Side-by-Side of H.727 UUSD Withdrawal language: SBE original proposal v. As passed by House Beth St. James 4.5.22 (draft 1.1)

Differences btw SBE original proposal and as passed by House version highlighted in yellow

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	(a) Definitions . As used in this section:	(a) Definition . As used in this section, "petitioning town" means the
	(1) "Petitioning town" means	town within a unified union school
	the town within a unified union	district that seeks to withdraw from the
	school district that seeks to withdraw	union district pursuant to the provisions
	from the union district pursuant to the	of this section.
	provisions of this section.	
	(2) "Town within a unified	
	union school district" has the same	
	meaning as in subdivision 702(9) of	
	this chapter.	
	(b) Initiation of process; study	(b) Withdrawal study committee.
	committee creation; authority and	(1) To initiate the process set
	initial duties.	forth in this section, the voters residing
	(1) To initiate the process set	in the petitioning town shall submit
	forth in this section, the voters	petitions to the clerk of the unified union
	residing in the petitioning town shall	school district indicating the petitioners'
	submit a petition to the board of the	desire to withdraw the petitioning town
	unified union school district	from the union district. Individual
	indicating the petitioners' desire to	petitions shall be signed by at least five
	withdraw the petitioning town from	percent of the voters residing in each of
	the union district. The petition shall	the towns within the union school
	be signed by at least five percent of	<u>district, with each town having its own</u>

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	the voters residing in the petitioning	petition. The petitioners shall submit
	town and five percent of the voters	each petition to that town's town clerk
	residing in each of the other towns	for verification of the voting registration
	within the union district. Appended	status of the signors. On a form created
	to the petition shall be the names of	by the Secretary of State's Office, and
	three voters residing in the petitioning	appended to each petition, shall be the
	town to serve on a withdrawal study	names of three voters residing in the
	committee and a signed statement by	petitioning town to serve on a
	each of the three named voters	withdrawal study committee and a
	consenting to serve.	signed statement by each of the three
	(2) Within 30 days after	named voters consenting to serve. Once
	receiving the petition, the board of the	each petition has been verified by the
	union district shall appoint three	subject town clerk, the petitioners shall
	individuals to sit on the withdrawal	submit the petitions to the clerk of the
	study committee, at least one of	unified union school district.
	whom shall be a current member of	(2) Within 30 days after receiving
	the union district board.	the petition, the board of the union
	(3) Within 30 days following	district shall recognize the creation of
	the board's appointment of its three	the withdrawal study committee and
	members, the superintendent of the	shall appoint a board subcommittee to
	union district shall convene a meeting	serve as a liaison between the board and
	of the withdrawal study committee.	the withdrawal study committee and to
	(A) The withdrawal study	represent the interests of the union
	committee is a public body pursuant	district.
	to 1 V.S.A. § 310(4) and is subject to	(3) Within 30 days after the
	the requirements of chapter 5,	board's appointment of the liaison
	subchapter 2 of that title.	subcommittee, the superintendent of the
	(B) The withdrawal study	union district shall convene the first
	committee shall elect one committee	formal meeting of the withdrawal study
	member identified in the petitioning	committee. The study committee shall
	town's petition and one committee	elect one committee member to serve as
	member appointed by the union	<u>chair.</u>

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	district board to serve as co-chairs.	(4) Before beginning any analysis
	The committee shall notify the	under subsection (c) of this section or
	Secretary in writing of the	seeking technical or analytical services
	committee's creation and the co-	from the union district staff or
	chairs' election within 30 days	supervisory union staff, or both, the
	following the committee's initial	withdrawal study committee shall obtain
	meeting.	<u>a letter of commitment from a</u>
	(4) In the form of a written	supervisory union board to explore the
	request to the board of the union	provision of supervisory union services
	district and to the board of the	if withdrawal is ultimately approved.
	supervisory union if the supervisory	(5) The withdrawal study
	union provides services to multiple	committee is a public body pursuant to
	districts, the withdrawal study	1 V.S.A. § 310(4) and is subject to the
	committee shall identify the nature	requirements of chapter 5, subchapter 2
	and extent of technical and analytical	of that title.
	services it proposes to be provided by	
	the union district staff or the	
	supervisory union staff, or both.	
	After approving the request, with or	
	without modifications, the board shall	
	direct its staff to comply with	
	requests for assistance pursuant to the	
	terms of the approved written request.	
	(5) The withdrawal study	
	committee may hire outside legal	
	counsel and other assistance and may	
	seek advice from the legal counsel for	
	the union district and the supervisory	
	union. The withdrawal study	
	committee may use up to \$25,000.00	
	of union district funds to finance this	
	assistance. The withdrawal study	

