Bill as Introduced

HB 1301 – AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL *1301*

AN ACT relative to regional appointments to the state committee on aging.

SPONSORS: Rep. Potter, Merr 24

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill requires appointments to the state committee on aging to be chosen with consideration given to regional representation.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

AN ACT relative to regional appointments to the state committee on aging.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Regional Representation on the State Committee on Aging. Amend RSA 161-F:7, I to read as follows:

I. There shall be a state committee on aging which shall consist of 18 members. The committee shall include the chairperson of the joint legislative committee on elderly affairs, one representative appointed by the speaker of the house, and one senator appointed by the senate president. Three members shall be appointed by the governor with the approval of the council from each of the 5 councilor districts established under RSA 662:2. ***Those members appointed by the governor shall include at least one member from each county.*** [~~The committee shall also include the chairman of the joint legislative committee on elderly affairs, one representative appointed by the speaker of the house, and one senator appointed by the president of the senate. Each of the members shall serve for a term of 3 years except the legislative members' terms shall be co-terminous with their 2-year legislative terms.~~] At least 8 members shall be 60 years of age or older at the time of their appointment, and not more than 8 members shall be of the same political party. Nine members shall constitute a quorum. ***Each of the members shall serve for a term of 3 years, except the legislative members' times shall be co-terminous with their 2-year legislative terms.*** No member shall serve more than 2 consecutive terms, and no member shall have a material financial interest in any agency receiving federal or other funds administered by the [~~committee~~] ***division of elderly and adult services of the department of health and human services.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Amendments

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
March 21, 2000
2000-3905s
05/09

Amendment to HB 1301

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Committee Established; Organization; Meetings; Expenses; Membership. Amend RSA 161-F:7 to read as follows:

161-F:7 Committee Established; Organization; Meetings; Expenses.

I. There shall be a state committee on aging which shall consist of 18 members. [~~Three~~] ***The governor shall appoint 15*** members [~~shall be appointed by the governor~~] with the approval of the council [~~from each of the 5 councilor districts established under RSA 662:2~~]. ***Those appointed by the governor shall include at least one member from each county.*** The committee shall also include the chairman of the joint legislative committee on elderly affairs, one representative appointed by the speaker of the house, and one senator appointed by the president of the senate. Each of the members shall serve for a term of 3 years except the legislative members' terms shall be co-terminous with their 2-year legislative terms. At least 8 members shall be 60 years of age or older at the time of their appointment, and not more than 8 members shall be of the same political party. Nine members shall constitute a quorum. No member shall serve more than 2 consecutive terms, and no member shall have a material financial interest in any agency receiving federal or other funds administered by the [~~committee~~] ***division of elderly and adult services.***

II. The governor shall name one member of the committee to act as chairman. [~~His~~] ***The*** term of office as chairman shall be for 2 years. The chairman shall call the first meeting of the [~~council~~] ***committee.*** The committee shall elect a vice-chairman and a clerk.

III. The committee shall meet no less than once in each 3-month period.

IV. All members of the committee shall be reimbursed for actual expenses, including any necessary in-state travel connected with committee business at the mileage rate established for state employees, within the limits of the appropriation made therefor.

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Committee Minutes

Date: March 21, 2000
Time: 1:50 pm
Room: 101 LOB

The Senate Committee on Executive Departments Administration held a hearing on the following:

HB 1301 relative to regional appointments to the state committee on aging.

Members of Committee present:

Senator Cohen
Senator Francoeur
Senator Brown
Senator D'Allesandro
Senator Roberge
Senator Trombly

The Chair, Senator Burt Cohen, opened the hearing.

Senator Burton J. Cohen, D. 24: Let's open the hearing on HB 1301. Call on the prime sponsor Representative Potter.

Representative Frances D. Potter, Merrimack, D. 24: Thank you Mr. Chair and members of the committee. My name is Frances Potter and I am a member of Health and Human Services and Elderly. I am speaking in favor of this bill, which has been submitted at the request on Ellen Sheridan who chairs the State Committee on Aging. Before I go on just let me say that lines 17 and 20 include 2 minor linguistic changes to correct small issues. The operative change is in lines 8 and 9. **(See Attachment A)**

The rationale is as follows as stated by Mrs. Sheridan. **(See Attachment B)** I would be glad to answer any questions.

Senator Burton J. Cohen, D. 24: I have a question. Was this amendment offered to the house committee?

Representative Frances D. Potter, Merrimack, D. 24: The only thing that wasn't offered was the change in line 20, which we didn't catch until a few days ago. The house committee has definitely voted OTP on lines 8 and 9.

Senator Burton J. Cohen, D. 24: HB 1301 as amended by the house is obviously different for this amendment here the March 16th.

Representative Frances D. Potter, Merrimack, D. 24: I am afraid that between Debra Merit of the Division of Elder and Adult Services and Mrs. Sheridan and myself we have gone through more iterations of this matter than we could wish, but I think that we have a final version at this point.

Senator Burton J. Cohen, D. 24: Any further questions from the committee? Senator Trombly.

Senator Rick A. Trombly, D. 7: The amendment you brought in today. What does it change? What words does it change?

Representative Frances D. Potter, Merrimack, D. 24: The only thing that it changes is to correct the term in line 20 if referred to council and we are talking a State Committee on Aging.

Senator Rick A. Trombly, D. 7: It is semantic.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: In line 17 changes committee...

Representative Frances D. Potter, Merrimack, D. 24: I believe that was in an earlier draft.

Senator Rick A. Trombly, D. 7: It is on line 18.

