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An act relating to representative annual meetings

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

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

§ 2640a. REPRESENTATIVE ANNUAL MEETINGS

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

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

(c) A vote to establish a representative form of annual or special meeting shall include a vote to establish:

(1) a certain number of elected members, a range of elected members, or a ratio of elected members to the number of voters. However, in no case shall the number of elected members be less than 100;

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

(3) who shall be ex officio voting members of the meeting;
(4) the procedure for accomplishing the representative meeting;
(5) any specific action to be taken at the representative meeting; and
(6) a procedure whereby the voters of the municipality may reconsider any action taken at a representative meeting.

(d) A vote establishing a representative form of annual or special meeting shall remain in effect until the municipality votes to discontinue or establish a new representative form of annual or special meeting at an annual or special meeting duly warned for that purpose.