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	committee shall obtain approval from	
	the union district voters to spend	
	<u>more than \$25,000.00.</u>	
	<u>(c) Analysis: SAME</u>	<u>(c) Analysis: SAME</u>
	(d) Vote of committee; preparation of	(d) Report, including a plan for
	report. Within one year after its first	withdrawal; decision not to prepare
	meeting convened pursuant to	<u>report.</u>
	subdivision (b)(3) of this section, the	(1) Report supporting withdrawal.
	withdrawal study committee shall	(A) If, after conducting the
	vote whether to advance the	analysis required by subsection (c) of
	withdrawal process as further	this section, the withdrawal study
	outlined in this section. Upon the	committee votes to advance the
	request of a majority of the	withdrawal process as further outlined in
	withdrawal study committee members	this section, then the committee shall
	and for good cause shown, the	prepare a report, which it shall deliver
	Secretary may extend this deadline	electronically to the union district board
	for a time certain not to exceed an	and which the superintendent shall
	additional six months.	publish on the district's website.
	(1) Approval by a majority. If	(B) At a minimum, the report
	<u>a majority of the withdrawal study</u>	shall include:
	committee members vote to approve	(i) the analysis conducted
	advancement of the withdrawal	pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,
	process, then the withdrawal study	describing the ways in which the data
	committee shall prepare a report,	and analysis:
	which it shall deliver electronically to the union district heard and publish	(I) support withdrawal;
	the union district board and publish on the district's website.	and (II) do not support the
	(A) At a minimum, the	(II) do not support the continuation of the union district in its
	(A) At a minimum, the report shall include:	current configuration;
	report shan menude:	<u>current configuration</u> ;

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	(i) the analysis conducted	(ii) the proposed financial
	pursuant to subsection (c) of this	terms of withdrawal, including the
	section, describing the ways in which	proposed ownership of buildings and
	the data and analysis:	other assets and the proposed
	(I) support	responsibility for financial and other
	withdrawal; and	contractual obligations, including debts;
	(II) do not support the	<u>(iii) a plan, including a</u>
	continuation of the union district in	detailed timeline, for the actions the
	its current configuration;	proposed new school district would take
	(ii) a proposed agreement	to ensure that, on the proposed
	negotiated by the withdrawal study	operational date, it could provide for the
	committee members setting out the	education of its students in
	financial terms of withdrawal,	prekindergarten through grade 12 by
	including the proposed ownership of	operating all grades, tuitioning all
	buildings and other assets and the	grades, or operating some grades and
	proposed responsibility for financial	tuitioning the remainder, in a manner
	and other contractual obligations,	that will meet educational quality
	including debts;	standards as required by section 165 of
	<u>(iii) a plan, including a</u>	this title, and including, if applicable, the
	detailed timeline, for the actions the	process by which the proposed new
	proposed new school district would	school district would explore formation
	take to ensure that, once fully	of a new union school district with one
	operational, it could provide for the	or more other school districts in the
	education of its students in	region and would integrate or condition
	prekindergarten through grade 12 by	any votes to withdraw with votes on
	operating all grades, tuitioning all	formation of a new union district;
	grades, or operating some grades and	(iv) a proposal, including
	tuitioning the remainder in a manner	analysis, for the potential source of
	that will meet educational quality	supervisory union services for the
	standards as required by section 165	proposed new school district, including,
	of this title, and including, if	if applicable to the proposal:
	applicable, the process by which the	

