

1 Introduced by Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs

2 Date:

3 Subject: Internal security and public safety; emergency management; local
4 organization for emergency management

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to lower the
6 quorum requirement for regional emergency management committees to five
7 voting members until December 31, 2023 and permit a committee to
8 subsequently vote to modify its quorum requirements upon initially meeting.

9 An act relating to regional emergency management committees' meeting
10 quorum requirement

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 6 is amended to read:

13 § 6. LOCAL ORGANIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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15 (d) Regional emergency management committees shall be established by
16 the Division of Emergency Management.

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18 (3) A regional emergency management committee shall consist of
19 voting and nonvoting members.

1 (A) Voting members. The local emergency management director or
2 designee and one representative from each town and city in the region shall
3 serve as the voting members of the committee. A representative from a town
4 or city shall be a member of the town's or city's emergency services
5 community and shall be appointed by the town's or city's executive or
6 legislative branch.

7 (B) Nonvoting members. Nonvoting members may include
8 representatives from the following organizations serving within the region:
9 fire departments, emergency medical services, law enforcement, media,
10 transportation, regional planning commissions, hospitals, the Department of
11 Health's district office, the Division of Emergency Management, organizations
12 serving vulnerable populations, and any other interested public or private
13 individual or organization.

14 (C) Meeting quorum requirement. A regional emergency
15 management committee may vote at any time to modify its quorum
16 requirement.

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18 Sec. 2. INTERIM QUORUM

19 Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 6(d)(3)(C), until December 31, 2023, not
20 fewer than five voting members of a regional emergency management
21 committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of a meeting; provided,

1 however, that a regional emergency management committee may vote at any
2 time to modify its quorum requirement.

3 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.