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2 Senators Hardy, Clarkson, Vyhovsky, Watson and White move that the  
3 report of the Committee on Education be amended as follows:

4 First: By striking out Sec. 9, 16 V.S.A. § 711, in its entirety and inserting in  
5 lieu thereof the following:

6 Sec. 9. 16 V.S.A. § 711 is amended to read:

7 § 711. VOTE TO ELECT INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE UNION SCHOOL  
8 DISTRICT BOARD

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10 (d) Proposed unified union school district. Subject to the provisions of  
11 subsections 706(c) (existing union school districts) and 708(b) (necessary and  
12 advisable school districts) of this chapter, the voters of each school district  
13 identified as “necessary” or “advisable” shall vote whether to elect initial board  
14 members of a proposed unified union school district, as follows:

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16 (3) At-large representation. When representation on the board of a  
17 proposed unified union school district is not apportioned or allocated to the  
18 potential towns within the proposed district pursuant to subdivision (1)  
19 (proportional to town population) or (2) (modified at-large) of this subsection  
20 and the board member is elected at-large:



1 subdivision (1) (proportional to town population) or (2) (modified at large) of  
2 this subsection and the board member is elected at-large:

3 (A) The voters of one or more school districts identified as  
4 “necessary” to the formation of the proposed union school district shall file a  
5 petition nominating a candidate for the office of union school district board  
6 member at-large. A petition shall be valid only if:

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8 (iii) the petition is signed by at least 60 voters residing in one or  
9 more school districts identified as “necessary” to the formation of the proposed  
10 union school district or one percent of the legal voters residing in the combined  
11 “necessary” school districts that would form the proposed union school district,  
12 whichever is less;

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14 Second: By striking out Sec. 10, 16 V.S.A. § 730, in its entirety and  
15 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

16 Sec. 10. 16 V.S.A. § 730 is amended to read:

17 § 730. UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS;

18 NOMINATION AND ELECTION; BOND

19 (a) If by Australian ballot. The provisions of this subsection ~~(a)~~ shall apply  
20 to a unified union school district that conducts elections for board membership  
21 by Australian ballot.

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(2) Modified at-large model: allocation to town; at-large representation.

(A) When membership on the board of a unified union school district is allocated to each town within the district, but the allocation is not closely proportional to the town’s relative population and the board member is elected at-large, the voters residing in any one or more of the towns within the district may file a petition nominating a candidate for board membership under the “modified at-large” model. A petition is valid only if:

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(iii) the petition is signed by at least 60 voters residing in the unified union school district or one percent of the legal voters in the district, whichever is less;

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(3) At-large representation.

(A) When membership on a unified union school district board is not apportioned or allocated pursuant to subdivision (1) (proportional to town population) or (2) (modified at-large) of this subsection (a) and the board member is elected at large, the voters residing in any one or more of the towns within the district may file a petition nominating a candidate for at-large board membership. A petition is valid only if:

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1 (iii) the petition is signed by at least 60 voters residing in the  
2 unified union school district or one percent of the legal voters in the district,  
3 whichever is less;

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5 Third: By striking out Sec. 11, 16 V.S.A. § 748, in its entirety and inserting  
6 in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 11. 16 V.S.A. § 748 is amended to read:

8 § 748. UNION ELEMENTARY AND UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
9 BOARD MEMBERS; NOMINATION AND ELECTION; BOND

10 (a) If by Australian ballot. The provisions of this subsection (~~a~~) shall apply  
11 to a union elementary or union high school district that conducts elections for  
12 board membership by Australian ballot.

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14 (2) Modified at-large model: allocation to town; at-large representation.

15 (A) When membership on the board of a union elementary or union  
16 high school district is allocated to each member district, but the allocation is  
17 not closely proportional to the member district's population and the board  
18 member is elected at-large, the voters residing in any one or more of the  
19 member districts may file a petition nominating a candidate for board  
20 membership under the "modified at-large" model. A petition is valid only if:

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