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	proposed new school district would	(I) a recommendation of
	explore formation of a new union	one or more potential supervisory unions
	school district with one or more other	to which the State Board could assign
	school districts in the region and	the proposed new school district; and
	integrate or condition any votes to	(II) a statement from the
	withdraw and votes on formation of a	board of the potential supervisory union
	new union district;	or unions regarding the ability and
	(iv) a proposal, including	willingness to accept the proposed new
	analysis, for the potential source of	school district as a member district.
	supervisory union services for the	(C) The union district board
	proposed new school district,	shall invite the members of the
	including, if applicable to the	withdrawal study committee to attend a
	proposal:	regularly scheduled meeting of the board
	(I) a recommendation	to present the contents of its report and
	of one or more potential supervisory	to answer any questions posed by the
	unions to which the State Board could	board. The board shall also invite the
	assign the proposed new school	members of the liaison subcommittee to
	district; and	share any analysis and conclusions at the
	(II) a statement from	meeting. The withdrawal study
	the board of the potential supervisory	committee has sole authority to
	union or unions regarding the ability	determine the contents of its report.
	and willingness to accept the	(2) Decision not to propose
	proposed new school district as a	withdrawal. If, after conducting the
	member district.	analysis required by subsection (c) of
	(B) The union district board	this section, the withdrawal study
	shall invite the members of the	committee votes not to approve
	withdrawal study committee to attend	advancement of the withdrawal process,
	the board's next regularly scheduled	then:
	meeting to present the contents of the	(A) the withdrawal study
	report and to answer any questions	committee shall prepare a brief written
	posed by the board. The withdrawal	statement explaining the reasons
		underlying the votes supporting and not

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	study committee has sole authority to	supporting advancement, which it shall
	determine the contents of the report.	deliver electronically to the union
	(2) Approval by all members	district board and which the
	representing the petitioning town and	superintendent shall publish on the
	by no board-appointed members. If	district's website;
	all committee members identified in	(B) the union district board
	the petitioning town's petition vote to	shall invite the members of the
	approve advancement of the	withdrawal study committee to attend a
	withdrawal process and none of the	regularly scheduled meeting of the board
	members appointed by the union	to present the contents of the written
	district board vote to approve	statement and to answer any questions
	advancement, then:	posed by the board; and
	(A) The petitioning town's	(C) the withdrawal study
	members shall prepare a written	committee shall cease to exist upon
	report, which they shall deliver	adjournment of the union district board's
	electronically to the union district	meeting.
	board and the board-appointed	
	committee members and publish on	
	the union district's website. At a	
	minimum, the report shall include:	
	(i) the analysis conducted	
	pursuant to subsection (c) of this	
	section, describing the ways in which	
	the data and analysis:	
	(I) support	
	withdrawal; and	
	(II) do not support the	
	continuation of the union district in	
	its current configuration;	
	<u>(ii) a proposal regarding</u>	
	the financial terms of the petitioning	
	town's withdrawal, including the	

proposed ownership of buildings and other assets and the proposed responsibility for financial and other contractual obligations, including debts; (iii) a plan, including a detailed timeline, for the actions the proposed new school district would need to take to ensure that, once fully operational, it could provide for the education of its students in prekindergarten through grade 12 by operating all grades, tuitioning all grades, or operating some grades and tuitioning the remainder in a manner that will meet educational quality standards as required by section 165 of this title, and including, if applicable, the process by which the proposed new school district would explore formation of a new union school districts in the region and integrate or condition any votes on withdrawal with votes on that formation; and (iv), a proposal, including	Current Law: 16 V.S.A. §724	SBE original proposal: § 724	As passed by House: § 724
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		analysis, for the potential source of	
supervisory union services for the			
proposed new school district,			
including, if applicable to the		· · ·	
proposal:			

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	(I) a recommendation	
	of one or more potential supervisory	
	unions to which the State Board could	
	assign the proposed new school	
	district; and	
	(II) a statement from	
	the board of the potential supervisory	
	union or unions regarding the ability	
	and willingness to accept the	
	proposed new school district as a	
	member district.	
	(B) Within 60 days of	
	receiving the report required by	
	subdivision (A) of this subdivision	
	(d)(2), the board-appointed members	
	shall prepare a responsive written	
	report, which they shall deliver	
	electronically to the union district	
	board and the petitioning town's committee members and publish on	
	the union district's website. To the	
	extent the board-appointed members	
	disagree with the report of the	
	petitioning town's members, the	
	board-appointed members' report	
	shall, at a minimum, include:	
	(i) the analysis conducted	
	pursuant to subsection (c) of this	
	section, describing the ways in which	
	the data and analysis:	
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	(I) support the	
	continuation of the union district in	
	its current configuration; and	
	(II) do not support	
	withdrawal;	
	(ii) a proposal regarding	
	the financial terms of withdrawal,	
	including the proposed ownership of	
	buildings and other assets and the	
	proposed responsibility for financial	
	and other contractual obligations,	
	including debts, if withdrawal were to	
	occur; and	
	(iii) a proposal, including analysis, for the potential source of	
	supervisory union services for the	
	proposed new school district, if	
	withdrawal were to occur, including,	
	if applicable to the proposal, a	
	recommendation of one or more	
	potential supervisory unions to which	
	the State Board could assign the	
	proposed new school district.	
	(C) The union district board	
	shall invite the members of the	
	withdrawal study committee to attend	
	the board's next regularly scheduled	
	meeting to present the contents of	
	both reports and to answer any	
	questions posed by the board. The	
	members of the withdrawal study	
	committee have sole authority to	

