

1 S.90

2 Introduced by Senator White

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Elections; local elections; representative annual meetings

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to enable municipalities with
7 populations of 5,000 or greater to hold representative annual meetings.

8 An act relating to representative annual meetings

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2640a is added to read:

11 § 2640a. REPRESENTATIVE ANNUAL MEETINGS

12 (a) A municipality with a population of 5,000 or greater may vote at a
13 special or annual town meeting to establish a representative form of annual
14 meeting.

15 (b) A representative form of annual meeting is a meeting of members
16 elected by district to exercise exclusively all powers vested in the voters of the
17 town. At the representative annual meeting, the members shall act upon all
18 articles on the town meeting warning except those which relate to the election
19 of officers, referenda, and other matters voted upon by Australian ballot.

1 (c) A vote to establish a representative form of annual meeting shall

2 include a vote to establish:

3 (1) a certain number of elected members;

4 (2) a certain number of districts and the boundaries of those districts;

5 (3) who shall be ex officio members of the meeting;

6 (4) the procedure for accomplishing the representative annual meeting;

7 and

8 (5) any specific action to be taken at the meeting.

9 (d) A vote establishing a representative form of annual meeting shall

10 remain in effect until the municipality votes to discontinue or establish a new

11 representative form of annual meeting at an annual or special meeting duly

12 warned for that purpose.