

1                                   \* \* \* State Board of Education; Members \* \* \*

2       Sec. X. 16 V.S.A. § 161 is amended to read:

3       § 161. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS;  
4                                   TERM; VACANCY

5           The State Board shall consist of ten members. Two of the members shall be  
6       secondary students, one of whom shall be a full member and the other of  
7       whom shall be a junior member who may not vote. All members shall be  
8       appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. In the  
9       appointment of the nonstudent members, priority shall be given to the selection  
10      of persons with a demonstrated commitment to ensuring quality education for  
11      Vermont students. To the extent possible, the members shall represent  
12      ~~geographically diverse areas of the State~~ the State's geographic, gender, racial,  
13      and ethnic diversity. The Secretary shall serve on the State Board as a  
14      nonvoting member.

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