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	determine the contents of their	
	respective reports.	
	(3) Approval by less than a	
	majority. Except as provided in	
	subdivision (2) of this subsection (d),	
	if fewer than four members of the	
	withdrawal study committee vote to	
	approve advancement of the	
	withdrawal process, then:	
	(A) the withdrawal study	
	committee shall prepare a brief	
	written statement explaining the	
	reasons underlying the votes	
	supporting and not supporting	
	advancement, which it shall deliver	
	electronically to the union district	
	board and the Secretary and publish	
	on the district's website;	
	(B) the union district board	
	shall invite the members of the	
	withdrawal study committee to attend	
	the board's next regularly scheduled	
	meeting to present the contents of the	
	written statement and to answer any	
	$\frac{\text{questions posed by the board; and}}{(C)}$ the with drawed study	
	(C) the withdrawal study	
	<u>committee shall cease to exist upon</u> adjournment of the union district	
	board's meeting.	
	Doard's meeting.	

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(c) If the vote to ratify the	(e) Secretary and State Board.	(e) Secretary and State Board.
withdrawal of the town or city is	(1) Secretary. Within 30 days	(1) Secretary. If the study
approved by each of the other towns or	after attending the union district	committee voted to proceed pursuant to
cities, the unified union school district	board meeting pursuant to	subdivision (d)(1) of this section, then it
clerk shall notify the Secretary of	subdivision (d)(1)(B) or (d)(2)(C) of	shall deliver its report electronically to
Education who shall advise the State	this section, the withdrawal study	the Secretary for review. The liaison
Board. At a meeting held thereafter, if	committee shall deliver the report or	<mark>subcommittee may also submit a report</mark>
the State Board finds that the students	reports electronically to the Secretary	outlining its analysis and conclusions.
in the withdrawing town or city will	for review. The Secretary shall	The Secretary shall submit the report or
attend a school that is in compliance	submit the report or reports, with	reports, with recommendations, to the
with the rules adopted by the State	recommendations, to the State Board.	State Board.
Board pertaining to educational	(2) State Board review. The	(2) State Board review. The State
programs, the State Board shall	State Board:	Board:
declare the membership of the	(A) shall consider the report	(A) shall consider the report or
withdrawing town or city to be at an	or reports and the Secretary's	reports and the Secretary's
end as of July 1 immediately following	recommendations;	recommendations;
or as soon thereafter as the obligations	(B) shall provide	(B) shall provide
of the withdrawing district have been	representatives of the withdrawal	representatives of the withdrawal study
paid to, or an agreement made with,	study committee an opportunity to be	committee and the liaison subcommittee
the union school district in an amount	heard;	an opportunity to be heard;
satisfactory to the electorate of each of	(C) may, in its discretion,	(C) may, in its discretion, take
the other towns and cities within the	take testimony from other individuals	testimony from other individuals and
unified union school district. In	and the representatives of other	entities;
addition, the State Board shall declare	entities;	(D) may ask the Secretary, the
the preexisting school district	(D) may ask the Secretary,	withdrawal study committee, or the
corresponding to the withdrawing	the withdrawal study committee, or	liaison subcommittee to make further
town or city to be reconstituted. The	both to make further investigation and	investigation and may consider any
State Board shall give notice to the	may consider any other information	other information the State Board deems
remaining towns and cities in the	the State Board deems to be pertinent;	to be pertinent; and
unified union school district of its	and	(E) may request the members
meeting and give the relevant	(E) may request the	of the withdrawal study committee to
representatives an opportunity to be	members of the withdrawal study	amend the report.

