

HB 1646 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1646**

AN ACT relative to representation on a cooperative school district board.

SPONSORS: Rep. Litchfield, Rock. 11

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires cooperative school district boards to have an elected member from each pre-existing district.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 representation on a cooperative school district board.

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

- 1 1 Cooperative School District Boards; Membership. Amend RSA 195:19-a to read as follows:
2 195:19-a Composition of Cooperative School Boards. The ~~[number, composition,]~~ method of
3 selection~~[.]~~ and terms of members of cooperative school boards shall be as provided in the bylaws or
4 articles of agreement of the cooperative school district, as the case may be; provided, however, that
5 such bylaws and articles of agreement shall be limited ~~[to the alternatives contained herein where~~
6 ~~applicable; and provided further that no cooperative school district in existence on August 22, 1971~~
7 ~~shall be required to conform hereto unless it is so voted pursuant to RSA 671:9.]~~ **by the following**
8 **requirements:**
- 9 I. ~~[All members of the cooperative school board shall be elected at large; or~~
10 II. ~~The cooperative school district shall be divided into single board member districts~~
11 ~~according to population with as nearly equal population in each district as possible; or~~
12 III. ~~The cooperative school district shall be divided into multiboard member districts or a~~
13 ~~combination of single member or multimember districts so that proportional representation will be~~
14 ~~most nearly achieved; or~~
- 15 IV. ~~The members of the cooperative school board shall each be domiciled in and represent a~~
16 ~~pre-existing district with each pre-existing district having [at least] one such resident representative~~
17 ~~[but]~~ **and** all members of the cooperative school board shall be elected ~~[at large]~~ **within their own**
18 **district; or**
- 19 V. ~~Such other method of selection of cooperative school board members compatible with~~
20 ~~proportional representation, one man one vote principle as may be approved by the state board of~~
21 ~~education.]~~
- 22 ~~[VI.]~~ **II.** The terms of the members of the cooperative school board shall be as provided in the
23 bylaws or articles of agreement provided that in no case shall such terms exceed 3 years.
- 24 ~~[VII.]~~ **III.** Whenever the bylaws or articles of agreement provide for the election of
25 cooperative school board members pursuant to this chapter, said election shall be with the use of the
26 non-partisan ballot system under RSA 669.
- 27 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.