Senator Burton J. Cohen, D. 24: Further questions? Seeing none thank you very much.

Representative Frances D. Potter, Merrimack, D. 24: Thank you.

Senator Burton J. Cohen, D. 24: Mrs. Sheridan would you like to speak?

Ellen Sheridan: Representative Potter was correct the original amendment was the full bill as presented with the exception of line 18 changing his to the and line 20 council/committee. The drafter missed it in our version in the house and they said to just change it.

Senator Burton J. Cohen, D. 24: Anyone else wishing to speak to HB 1301? Seeing none we will close the hearing.

Respectfully submitted
Zita-Maria Wescott
Committee Secretary

Attachment A

Rep. Potter, Merr. 24
March 16, 2000
2000-3844h
05/09

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2000-3844h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires that appointments to the state committee on aging include at least one member from each county.

Attachment B.

TESTIMONY, 11 JANUARY 00

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs, regarding HB1301, sponsor's amendment
Representative Frances D. Potter

Thank you Mr. Chairman, and Good Afternoon, members of the Committee

This bill has been submitted at the request of Ellen Sheridan, chair of the State Committee on Aging. (I'm honored to know that two members of this Committee (SCOA) sit on this House Committee.)

The issue, as originally stated by Mrs. Sheridan, is as follows:

SCOA is now increasingly involved in local and county long term care and other elder service issues. Its members sit on the 12 area committees on aging. (These areas are mostly contiguous with county boundaries.) However, RSA 161-F requires appointments via Executive Councilor districts. As it has worked out, we presently have two counties (Belknap and Carroll) which have no SCOA representation.

HB 1301 proposes to modify RSA 161-F:7 to insure that in the future the Governor's 15 appointments to SCOA shall include at least one member from each county. All such appointments shall of course be subject to approval by the Executive Council.

As you have heard here in testimony provided by the Division of Elderly and Adult Services, advocacy groups serving seniors are increasingly county –oriented, and the DEAS is planning to contract with new county-wide organizations to set up and operate county-wide focal points to provide seniors and their families with information and assistance. (An exception to the "county-wide" plan is seen in two counties where two such focal points will be located.)

Advocacy by and for older adults is becoming more significant, and there is a definite need for SCOA representation on the area committees, and for a voice in SCOA for the particular issues of each area committee.

Thank you.

3-21-04

HB 1301 1:50 pm

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Potter = linguistic changes
Stated by Ms. Sheldon
Area mostly
RSA 161-F
Via
Presently have 2 committees
ensure future
include @ least one member
of each committee
increasingly County
Set up + operate.
provide Seniors
seen in 2 counties
advocacy for
SCOA
Voice in SCOA
particular -

BC = amendment forwarded to House.

Potter - anyone

BC - Different

Potter - Between debate merit gone through we have a final vison @ this point

BC -

RT - Amendment Change What does it

Potter - line 20

RT - Cemented

DL - line 17

Potter

RT

BC -

Missed.

BC... Close Hearing

1:55pm

Speakers

SENATE EXECUTIVE DEPTS. & ADMIN. COMMITTEE

Date 3-21-00 Time 1:50pm Public Hearing On HB 1301

Appearing in FAVOR: *(Please print)* ***Please check box at left to speak.***

Speaking?	*Name*	*Address*	*Representing*
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Appearing in OPPOSITION: *(Please Print)* ***Please check box at left to speak.***

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Voting Sheets

Senate Executive Depts. & Admin. Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION

HB 1301

Hearing date: 3-21-00 Room: 101 SOB

Motion of: ~~DP/A~~

Made by Senator:		*Seconded by Senator:*	
Cohen	☐	Cohen	☐
Francoeur	☐	Francoeur	☐
M. Brown	☐	M. Brown	☐
D'Allesandro	☐	D'Allesandro	☐
S. Larsen	☐	S. Larsen	☐
S. Roberge	☐	S. Roberge	☐
Trombly	☐	Trombly	☐

6-0

Committee Member	*Present*	*Vote*	*Reported out by*
Senator Burton J. Cohen, Chairman	☐	✓	
Senator Gary Francoeur, Vice-Chair	☐	✓	
Senator Mary E. Brown	☐	✓	
Senator Lou D. Allesandro	☐	✓	—
Senator Sylvia B. Larsen	☐		
Senator Sheila Roberge	☐	✓	
Senator Rick A. Trombly	☐	✓	

*Amendments:

NOTES:

Committee Report

Date: March 21, 2000 Time: 1:50 pm

The Senate Committee on Executive Departments Administration held its hearing in Room 101 LOB, Concord, New Hampshire.

BILL NO.: HB 1301 TITLE: relative to regional appointments to the state committee on aging.

Members of the Committee present:

Senator Cohen
Senator Francoeur
Senator Brown
Senator D'Allesandro
Senator Roberge
Senator Trombly

Those appearing in favor:

Name and Address	Representing
See Attached.	

Those appearing in opposition:

Name and Address	Representing
See Attached.	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE:

- ☐ Ought to Pass
- ☒ Ought to Pass w/ Amendment
- ☐ Inexpedient to Legislate
- ☐ Rereferred
- ☐ Interim Study
- ☐ Continued Hearing
- ☐ Postponed Hearing

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date:

THE COMMITTEE ON Executive Departments Administration

to which was referred House Bill 1301

AN ACT relative to regional appointments to the state committee on aging.

VOTE: 6-0

2000-3905s

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment and recommend that the bill: **AS AMENDED OUGHT TO PASS.**

Senator Lou D'Allesandro
For the Committee