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heard. It shall then determine whether	committee to amend the report or	(3) State Board action.
it is in the best interests of the State,	reports.	(A) Advisory opinion with
the students, and the school districts	(3) State Board action.	positive recommendation. If the State
remaining in the unified union school	(A) Vote to approve. If the	Board finds that the withdrawal proposal
district that the unified union district	State Board finds that the plan for	contained in the report, including the
continue to exist. The State Board may	withdrawal, including the most	most feasible options for the provision
declare the unified union school	feasible options for the provision of	of supervisory union services to the
district dissolved as of July 1	supervisory union services to the	proposed new school district, is in the
immediately following or as soon	proposed new school district, is in the	best interests of the State, the region, the
thereafter as each remaining town's or	best interests of the State, the region,	students, and the school districts, and
city's obligations have been satisfied,	the students, and the school districts,	aligns with the policy set forth in section
or it may declare that the unified union	and aligns with the policy set forth in	701 of this title, then the State Board
district shall continue to exist despite	section 701 of this title, then the State	shall:
the withdrawal of the former town or	Board shall:	(i) issue an opinion
city member. The State Board shall file	(i) approve the report	recommending approval of the
its declaration with the Secretary of	supporting withdrawal, together with	withdrawal proposal;
State, the clerk of the withdrawing	any amendments, as the final report	(ii) provide a preliminary
town or city, and the clerk of the	and proposal of withdrawal;	assessment of most feasible options for
affected unified union school district.	(ii) provide a preliminary	the provision of supervisory union
	assessment of most feasible options	services to the proposed new school
	for the provision of supervisory union	district if withdrawal is approved by the
	services to the proposed new school	voters; and
	district;	(iii) make any other finding
	(iii) declare that the	or declaration, and approve any other
	withdrawal process will proceed to a	motion, related and necessary to the
	vote of the union district voters	withdrawal proposal.
	pursuant to subsection (f) of this	(B) Advisory opinion with
	section; and	negative recommendation. If the State
	(iv) make any other	Board finds that the withdrawal proposal
	finding or declaration, and approve	contained in the report, including the
	any other motion, related and	most feasible options for the provision
	necessary to the withdrawal proposal.	of supervisory union services to the

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	(B) Vote not to approve. If	proposed new school district, is not in
	the State Board finds that the plan for	the best interests of the State, the region,
	withdrawal, including the most	the students, and the school districts, or
	feasible options for the provision of	does not align with the policy set forth
	supervisory union services to the	in section 701 of this title, or both, then
	proposed new school district, is not in	the State Board shall:
	the best interests of the State, the	(i) issue an opinion
	region, the students, and the school	recommending disapproval of the
	districts, or does not align with the	withdrawal proposal, including a written
	policy set forth in section 701 of this	statement detailing the reasons
	title, or both, then:	supporting this conclusion;
	(i) the State Board shall	(ii) provide a preliminary
	not approve the report supporting	assessment of most feasible options for
	withdrawal;	the provision of supervisory union
	(ii) the process will not	services to the proposed new school
	proceed to a vote of the electorate;	district if withdrawal is approved by the
	and	voters; and
	(iii) the withdrawal study	(iii) make any other finding
	committee shall convene a meeting	or declaration, and approve any other
	within 30 days following the State	motion, related and necessary to the
	Board's decision to vote whether to	withdrawal proposal.
	approve continuation of the analysis	
	and discussions until a date certain or	
	to dissolve the withdrawal study	
	committee and shall notify the	
	Secretary in writing of the	
	committee's vote within 30 days	
	following its meeting.	
(b) When a majority of the voters of	(f) Vote of the electorate;	(f) Vote of the electorate.
the town or city present and voting at a	withdrawal. If the State Board	(1) Vote following positive
meeting duly warned for that purpose	approves the plan of withdrawal	recommendation of the State Board.

