

**No. 18. An act relating to legislative apportionment board appointments.**

(S.111)

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

Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 1904(a) is amended to read:

(a) There is hereby created the legislative apportionment board, consisting of: a special master designated by the chief justice of the supreme court; ~~one freeman,~~ a resident of the state of Vermont for five years immediately preceding the appointment, appointed by the governor from each political party ~~which polled at least twenty five percent of the votes cast for governor at the last preceding general election,~~ that has had more than three members serve as members of the general assembly, who are not all from the same county, for at least three of the five biennial legislative sessions since the taking of the previous decennial census of the United States; and one ~~freeman,~~ a resident of the state of Vermont for the five years immediately preceding the appointment, elected by the state committee of each of those political parties, a quorum of each committee being present and voting. No member of the board shall serve as a member or employee of the general assembly, or of either house thereof. The special master so designated shall be ~~chairman~~ chair of the board, and shall call such meetings as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the duties of the board hereafter set forth. The secretary of state of Vermont shall be secretary of the board, but shall have no vote. For the purpose of determining representation of a political party under this section, if a candidate

for election to the general assembly accepted a nomination from more than one political party, that candidate's party affiliation shall be only that political party to which he or she filed a petition for nomination.

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