

1 Sec. A. 16 V.S.A. § 161 is amended to read:

2 § 161. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; APPOINTMENT OF
3 MEMBERS; TERM; VACANCY

4 (a) The State Board shall consist of ~~ten~~ 11 members. Two of the members shall be
5 secondary students, one of whom shall be a full member and the other of whom shall be a
6 junior member who may not vote. ~~All~~ Student members shall be appointed by the
7 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. In the appointment of the
8 nonstudent members, priority shall be given to the selection of persons with a
9 demonstrated commitment to ensuring quality education for Vermont students. To the
10 extent possible, the members shall represent the State's geographic, gender, racial, and
11 ethnic diversity. The Secretary shall serve on the State Board as a nonvoting member.
12 The remaining eight voting members shall require the advice and consent of the Senate
13 and shall be appointed as follows:

14 (1) one member shall be a public school central office administrator, appointed by
15 the Vermont Superintendents Association;

16 (2) one member shall be a public school administrator, appointed by the Vermont
17 Principals' Association;

18 (3) one member shall be a public school board member, appointed by the Vermont
19 School Boards Association;

20 (4) one member shall be a public school teacher, appointed by the Vermont
21 National Education Association;

22 (5) one member shall be an independent school administrator or teacher, appointed
23 by the Vermont Independent Schools Association; and

1 (6) three members shall be at large, appointed as follows:

2 (A) one member, appointed by the Governor;

3 (B) one member, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

4 (C) one member, appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees.

5 **(b)(1)** Upon the expiration of the respective terms of those members of the Board
6 previously appointed, excluding the student members, the ~~Governor~~ appointing authority
7 that made the initial appointment to the expired term shall, biennially in the month of
8 February with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint members for terms of six
9 years. The terms shall begin March 1 of the year in which the appointments are made. A
10 member serving a term of six years shall not be eligible for reappointment for successive
11 terms.

12 **(2)** In the event of any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Board, the
13 ~~Governor~~ appointing authority that made the initial appointment to the vacated term shall
14 fill the vacancy with a qualified person whose appointment shall be for the unexpired
15 portion of the term.

16 **(3)** Biennially, the Board shall choose a member of the Board to be its chair.

17 **(4)** Annually, using an application process that is open and accessible to all eligible
18 students, the Governor shall appoint a Vermont secondary school student who will
19 continue to be a secondary student for at least two years following taking office, to serve
20 on the State Board for two years, beginning on July 1 of the year of appointment. The
21 student member shall not vote during the first year and shall be a full and voting member
22 during the second year of ~~his or her~~ the student's term.

1 Sec. 8. TRANSITION PERIOD APPOINTMENTS; STATE BOARD OF
2 EDUCATION

3 (a) Members currently serving on the State Board of Education may continue to serve
4 for the duration of the term to which they were appointed.

5 (b) On or before September 1, 2025, the Vermont National Education Association
6 shall appoint one public school teacher member.

7 (c) Beginning on July 1, 2025, as terms of currently serving members expire,
8 appointments of successors shall be made in accordance with the qualifications,
9 considerations, and appointment authority required under 16 V.S.A. § 161 and shall be
10 made in the following order:

11 (1) For the terms expiring on February 28, 2027, one appointment shall be made
12 by the Vermont Superintendents Association, one appointment shall be made by the
13 Vermont Principals' Association, and one appointment shall be made by the Vermont
14 School Boards Association.

15 (2) For the term expiring on February 28, 2028, one appointment shall be made by
16 the Vermont Independent Schools Association.

17 (3) For the term expiring on February 28, 2029, one at large appointment shall be
18 made by the Governor.

19 (4) For the term expiring on June 30, 2030, one appointment shall be made by the
20 Speaker of the House.

21 (5) For the term expiring on February 28, 2031, one appointment shall be made by
22 the Senate Committee on Committees.

1 (d) After each appointing authority has made its initial transition period appointments
2 under this section, all appointments shall be made by the appointing authority that made
3 the initial appointment to the vacated or expired term in accordance with 16 V.S.A.
4 § 161.