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It is generally understood that the motivating purpose of this bill is to make NH purple by assuring that each party gets one seat in the US senate.

New Hampshire is in fact purple, as evidenced by oscillation between parties across the board. This purple strengthens democracy. Voters choose candidates based on current conditions and the candidates themselves. Parties accordingly must choose candidates of wide vision who appeal to the actual electorate. Elections will have consequences.

In contrast, the prearranged purple of SB240 disenfranchises swing voters--a plurality in this state. It encourages the nomination of hacks who will follow the party line regardless of national needs and the sense of the state electorate. Elections will become window-dressing, fundamentally undemocratic.

SB240 should not pass.