

1 H.236

2 Introduced by Representatives Sibilias of Dover, Jickling of Randolph, Murphy  
3 of Fairfax, Norris of Shoreham, and Pajala of Londonderry

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Elections; General Assembly; Legislative Apportionment Board;  
7 membership; independent representation

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to add to the  
9 membership of the Legislative Apportionment Board two gubernatorial  
10 appointees who are not affiliated with any political party.

11 An act relating to amending the membership of the Legislative  
12 Apportionment Board

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

14 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 1904 is amended to read:

15 § 1904. LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT BOARD

16 (a)(1) There is hereby created the Legislative Apportionment Board,  
17 consisting of:

18 (A) a special master designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
19 Court;

1           (B) one resident of the State of ~~Vermont~~ for five years immediately  
2 preceding the appointment, appointed by the Governor from each political  
3 party that has had more than three members serve as members of the General  
4 Assembly, who are not all from the same county, for at least three of the five  
5 biennial legislative sessions since the taking of the previous decennial census  
6 of the United States; ~~and~~

7           (C) one resident of the State of ~~Vermont~~ for the five years  
8 immediately preceding the appointment, elected by the State committee of  
9 each of those political parties described in subdivision (B) of this subdivision  
10 (1), a quorum of each committee being present and voting; ~~and~~

11           (D) two residents of the State for the five years immediately  
12 preceding the appointment, who are not affiliated with any political party,  
13 appointed by the Governor.

14           (2)(A) ~~No~~ A member of the Board shall not serve as a member or  
15 employee of the General Assembly, or of either house thereof.

16           (B) The special master so designated shall be Chair of the Board; and  
17 shall call such meetings as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the  
18 duties of the Board ~~hereafter~~ set forth in this chapter.

19           (C) The Secretary of State of ~~Vermont~~ shall be secretary of the  
20 Board, but shall have no vote.

1           (D) For the purpose of determining representation of a political party  
2 under this section, if a candidate for election to the General Assembly accepted  
3 a nomination from more than one political party, that candidate's party  
4 affiliation shall be only that political party to which he or she filed a petition  
5 for nomination.

6           (b) Members of the Board shall first be selected on or before July 1, 1990,  
7 and thereafter members shall be selected decennially before July 1 and shall  
8 serve until their successors are selected. The appointing or electing authority  
9 shall fill any vacancies.

10           (c) For administrative purposes, the Board shall be part of the office of the  
11 Secretary of State, and funds for the Board's operation shall be appropriated  
12 for the Secretary of State; provided, however, that expenditures of such  
13 appropriation shall be directed by the Board.

14           (d) Members of the Board ~~not receiving a salary from the State~~ shall be  
15 entitled to receive per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as  
16 ~~provided in~~ permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

17           (e) The Board may employ or contract for such expert assistants or  
18 services, or both, as may be necessary to carry out its duties.

19           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20           This act shall take effect on passage.