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votes to withdraw from a unified union	pursuant to subdivision (e)(3)(A) of	(A) Within 30 days after
school district, the vote shall be	this section, then each of the	receipt of the State Board's written
certified by the clerk of the town or city	following actions shall occur.	recommendation, the superintendent
to the Secretary of State who shall	(1) The superintendent shall	shall file the withdrawal study
record the certificate in his or her	file the final report and proposal of	committee's report, the State Board's
office and give notice of the vote to the	withdrawal with the clerk of the	written recommendation, and any report
other towns or cities corresponding to	union district and with the town clerk	of the liaison subcommittee with the
the preexisting school districts that	of each town within the union district.	clerk of the union district and the town
voted to form the unified union school	(2) The voters of the union	clerk of each town within the union
district. Such other towns and cities	district shall vote whether to approve	district.
shall vote by Australian ballot on the	withdrawal as set forth in the final	(B) Within 90 days after the
same day during the same hours	report and proposal of withdrawal.	clerk of the union district receiving the
whether to ratify the withdrawal of the	The question shall be determined by	reports and recommendations described
town or city. To be effective, action to	Australian ballot and shall proceed	in subdivision (A) of this subsection, the
withdraw shall be approved by an	pursuant to sections 737 (warnings of	voters of the union district, including
affirmative vote of each of the other	unified union school district	those residing in the petitioning town,
towns or cities within the unified union	meetings) and 739–742 (vote by	shall vote whether to approve
school district.	Australian ballot) of this chapter.	withdrawal as set forth in the report.
	(3) Withdrawal from the union	The question shall be determined by
	district shall occur if the question is	Australian ballot and shall proceed
	approved, <mark>separately</mark> , by a majority of	pursuant to sections 737 (warnings of
	the union district voters living in each	unified union school district meetings)
	town within the union district,	and 739–742 (vote by Australian ballot)
	including in the petitioning town. If a	of this chapter.
	majority of the voters living in one or	(C) Withdrawal from the union
	more towns within the union district	district shall occur if the question is
	do not vote in favor of withdrawal,	approved by a majority vote of the union
	then the withdrawal shall not occur.	district voters living in each town within
	(4) Within 45 days after the	the district, including the petitioning
	vote or 15 days after a vote to	town. If a majority of the voters in one
	reconsider the original vote under 17	or more towns within the union district
	V.S.A. § 2661, whichever is later, the	

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	clerk of each town within the union	do not vote in favor of withdrawal, then
	district shall certify the results of the	the proposed withdrawal shall not occur.
	vote to the Secretary of Education,	(D) Within 45 days after the
	and the Secretary shall advise the	vote or 15 days after a vote to reconsider
	State Board of the certified results.	the original vote under 17 V.S.A. §
	Each clerk shall submit the	2661, whichever is later, the clerk of
	certification regardless of whether the	each town within the union district shall
	voters in that town approved	certify the results of the vote to the
	withdrawal. The withdrawal study	Secretary of Education, and the
	committee shall cease to exist when	Secretary shall advise the State Board of
	each clerk has submitted a	the certified results. Each clerk shall
	certification to the Secretary.	submit the certification regardless of
		whether the voters in that town approved
		withdrawal. The withdrawal study
		committee shall cease to exist when each
		clerk has submitted a certification to the
		Secretary.
		(2) Vote following negative
		recommendation of the State Board.
		(A) The superintendent shall
		file the withdrawal study committee's
		report, the State Board's written
		recommendation, and any report of the
		liaison subcommittee with the clerk of
		the union district and with the town
		clerk of each town within the union
		district.
		(B) The union district voters
		residing in the petitioning town shall
		vote whether to withdraw from the union
		district pursuant to the terms set forth in
		the report.

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		(i) The question shall be
		determined by Australian ballot and
		shall proceed pursuant to sections 737
		(warnings of unified union school
		district meetings) and 739–742 (vote by
		Australian ballot) of this chapter.
		(ii) The withdrawal
		proposal shall proceed to a vote in each
		of the other towns within the union
		district if approved by at least 60 percent
		of the union district voters residing in
		the petitioning town present and voting
		yes or no on the warned question. If this
		percentage is not met, then the proposed
		withdrawal shall not occur.
		(C) Within 45 days after the
		vote in subdivision (B) of this
		subdivision (f)(2) or 15 days after a vote to reconsider the original vote under 17
		V.S.A. § 2661, whichever is later, the
		clerk of the petitioning town shall certify
		the results of the vote to the Secretary of
		State who shall record the certificate and
		give notice of the vote to the clerk of the
		union district, the clerks of each of the
		other towns within the union district,
		and the Secretary of Education. The
		clerk of the petitioning town shall
		submit the certification regardless of
		whether the voters in the petitioning
		town approved withdrawal. The
		withdrawal study committee shall cease

