

**CONDENSED Side-by-Side of certain sections of H.727  
House CC PROPOSAL v. Senate Proposal of Amendment  
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**Differences highlighted in yellow  
Language with no highlighting is the same in both versions**

5.10.22 House Proposal—Withdrawal Process	Senate Proposal of Amendment—Withdrawal Process
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Study committee, analysis, and report are all the same</li> <li>2. SBE issues an advisory opinion. The matter proceeds to a vote of the electorate regardless of whether the SBE opinion was positive or negative.</li> <li>3. If the SBE opinion was positive, the matter proceeds to a vote. All the towns within the USD vote at the same time and they all must approve the withdrawal proposal for withdrawal to occur.</li> <li>4. If the SBE opinion was negative, the matter proceeds to a vote of the petitioning town first, and 60% of voters in that town present and voting yes or no must approve the withdrawal proposal for it to proceed to a vote in the other towns within the USD. If that threshold is met, vote proceeds to the rest of the USD towns, who must all vote to approve for withdrawal to occur.</li> <li>5. Election of potential board members is the same</li> <li>6. State Board’s duties if withdrawal is approved is the same.</li> <li>7. Certification is the same.</li> <li>8. Timing prohibitions are the same.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Study committee, analysis, and report are all the same.</li> <li>2. AOE conducts an initial review of the withdrawal proposal.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If positive, the matter proceeds to a vote of the electorate</li> <li>b. If negative, the study committee decides whether to stop the withdrawal process or ask SBE for review</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. If SBE is asked to review, matter only goes to a vote of the electorate if SBE issues a positive opinion. If negative, the withdrawal process stops and the decision is final.</li> <li>4. If the withdrawal proposal proceeds to a vote of the electorate, all towns within the USD vote at the same time and they all must approve for withdrawal to occur.</li> <li>5. Election of potential board members is the same.</li> <li>6. State Board’s duties if withdrawal is approved is the same.</li> <li>7. Certification is the same.</li> <li>8. Timing prohibitions are the same.</li> </ol>

<p><b>5.10.22 House Proposal—Sec. 4 (Ripton)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New school board decides whether to seek review of preparedness in 2022 or 2023. Submits report to SBE on or before July SBE meeting in year in which review will occur.</li> <li>2. SBE conducts review, issues preparedness opinion.</li> <li>3. If preparedness likely, new school district continues to work towards preparedness.</li> <li>4. If preparedness unlikely, new school district must post and discuss SBE opinion and can either continue to work toward preparedness or vote to ask SBE to undo the withdrawal process (off-ramp).</li> <li>5. If new school district votes to take off-ramp, SBE shall reverse withdrawal declaration and petitioning town becomes a town within the USD again.</li> <li>6. Section is repealed in 2024.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Senate Proposal of Amendment—Sec. 4 (Ripton)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New school board decides whether to seek review of preparedness in 2022 or 2023. Submits report to SBE on or before July SBE meeting in year in which review will occur.</li> <li>2. SBE conducts review, issues preparedness determination.</li> <li>3. If preparedness likely, new school district continues to work towards preparedness.</li> <li>4. If preparedness unlikely, SBE shall reverse withdrawal declaration and petitioning town becomes a town within the USD again.</li> <li>5. Section is repealed in 2024.</li> </ol>
<p><b>5.10.22 House Proposal—Sec. 6 (Lincoln)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Self-selected representatives (SSRs) decide whether to seek SBE review of their withdrawal proposal in 2022 or 2023 and submits a report and plan for withdrawal to SBE on or before 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of July in year in which review will occur.</li> <li>2. SBE conducts review, issues preparedness opinion. SBE shall approve withdrawal regardless of whether preparedness is likely or unlikely.</li> <li>3. If preparedness is unlikely, new school district must post and discuss SBE opinion and can either continue to work</li> </ol>	<p><b>Senate Proposal of Amendment—Sec. 6 (Lincoln)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Self-selected representatives (SSRs) decide whether to seek SBE review of their withdrawal proposal in 2022 or 2023 and submits a report and plan for withdrawal to SBE on or before 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of July in year in which review will occur.</li> <li>2. SBE conducts review, issues preparedness determination.</li> <li>3. If preparedness is likely, SBE approves withdrawal.</li> <li>4. If preparedness is unlikely, SBE denies withdrawal and process is stopped and petitioning town remains a town within the USD.</li> <li>5. Section repealed in 2025.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>5.10.22 House Proposal—Sec. 7 (Starksboro)</b></p>	<p><b>Senate Proposal of Amendment—Sec. 7 (Starksboro)</b></p>
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