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Representatives Jickling of Randolph, Murphy of Fairfax, Norris of Shoreham, Pajala of Londonderry, and Sibilia of Dover move that the report of the House Committee on Government Operations be amended by adding a new section under the Reapportionment reader assistance heading to be Sec. 1a to read as follows:

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

§ 1904. LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT BOARD

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

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

(B) one resident of the State of ~~Vermont~~ for the five years immediately preceding the appointment, appointed by the Governor from each political party 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~~

(C) one resident of the State of ~~Vermont~~ for the five years immediately preceding the appointment, elected by the State committee of

1 each of those political parties described in subdivision (B) of this subdivision
2 (1), a quorum of each committee being present and voting; and
3 (D) two residents of the State for the five years immediately
4 preceding the appointment, who are not affiliated with any political party,
5 appointed by the Governor, provided that these two appointments shall only be
6 made if more than three Independents have served as members of the General
7 Assembly, who are not all from the same county, for at least three of the five
8 biennial legislative sessions since the taking of the previous decennial census
9 of the United States.

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

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

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

17 (D)(i) For the purpose of determining representation of a political
18 party under subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section, if a candidate for election to
19 the General Assembly accepted a nomination from more than one political
20 party, that candidate's party affiliation shall be only that political party to
21 which he or she filed a petition for nomination.

1 (ii) For the purpose of determining that an appointee is not
2 affiliated with any political party under subdivision (a)(1)(D) of this section,
3 such an appointee shall not have, since the taking of the previous decennial
4 census of the United States:

5 (I) held elected office as a member of a political party;

6 (II) been a member or officer of a State, county, or town
7 committee of a political party; or

8 (III) been a paid employee of a political party candidate's
9 campaign staff.

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

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

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

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