Hills. 18; Rep. Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Rep. Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the municipal representation on regional planning commissions.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT relative to municipal representation on regional planning commissions.

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

1 1 Regional Planning Commissions; Formation; Membership. Amend RSA 36:46, III to read as
2 follows:

3 III. Each municipality which shall become a member of a regional planning commission
4 shall be entitled to ~~[2 representatives]~~ **one representative** on said commission. [A] **Each**
5 municipality ~~[with a population of over 10,000 but less than 25,000]~~ shall be entitled to have ~~[3~~
6 ~~representatives on said commission and a municipality with a population of over 25,000 shall be~~
7 ~~entitled to have 4 representatives on said commission]~~ **one representative on said commission**
8 **for every additional 10,000 residents residing within each municipality.** Population as set
9 forth in this section shall be deemed to be determined by the last federal census. Representatives to
10 a regional planning commission shall be nominated by the planning board of each municipality from
11 the residents thereof and shall be appointed by the municipal officers of each municipality.
12 Representatives may be elected or appointed officials of the municipality or county. In any county or
13 counties in which a regional planning commission has been formed, the county may, by resolution of
14 its county commissioners, become a member of said regional planning commission and shall be
15 entitled to appoint 2 representatives on said commission. The terms of office of members of a
16 regional planning commission shall be for 4 years, but initial appointments shall be for 2 and 4
17 years. In municipalities entitled to 3 or more representatives, initial appointment shall be for 2, 3
18 and 4 years. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner
19 as original appointments. Municipalities and counties may also appoint alternate representatives.
20 A representative to a regional planning commission shall, when acting within the scope of his official
21 duties and authority, be deemed to be acting as an agent of both the regional planning commission
22 and of the municipality or county which he represents. In addition, regional planning commissions
23 are encouraged to consult, at their discretion, with agencies and institutions operating within the
24 region whose activities influence planning and development in that region.

25 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.