CONSENT CALENDAR

January 31, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Education to which was referred HB 103,

AN ACT relative to school board member qualifications.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Mike Belcher

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Education**
Bill Number:	**HB 103**
Title:	**relative to school board member qualifications.**
Date:	**January 31, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The committee noted concerns regarding the 60-day timeline to implementation resulting in potential vacancies on boards, necessitating impromptu elections; and the possible outsized effect on small districts with many relatives in various positions. The committee expressed that existing laws against corruption and requiring transparency, as well as recusals where necessary, coupled with the say of voters in elections for school boards, adequately addresses the purpose of this bill.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 103

BILL TITLE: relative to school board member qualifications.

DATE: January 31, 2023

LOB ROOM: 207

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Cordelli | Seconded by Rep. O. Ford | Vote: 0-20

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Moved by Rep. Cordelli | Seconded by Rep. Belcher | AM Vote: 4-16

Amendment # 2023-0013h

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Belcher | Seconded by Rep. Myler | Vote: 20-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Arlene Quaratiello, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HB103

BILL TITLE: ... School Board Member Qualification

DATE: 1/31/23

LOB ROOM: 205-207

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☑ OTP ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ (if offered)

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Cordelli Seconded by Rep. Ford Vote: 0-20

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☑ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☑ Adoption of Amendment # 2023 0013H (if offered)

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Cordelli Seconded by Rep. Belcher Vote: 4-16

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: ✓ **YES** ____ **NO**

Minority Report? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: Arlene R Quaratiello

Rep. Quaratiello, Clerk

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2023 SESSION

Education

Bill #: 103 **Motion:** ITL **AM #:** _____ **Exec Session Date:** 1/31/23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Ladd, Rick M. Chairman	20		
Cordelli, Glenn Vice Chairman	1		
Lekas, Alicia D.	2		
Ford, Oliver J. Clerk	3		
Belcher, Mike S	4		
Drye, Margaret M.	5		
McDonnell, Valerie E	6		
Noble, Kristin	7		
Peternel, Katy	8		
Quaratiello, Arlene	9		
Myler, Mel	10		
Cornell, Patricia	11		
Tanner, Linda L.	12		
Luneau, David J.	13		
Ellison, Arthur S.	14		
Woodcock, Stephen L.	15		
Hall, Muriel C.	16		
Balboni, Peggy	17		
Cascadden, Corinne E	18		
Damon, Hope	19		
TOTAL VOTE:	20	0	

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Ford, Oliver J. Clerk	2		
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McDonnell, Valerie E		3	
Noble, Kristin		4	
Peternel, Katy		5	
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 103

BILL TITLE: **relative to school board member qualifications.**

DATE: **January 11, 2023**

LOB ROOM: **205-207** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **11:30am**

Time Adjourned: **1:45pm**

Committee Members: Reps. Ladd, Cordelli, O. Ford and A. Lekas Drye, McDonnell, Noble, Perernel, Quaratiello, Cornell, Tanner, Luneau, Ellison, Woodcock Hall, Balboni, Cascadden and Damon.

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Roy

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Greg Whitmore - School Teacher
- Opposes the bill
- Could not run for school board because of "conflict" - why not permit teachers to serve if they recuse from evaluating the superintendent or his/her own school
- An amendment is proposed to Chairman Ladd
- "Awaiting" for further discussion.

Barvett M. Christina - NHSBA
- Thanks for clarifications - request opportunity to discuss when amended.

General agreement to continue discussion after amended and clarified.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Peter Ford, Clerk

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill #: HB103 Date: 1/11/23

Committee: EDUCATION

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	Pro	Con

House Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB103 on 2023-01-11

Support: 3 Oppose: 5 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Name	City, State Email Address	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying	Non-Germane	Signed Up
Berrio, Simon	Holderness, NH s_berrio@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/6/2023 12:57 PM
Schultz, Kristen	Newbury, NH kristen.g.schultz@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/9/2023 2:53 PM
Ellermann, Maureen	Concord, NH ellermannf@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/10/2023 6:01 AM
Pugh, Stephen	AMHERST, NH miaferal@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/10/2023 7:37 AM
Smith, Hayden	Hanover, NH hasmith1520@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/10/2023 9:26 PM
Watkins, Valerie	Kensington, NH Valerilyn@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/10/2023 10:06 PM
Clark, Denise	Milford, NH denise.m.clark03055@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/10/2023 10:15 PM
Doherty, David	Pembroke, NH, NH ddoherty0845@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/11/2023 9:36 AM

Kristen Schultz

January 9, 2023 Dear House Education Committee, As a former career high school teacher, former vice president of secondary education for my local, former vice president with AFT MA, and as a sitting schoolboard member with Kearsarge Regional School District, I am writing in complete opposition to HB103. HB103, if passed, would limit experienced, invested community members from serving their communities at full/multiple capacity. Further, narrowing the pool of civil servant candidates for the reasons proposed in HB 103 eliminates the rights of voters to choose, for elected offices, those they believe are best suited to represent them in more than one capacity. Lastly, excluding candidates from a schoolboard race based on the relationships noted in HB103 disqualifies committed community members from serving the only school districts they are otherwise eligible to serve and are of greatest import to them. The proposed limits placed upon schoolboards via HB 103 are counter to representative government, dangerous to democracy, and interferes with voting rights. I implore you to vote NO on HB 103 and let the people decide who is and is not qualified to serve on their schoolbaords. Thank you,Kristen SchultzKristen.g.schultz@gmail.com

HB 103 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0143
10/05

HOUSE BILL ***103***

AN ACT relative to school board member qualifications.

SPONSORS: Rep. Roy, Rock. 31

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill limits eligibility for school board membership by excluding persons who are members of municipal governing bodies or whose immediate family members are employed in the school district or school administrative unit.

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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.

HB 103 - AS INTRODUCED

23-0143
10/05

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to school board member qualifications.

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

1 School District Elections; School Board Candidates. Amend RSA 671:18 to read as follows:

671:18 Qualifications. To become a candidate for any school district office, a person must be a registered voter in the district. No person holding the office of member of the school board shall at the same time hold the office of district moderator, treasurer, or auditor***, or be a member of the municipal governing body, or an at-large member of the municipal budget committee***. No person***, if they or a member of their immediate family, is*** employed on a salaried basis by a school administrative unit or by any school district within a school administrative unit shall be a school board member in any district of the ***same*** school administrative unit ***as that which they or a member of their immediate family are employed***. Salaried positions shall include, but are not limited to, the following: teacher, ***paraprofessional,*** custodian, administrator, secretary, school bus driver (if paid by the district), school lunch worker and teacher's aide. ***For the purposes of this section, immediate family members shall include: spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, brother or sister, as well as step-child, step-parent, and step-siblings.***

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