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HOUSE BILL ***1383***

AN ACT relative to cooperative school board district elections.

SPONSORS: Rep. Colcombe, Hills. 30; Rep. Spilsbury, Sull. 3; Rep. Sellers, Graf. 18; Rep. Reid, Hills. 27; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36; Rep. Peternel, Carr. 6

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires cooperative school boards to elect representatives from pre-existing districts only from voters within the district.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

AN ACT relative to cooperative school board district elections.

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

1 Composition of Cooperative School Boards. Amend RSA 195:19-a to read as follows:

195:19-a Composition of Cooperative School Boards.

The number, composition, method of selection, and terms of members of cooperative school boards shall be as provided in the bylaws or articles of agreement of the cooperative school district, as the case may be; provided, however, that such bylaws and articles of agreement shall be limited to the alternatives contained herein where applicable; and provided further that no cooperative school district in existence on August 22, 1971 shall be required to conform hereto unless it is so voted pursuant to RSA 671:9.

I. All members of the cooperative school board shall be elected at large; or

II. The cooperative school district shall be divided into single board member districts according to population with as nearly equal population in each district as possible; or

III. The cooperative school district shall be divided into multi-board member districts or a combination of single member or multi-member districts so that proportional representation will be most nearly achieved; or

IV. The members of the cooperative school board shall each be domiciled in and represent a pre-existing district with each pre-existing district having at least one such resident representative [~~but all members of the cooperative school board shall be elected at large~~] ***who shall be elected within their own district***; or

V. Such other method of selection of cooperative school board members compatible with proportional representation, one-man one-vote principle as may be approved by the state board of education.

VI. The terms of the members of the cooperative school board shall be as provided in the bylaws or articles of agreement provided that in no case shall such terms exceed 3 years.

VII. Whenever the bylaws or articles of agreement provide for the election of cooperative school board members pursuant to this chapter, said election shall be with the use of the non-partisan ballot system under RSA 669.

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