

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 cultural diversity. For the purpose of obtaining input from diverse sources  
14          for nominations by the Governor, the Governor shall convene a public meeting  
15          to obtain broad input prior to making a nomination for a member on the State  
16          Board. The Secretary shall serve on the State Board as a nonvoting member.

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