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2 Introduced by Representatives Stevens of Shoreham, Ainsworth of Royalton,
3 Bray of New Haven, Zuckerman of Burlington, Branagan of
4 Georgia, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Johnson
5 of S. Hero, Lawrence of Lyndon, Malcolm of Pawlet, Martin of
6 Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate,
7 Partridge of Windham, Peaslee of Guildhall, Taylor of Barre
8 City and Winters of Williamstown

9 Referred to Committee on

10 Date:

11 Subject: Education; University of Vermont and State Agricultural College;
12 board of trustees; secretary of agriculture, food and markets

13 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to add the secretary of agriculture,
14 food and markets, or the secretary's designee, as a permanent voting member to
15 the board of trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural
16 College.

17 An act relating to the addition of the secretary of agriculture, food and
18 markets to the board of trustees of the University of Vermont and State
19 Agricultural College

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

1 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. App. § 1-2 is amended to read:

2 § 1-2. BOARD OF TRUSTEES; MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF SERVICE;
3 PRESIDING CHAIR

4 The board of trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural
5 College shall be composed of ~~25~~ 26 members, whose term of office shall be six
6 years, except as to those who are members ex officio ~~and to~~ , those who are
7 student members, and the secretary of agriculture, food and markets or the
8 secretary's designee who is hereby designated and shall serve as a permanent
9 voting member. Three members shall be appointed by the governor with the
10 consent of the senate. During the legislative session of 1955, the governor
11 shall appoint one member for a term of two years, one member for a term of
12 four years, and one member for a term of six years and it shall be the duty of
13 the governor during the session of the legislature prior to expiration of the term
14 of office of any of the members to appoint for the term of six years a successor
15 to the member whose term is expiring. The terms of office of the trustees shall
16 expire on the last day of February in the respective years of expiration, and the
17 terms of office of their successors shall thereafter begin on March 1 and expire
18 on the last day of February.

19 Nine members shall be those who have been heretofore elected by the
20 legislature as members of the board of trustees of the University of Vermont
21 and State Agricultural College, and whose terms have not expired, and their

1 successors, and it shall be the duty of the legislature at its session during which
2 the terms of office of any class of the members expire to elect three successor
3 members for terms of six years. The terms shall commence on March 1 in the
4 year of election. The nine trustees and their successors shall also constitute,
5 with the secretary of agriculture, food and markets, the board of trustees of the
6 Vermont Agricultural College.

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8 All trustees so designated by this section, or appointed and or elected as
9 hereinbefore provided, shall, together with his or her Excellency, the governor
10 of the state, and the president, who shall be, ex officio, a member, constitute an
11 entire board of trustees of the corporation known as the University of Vermont
12 and State Agricultural College, who shall have the entire management and
13 control of its property and affairs, and in all things relating thereto, except in
14 the elections to fill vacancies, as aforesaid, shall act together jointly, as one
15 entire board of trustees; provided, that all future elections or appointments to
16 the board of trustees shall be made with special reference to preventing any
17 religious denominational preponderance in the board. The board shall
18 annually, at its first regular meeting after the election of new trustees, elect one
19 of its members to serve as chair.