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HOUSE BILL **632**

AN ACT relative to the cooperative school district budget committee.

SPONSORS: Rep. Sellers, Graf. 18; Rep. Sheehan, Hills. 43; Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. Mooney, Hills. 12; Rep. Post, Hills. 42; Rep. Tripp, Rock. 13

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires that the chairperson of the cooperative school district budget committee shall not be from the same pre-existing district in consecutive years.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Three

AN ACT relative to the cooperative school district budget committee.

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

- 1 1 Cooperative School Districts; Budget Committee. Amend RSA 195:12-a, I to read as follows:
- 2 I. A cooperative school district at an annual meeting, under a proper article in the warrant,
- 3 may vote to establish a budget committee pursuant to RSA 32:14 and may rescind such action in a
- 4 like manner. The budget committee shall have the same number of members as the cooperative
- 5 district school board plus one additional member from the school board as provided in this
- 6 paragraph. The terms of office and manner of election of members shall be determined in the same
- 7 manner as for the cooperative school board. Whenever it is voted to establish a budget committee,
- 8 the moderator in the first instance shall appoint the members of the budget committee, except for
- 9 the additional member appointed from the school board, within 15 days of the vote establishing the
- 10 committee. The members appointed by the moderator shall serve until the next annual meeting
- 11 when the meeting shall elect their successors. No member of the cooperative school board shall be
- 12 appointed or elected to the budget committee except that the chairperson of the cooperative school
- 13 board shall appoint a member of the board to serve on the budget committee with all the powers and
- 14 duties of any other member of the committee. After appointment or election the budget committee
- 15 shall promptly organize and choose a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. ***The***
- 16 ***chairperson shall not be from the same preexisting district in consecutive years, unless all***
- 17 ***budget committee members are from the same preexisting district or there is not a budget***
- 18 ***committee member from a different preexisting district willing to become chairperson.*** The
- 19 secretary shall keep records of the proceedings of the budget committee, which shall be public
- 20 records open to public inspection.
- 21 2 New Paragraph; Cooperative School Districts; Budget Committee. Amend RSA 195:12-a by
- 22 inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:
- 23 IV. The location of regular or announced meetings of the committee shall rotate among all of
- 24 the preexisting districts when school or municipal facilities are available. This requirement shall
- 25 not apply if all members unanimously agree that holding meetings in the same location is
- 26 acceptable.
- 27 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.