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		to exist upon submission of the
		certification.
		(D) If the union district voters
		residing in the petitioning town approve
		the withdrawal proposal pursuant to
		subdivision (B) of this subdivision
		(f)(2), then, within 90 days after
		receiving notice of the certification as
		required in subdivision (C), the voters of
		the union district residing in each of the
		other towns shall vote on the same day
		whether to approve withdrawal of the
		petitioning town as set forth in the final
		report.
		(i) The question shall be
		determined by Australian ballot and
		shall proceed pursuant to sections 737
		(warnings of unified union school
		district meetings) and 739–742 (vote by
		Australian ballot) of this chapter.
		(ii) Withdrawal from the
		union district shall occur if the question
		is approved by a majority vote of the
		union district voters living in each of the
		other towns within the union district. If
		a majority of the voters in one or more
		towns within the union district do not
		vote in favor of withdrawal, then the
		proposed withdrawal shall not occur.
		(E) Within 45 days after the
		vote in subdivision (D) of this
		subdivision (f)(2) or 15 days after a vote

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		to reconsider the original vote under 17
		V.S.A. § 2661, whichever is later, the
		clerk of each of the other towns within
		the union district shall certify the results
		of the vote to the Secretary of Education, and the Secretary shall advise the State
		Board of the certified results. Each clerk
		shall submit the certification regardless
		of whether the voters in that town
		approved withdrawal. The withdrawal
		study committee shall cease to exist
		when each clerk has submitted a
		certification to the Secretary.
	(g) Election of potential board	(g) Election of potential board members:
	members: SAME	SAME
	(h) State Board's duties if withdrawal	(h) State Board's duties if withdrawal is
	is approved. If the union district	approved . If the union district voters
	voters approve withdrawal, then upon	approve withdrawal pursuant to
	receiving notice from the Secretary	subsection (f) of this section, then upon
	<u>pursuant to subdivision (f)(4) of this</u> section, the State Board shall:	receiving notice from the Secretary pursuant to subdivision (f)(1)(D) or
	section, the State Board shall.	(f)(2)(E) of this section, the State Board
	* * *	shall:
	(3) Determine or set a schedule	
	for determining the manner in which	* * *
	supervisory union services will be	(3) Determine or set a schedule
	provided to the new school district, to	for determining the manner in which
	be effective on the new school	supervisory union services will be
	district's operational date identified in	provided to the new school district, to be

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	the voter-approved proposal of	effective on the district's identified
	withdrawal. If assigned to a multi-	operational date.
	district supervisory union, then the	(A) In addition to the
	board of the new school district may	considerations set forth in section 261 of
	appoint its members to the	this title, when the State Board makes its
	supervisory union board pursuant to	determination, it shall consider the
	section 266 of this title, where they	potential positive and negative
	may participate as non-voting	consequences on all affected districts
	members of that board until the new	and supervisory unions if supervisory
	school district's operational date.	union services were provided to the new
		school district in a manner that required:
		(i) a union district serving
		as its own supervisory district to become
		a member of a multidistrict supervisory
		union; or
		<u>(ii) a neighboring</u>
		supervisory union to accept one or more
		additional districts that the supervisory
		<mark>union testifies it is not able to</mark>
		accommodate.
		(B) If assigned to a
		multidistrict supervisory union, then the
		board of the new school district may
		appoint its members to the supervisory
		union board pursuant to section 266 of
		this title, where they may participate as
		nonvoting members of that board until
		the new school district's operational
		<u>date.</u>

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	(i) Certification; Secretary of State: SAME	(i) Certification; Secretary of State: SAME
 (a) A town or city corresponding to a preexisting school district that voted to form a unified union school district may vote to withdraw from the district if one year has elapsed since the unified union school district became a body politic and corporate as provided under section 706g of this title. (d) A vote of withdrawal taken after a unified union school district has become a body politic and corporate as provided in section 706g of this title but less than one year after that date is void. 		(j) Timing of action. (1) The voters residing in any town within a union district shall not initiate the withdrawal process set forth in this section within the first year after the latter of the operational date of a newly formed union district or, if applicable, the operational date of a union district adjusted pursuant to subsection (i) of this section. (2) If a petitioning town's action to withdraw from a union school district is unsuccessful, then the voters residing in that town shall not initiate a new withdrawal action under this section until two years after either a withdrawal study committee votes not to approve advancement of the withdrawal process or the vote by the voters that concluded the initial withdrawal action.